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The Role of JISC Committee Members

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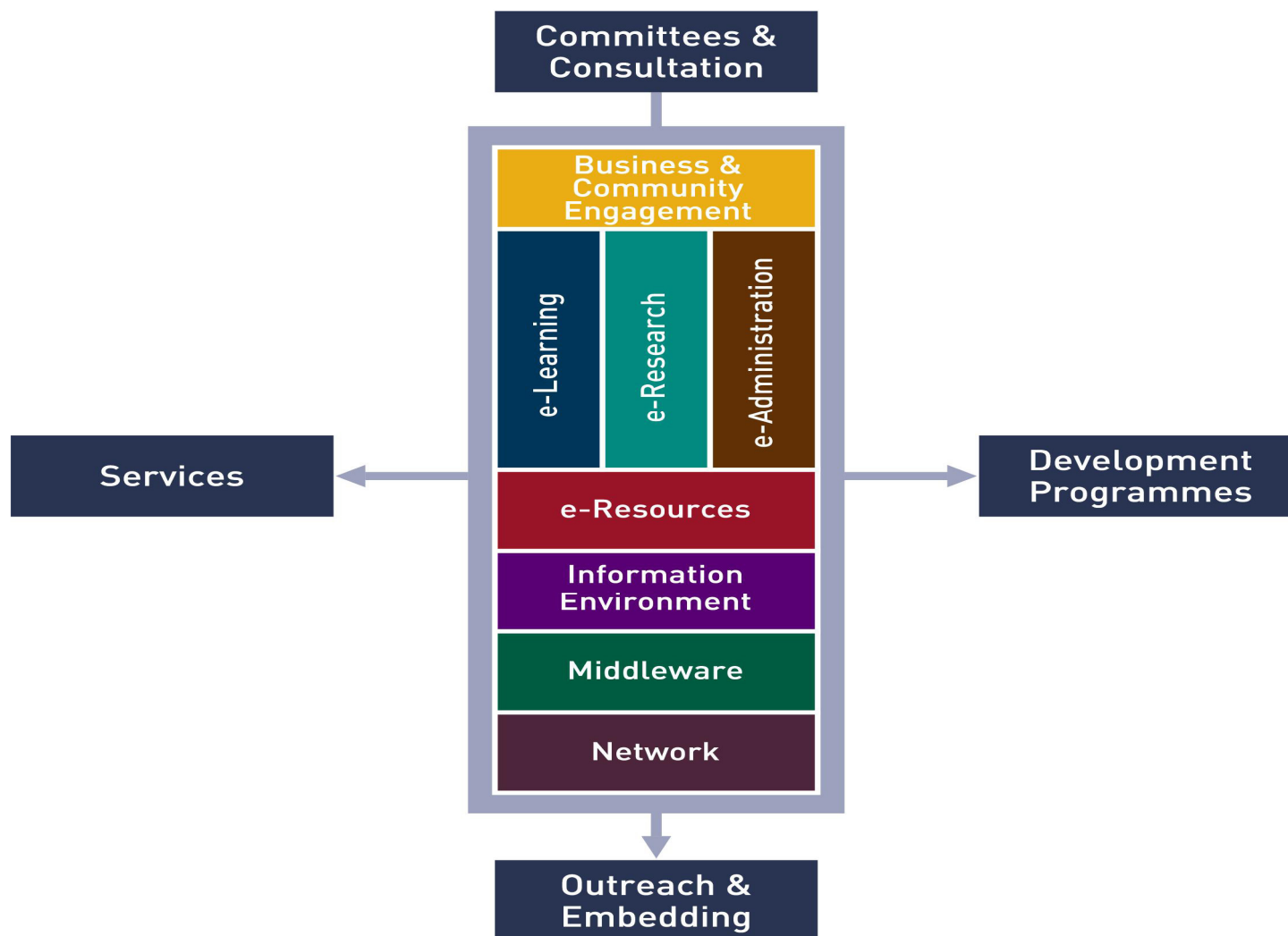


Being a JISC Committee Member

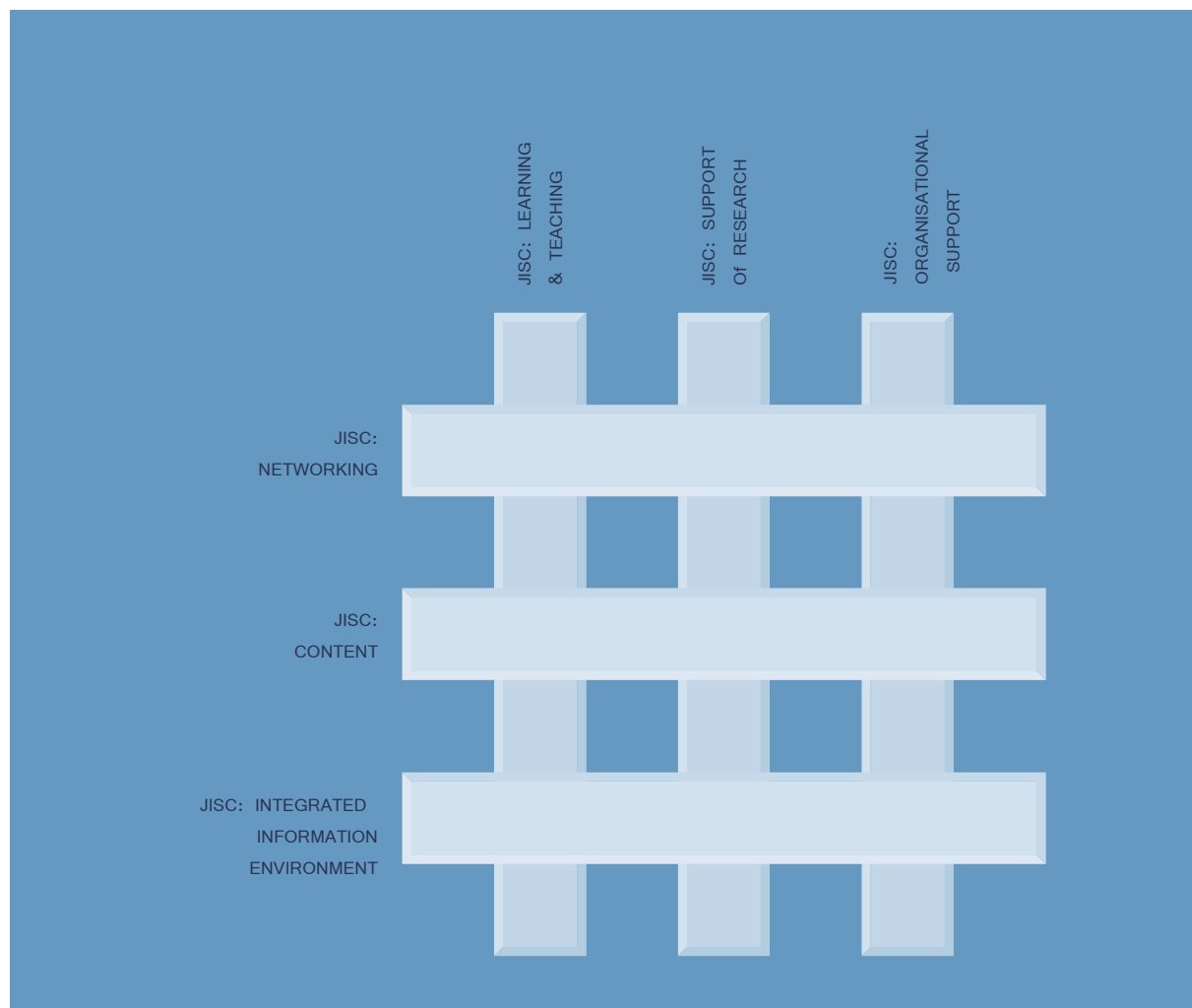
Overview from JISC Chairs

Professor Sir Ron Cooke
Chair of JISC Board

Primary JISC Activities



JISC Sub-Committees



Role of JISC Sub Committees

- **Networking**: charged with providing a pervasive, leading edge, network infrastructure
- **Integrated Information Environment**: to ensure continued development of an online information environment to provide secure & convenient access to a comprehensive collection of scholarly & educational material
- **Content Services**: to provide high quality information, content resources and services to facilitate excellence in learning, teaching and research
- **Support of Research**: to provide appropriate infrastructure & services to support the needs of researchers, particularly in the context of the UK Research Grid, including network infrastructure & key issues such as authentication and data storage/retrieval
- **Learning & Teaching**: responsible for supporting the learning and teaching community by helping institutions to promote innovation in the use of ICT to benefit L&T, research and the management of institutions
- **Organisational Support**: to expand the knowledge, effectiveness & change capabilities of FE and HEIs, & their capacity for external engagement, by providing world class support to their organisational management, business processes, information systems & the individuals themselves that work & study within them

Chairs of JISC Sub Committees

- JISC Board
Professor Sir Ron Cooke
- Networking committee
Brian Turtle, **Director, Belfast Metropolitan College**
- Content Services committee
Professor David Baker, **Principal, University College Plymouth St Mark & St John**
- Integrated Information Environment committee
Alison Alden, **Deputy Registrar & Head of Info Services, University of Bristol**
- Support of Research committee
Professor John Wood, **Principal, Engineering Faculty, Imperial College**
- Learning and Teaching committee
Alun Hughes, **Director of Learning & Information Services, UHI**
- Organisational Support committee
Maria Lee, **Head of Educational and Skills Development, QUB**

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Role of Committee Members

Overview from JISC Chairs

Professor David Baker
Chair of JISC Content Services

Role of Sub Committees

- Contribute to and implement JISC strategy and key deliverables
- Document progress through Operating Plan
- Meet 3-4 times a year to plan strategically, review and make decisions
- Report back to each JISC Board meeting (3x per year) via the Chair and papers
- Sub Committee Chair a JISC Member
- Deputy Chair appointed

Role of a Sub Committee Member

- Actively participate in the JISC sub-committee and contribute to its effectiveness at a strategic level in particular
- Contribute knowledge and expertise to discussions and decisions in order to progress the work of the sub-committee, ensuring appropriate direction and resource management
- Attend 3-4 meetings per annum (should not miss 3 consecutive meetings)
- Attend member briefing days
- Consider membership of ad hoc working groups and/or advisory board for programmes or services
- Participate in evaluating bids for funding
- Promote the work of JISC to employer and other relevant groups
- Ensure that high standards of corporate governance are observed at all times, maintaining confidentiality as required
- Must declare conflicts of interest & leave room during relevant discussion

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Commitment and Skills

Overview from JISC Chairs

Mr Alun Hughes
Chair of JISC Learning and Teaching

Expectations of Sub Committee Members

- Observe the highest standards of impartiality, integrity and objectivity.
- Code of Best Practice (see Handbook)
- Declare any personal or business interests which might conflict with their responsibilities as JISC committee members
- Comply with the principles of openness and accountability highlighted by the Committee on Standards in Public Life.
 - Selflessness
 - Integrity
 - Objectivity
 - Accountability
 - Openness
 - Honesty
 - Leadership

Generic Skills Required on JISC Committees

- Senior level institutional/college experience
- Knowledge and understanding of strategic issues relating to ICT within education sector
- Considerable technical experience that can be applied at a senior level and is relevant to national requirements
- Financial management expertise
- High level strategic committees/working groups
- Membership of professional body
- Knowledge and understanding of JISC
- A strong commitment to the principles and aims of the JISC
- Committee-specific skills in addition to generic ones

What Makes a Successful Committee Member?

- Time and energy commitment
- No axes to grind (but principles are fine)
- Broad technical understanding
- Perspective on process and money
- Understanding of the needs of institutions

... but you don't need to

- Give up applying for JISC funds
- Be a tired committee hack already

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Challenges Faced by JISC Committees

Overview from JISC Chairs

Ms Alison Alden
Chair of JISC Integrated Information Environment

JISC Committee Challenges

- This is no euphemism
- Time, talent and translation
- Acronyms
- Executive/strategic role or Operational/detail level role
- Programme Management v project management
- The full agenda
- Relationship with the JISC executive and staff
- Join up across committees
- Personal and institutional cost:benefit

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How to Get Involved

Overview from JISC Chairs

Ms Maria Lee
Chair of JISC Organisational Support

How to Get Involved with JISC Committees

- Collegiate approach (volunteers from HE and FE – ad hominem)
- Nominations procedure for sub committees
- Balance of skills, knowledge, experience, diversity
- Website application form
(http://www.jisc.ac.uk/aboutus/committees/nominations_committee/subcommittee_member_application.aspx)
- Sub committee chair & secretary review applications
- Shortlist onto a waiting list (can mark bids & serve on working groups)
- Nominations Committee appoint from waiting list to committees
- 4 year appointment period (+4)
- Observers/Representatives from relevant partner organisations

Questions and Discussion

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