

SCHOOL OF SOCIAL POLICY AND BIRMINGHAM BUSINESS SCHOOL

CHASM MANAGEMENT MEETING

MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 5th October 2011

1. Welcomes and Apologies

In attendance: Karen Rowlingson (Chair) (KR), Ricky Joseph (Minutes) (RJ), Paul Cox (PC), John Doling (JD), Andy Lymer (AL), Steve McKay (SM), Andy Mullineux (AM), Jonah Goh (JG)

Apologies: Lindsey Appleyard (LA)

1. CHASM Funding Update

The CHASM core funding has been delayed. KR spoke to Matt Mangan to see if some funds can be obtained in advance from the funder or other alumni to help support CHASM events (UK-US Visiting Scholars). KR to give update after discussions with Matt. We need to think about funding bids to support the workstreams. LA has been named on an AHRC proposal submitted by Tom Sorrell. RJ will be working 50% of his time on Leverhulme project from Jan 2012 to Dec 2014.

KR/AM

2. CHASM Advisory Board Membership

There was discussion on membership. Rosalind Copisarow has stepped down from the Advisory Board. A replacement was needed for Bernie Morgan and Udo Reifner. RJ to update the website. Agreed RJ to send email reminders to colleagues inviting them to pass on details of possible candidates to KR who would forward the long-list to Advisory Board Chair, Brian Pomeroy. Brian's views would be sought for possible international and government candidates to join the Advisory Group.

AM/SM/PC/RJ

3. UK-US Visiting Scholars Event 8-9 March 2012

There was a discussion on the focus of the event. Suggested it might include three strands: assets and social policy; assets and BME groups; and financial capability, building on the work of Margaret Sherraden on schools. A number of keynote speakers were suggested. There was discussion on possible London venues. The Birmingham event will be open to everyone, and might focus on assets and BME groups followed by private meeting between US visitors and core CHASM members. Agreed RJ to circulate a paragraph on the event, an outline programme and a couple of sentences on each of the US speakers.

SM/AL/PC/KR/RJ

4. CoSS Social Science PhD Scholarship

KR said the Wealth and Welfare Research Group was thinking of developing a proposal on older people, long term care and housing assets. AL expressed an interest in taxation and wealth. AM and LA looking at credit unions. This could link with Friends Provident Proposal RJ is working on with KR and David Mullins. RJ interested in assets and BME groups. PC interested in looking at impact of NEST, asset decumulation and people retiring in debt. Possible second supervisors mentioned were AL, KR, and SM.

All

ERC Starter Grant

There was discussion on this award which was circulated for information.

5. CHASM Meetings

Agreed that CHASM Workstream Lead Meeting would be called CHASM Management Meeting and would meet every 2 months. Agreed that David Mullins and Tom Sorrell would be encouraged to attend future meetings. The meetings would be followed by a seminar where colleagues could present work and would be open to the College. Agreed Louise Overton would be encouraged to present findings of her research on 2/11/11. Agreed PC to present on 28 Nov and that the title of presentations would be sent to KR and RJ. The events will be advertised through CHASM database. Agreed venue for PC's presentation would be Business School. Agreed RJ to check room availability for 30/40 people and to promote the event on CHASM website.

All/RJ

6. ESRC Festival of Social Science

Chris Allen (Social Policy) is organising this event which clashes with the next CHASM meeting on 2/11/11. Agreed RJ to contribute.

RJ

7. AOB

Marie Curie Initial Training Network - SM asked whether CHASM might be interested in leading network. The deadline is Jan 2012. Agreed SM to investigate and to report back.

SM

Distinguished Visitor Nominations – Chris Skelcher asked for possible candidates. Agreed colleagues would consider possible candidates

All

8. Next Meeting

Next CHASM Management meeting 28/11/11 @ 3.00pm followed by Paul Cox seminar on @ 3.30pm.

