

**UNIVERSITY OF CAMBRIDGE  
COMPUTER LABORATORY**

**Chairman: Ms J M Samols**

**Secretary: Ms J M Samols**

Minutes of the thirty-seventh meeting of the Outreach Committee held at 14:30 on Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> January 2016 in the Computer Laboratory, William Gates Building, JJ Thomson Avenue.

Present        Dr RK Harle  
                 Mrs D Pounds  
                 Dr B Roman  
                 Mrs M Sammons  
                 Ms JM Samols

**1. Oxbridge Conferences**

As Rob Harle's email to DoSs had not yielded sufficient speakers, Jan Samols stated that she would send out another request for volunteers.

**2. Sutton Trust Summer Schools**

Jan Samols confirmed that Tom Levinson had responded to the Committee's request for the terms under which the CAO would endorse a Computer Lab coding summer school for girls. However she stated that, irrespective of the CAO's requirements, a summer school in 2016 would only be feasible if there was more practical support from the Lab; it was neither reasonable nor possible to expect a summer school to be organised and run by one or two people.

The Committee agreed that a 2016 summer school could not be delivered and that effort should be directed towards supporting the University's Sutton Trust Summer Schools in 2017. The Committee reiterated that the CAO had expressed disappointment that the Computer Laboratory was the only department not participating in the 2016 Summer Schools. The Committee expressed its opinion that it was important for the Department to take part in 2017 and that failure to do so would be detrimental.

Jan Samols confirmed that she would seek answers to more specific questions about the Sutton Trust Summer Schools (regarding funding, course material, applications and additional sponsorship).

Rob Harle and Bogdan Roman noted that the outreach activities of other departments were more comprehensive and attracted greater departmental engagement than those at the Computer Laboratory. Jan Samols was asked to collate evidence.