

Governance Review Update 3:

Further to the first Governance Review Update in March and a second in May regarding the General Board Review of the governance of the production, care and use of animals for experimental and other scientific purposes.

A Report proposing the establishment in the UAS of a **Division of Health, Safety and Regulated Facilities** has been signed by the General Board and the Council and has been published in the Reporter (<http://www.admin.cam.ac.uk/reporter/2014-15/weekly/6383/section6.shtml>). The Report has been discussed and accepted by Council and has been graced by Regent House. All of our animal facilities will come under this single organisation and within that the department of **University Biomedical Services (UBS)**, which will be responsible for operations, staffing and management together with the associated ethical and regulatory provisions.

The four Working Groups outlined in the first update have now met for the last time and have considered in detail how to implement the remaining 18 recommendations. We are working towards successfully implementing the majority of the recommendations by October 1st deadline saving some minor asides which will have assigned completion dates. The consequences of implementing the recommendations within the new structure are the reorganisation of all Management and AWERB committees and processes to ensure governance. We will publish details of these in due course.

In co-operation with the HR Division consultation with the staff directly affected by the change has been completed. The Welfare Director position has been advertised and we will be interviewing for this position shortly. This role is clearly aligned to the requirements set out by the Home Office to ensure that the administrative processes and systems that support AWERB are effective and efficient. They will be overseeing internal and external and corporate governance, ensuring that Biomedical Services is continually primed to support the scientific work of the users.

Finally, all Project Licence Holders and Named Persons have been invited to an open meeting in July where Dr Vinnell will outline the main changes resulting from implementing the recommendations of the Governance Review.