

Web Committee Minutes

Date: 14/04/15

Time: 14.00

Location: R218

Minutes

Present: S. van Bakel
F. Sadri
P. McBrien
V. Nicholl
A. Gopalan
B. Mitchell
M. Wheelhouse
M. Valera-Espina
S. Ingram

Apologies: C. Fernandes

Agenda Item

Action

Below is a summary of items discussed

1. **Links at top of webpages**

Members present felt that the top College links on each of the new Computing web pages dominated the Computing links and would very easily navigate viewers away from our pages.

This will be raised at the College's web forum

2. **Internal page**

Members felt that the combining of the student and staff internal pages would not be necessary once the new Teaching pages go live as these will have most of the links students needed to access relevant information etc. The current drop down links for students could eventually be removed and the internal page could focus primarily on useful staff links.

3. **Industry web pages**

Members were generally happy with the new Industry web pages although it was decided that V. Nicholl and W. Knottenbelt may want to review these in more detail and point some of these pages (mainly CPP pages) to their internal database driven pages. It was suggested that

these could run on our server as currently is the case but be migrated to a new template that would have the look and feel of the new Imperial website.

4. **Admissions pages**

As in item 1 there was real concern that potential students when navigating the site are more drawn to the College links than our own links as they are larger, more prominent and sit directly above the departmental links.

Also two of these College links namely "Courses" and "Research and Innovation" suggest to the viewer that by pressing these they will be taken to the Department's courses pages and research information pages not the College's pages.

5. **Review of the new website as it stands**

Members of the Committee felt that changes to the front page to reduce the size of the image on the landing page and to provide main links on the right hand border of the page was a good idea.

News and events would also be on the front page as these often served to sell the Department. Some concern was expressed however that this could make the page too long and not be viewed as they would require the viewer to scroll to the bottom of the page.

Most other pages were considered satisfactory although it was felt that the list of names on each "Research Section" page should be in alphabetical order rather than hierarchical with Professors first and then others after as is currently the case.

Teaching pages are still work in progress and it was hoped that ICT would soon be able to link the new pages with DSS so that our dynamic course description pages etc. could be transferred to the new look and feel in the near future. The Committee felt that if there was any major delay in this or this functionality turned out to not be reliable then we would house these pages on our own server.

This was the last item on the agenda and the meeting was brought to a close at 14.50hrs