

Minutes of the Executive Committee Meeting

Monday 14 January, 2pm – 5pm

Room 121, Ashley Building, University of Birmingham

Present: Anna Claydon first 20 minutes re conference matters, Brian Winston/BW (Chair), Phil Powrie/PP, Paul McDonald/PM, Rachel Keeney/RK, Alex Marlow Mann/AxM, Andrew Moor/AM; Rajinder Dudrah/RD (Secretary); Lucia Nagib/LN.

1. Apologies: Tim Bergfelder; Stefano Bascheiro; Lucy Mazdon

2. Approval of the last EC meeting minutes

- Paul McDonald's apology for not being able to attend was not recorded, but noted now.
- Remove 'Delayed' next to Lucia Nagib's attendance.
- p.3 3c Rachel Keene to liaise with Vicky - correction.
- Otherwise Approved.

3. Matters arising from the last EC minutes – cf. Action Points

- p.1 RD to write to the WJEC A-levels exam board to restart the conversation with the BAFTSS sub-committee (RD, PM, AM) dealing with this matter.
- p.2 Appointment of Advisors to the REF: Brian Winston will suggest names.
- p.3 3d liaising with China when any of the EC members will visit China. Brian Winston, Phil Powrie, Paul McDonald, Lucia Nagib to liaise over email with each other and keep abreast of issues related to this. Colleagues could look at the Beijing Film Academy first.
- Adding list of references for organisation of research fields to members list on the BAFTSS website: AGMembership to discuss this at the AGM with a view to building the data needed. For e.g. who are the PGR and what they are up to?
- p.3e done
- 3g. BAFTSS and MeCSSA – Brian Winston attended and gave a keynote paper at the last meeting. It was a well organised event. No formal meeting or conversation was had about the BAFTSS and MeCSSA relationship in a formal way. A brief conversation was had between Brian and Sue re this. On the table was that we send a member from BAFTSS to observe their EC meetings, but as yet this has not been operationalised EC meeting. BW to check the email trail re this and to let RD and the EC know.
- 3h. RD to follow up with BFI.
- 4 and 5 under points below via Alex and Lucia.
- 6. Constitution Action Point done
- 7. Reminder - the recommendation to send information and political information to Stefano for members only section of the BAFTSS website.

4. BAFTSS MEMBERSHIP REPORT (ALEX MARLOW-MANN)

- Slight technical issues as we operate on a calendar year from 1 Jan – 31 Dec; the website code was written for this purpose via Mike at St Andrews; so this means that Jan to Dec membership is only possible; what do we do about this? We need to deal with this at an IT level; 1 Oct 2012 any queries re dispute of membership lost due to new 1 Jan renewal, after that.
- The AGM at Lincoln should discuss and agree fee levels and structures of operation.

Action Point: Current 72 renewed and 317 expired – we need a renewal drive. Stagger a renewal reminder, Alex first and then following that with how it is working BW can send another one.

Action Point: Lucia Nagib to look into rolling system of registration and report back at AGM.

5. TREASURERS REPORT (LUCIA NAGIB)

- LN: due to admin errors from RBS the address is still that of St Andrews on the account records. LN is on the case to get this changed. Approx £2,000 +/- TBC as soon as LN gets on to this with the bank.

6. RESEARCH MATTERS (LUCY MAZDON) (PAPER CIRCULATED)

- Formal thanks noted to Lucy for writing the report.
- Lucy, Stefano and Paul's discussion points noted and presented.
- Discussion was had on each of the 4-5 bullet points in the paper.
- Can Alex Mann check the status and relationship with Frames – PG or more? Cc BW and RD
- We are happy to carry on the relationship with Frames for winning entry of PG essays to published with them.

Action Point: Working Papers can Joe and Anna think about this and would they be happy if we uploaded conference papers on a members only section of the website? RD to write to them and cc BW in. Another incentive to present at BAFTSS and also to become members. Speak with Stefano as to how best to do this. CC us all in.

- Arising out of this conversation, discussion shifted to JISC moderation issue and need for Moderator or not. Organisation perhaps too young at the moment for us to do this but as an EC we should monitor this issue, enforce parameters of dialogue and debate on list, as we have done in the past over the solipsistic issue.
- Point 2 –BW to contact Phillppa Brewster and also Anna and Joe re 2nd workshop.
- Point 3 – raise this at the AGM as a discussion point.
- Point 4 – Research into the Subject Field amassing data to defend our corner in the light of negative criticisms re employability, or not, for our graduates.
- RD: We need to connect the dots between the JACS data from University statisticians (cf. Dina's discussion on this issue from a previous IEC with AMoor's assistance and other colleagues back then in April 2012), and PM: we need to connect this with qualitative information from careers and alumni offices about career trajectories of BAFTSS subjects graduates; PM: comprehensive data from Nottingham exists and he can informally circulate this amongst the EC but it is not to go any further than the EC. PM volunteered to lead on this. Phil Powrie also suggested that it might be a

good idea to organise this data according to University sectors, pre- and post-92 in the UK, once we have this information.

- Point 4 – no need for a formal publication issue just yet; due to a crowded market but we can revisit this.

7. RESPONSE TO POLITICAL ISSUES (LUCIA NAGIB)

- LN we could do with a small group being on the ball constantly to inform membership of issues and respond to such items as and when they arise. E.g. issue of pre- and post-A levels issue; international issue raised in Brazil re Science without Borders on the BAFTSS e-list where the government back tracked on issues to do with Humanities; Open Access publishing as raised by James Chapman and Chris Berry etc; PG Recruitment and BAFTSS voice in this issue; do we need a small sub-group for this?
- PM – do we really need a small group?
- BW – Any EC member should write a statement on behalf of the BAFTSS membership via the EC to be considered and edited by the EC via email, if required, and then sent to where relevant by the EC member, or Chair, VC on BAFTSS behalf.

Action Point: Protocol discussed and agreed.

8. FUND-RAISING CF. FILM WRITING CONTEST (ANDY MOOR)

- Anybody from around the world can enter; it will cost £15-20 to submit a short film review and then a pot of money could be offered as a reward, but also to generate income for BAFTSS. This will help to raise BAFTSS' profile, and we could tie-up with advertisers. We can tie this in with MMU and BAFTSS if we want ti. AMoor to look into this further and get back to us by the Conf/AGM.

9. BAFTSS CONFERENCE UPDATE

- Anna: We have enough papers for the conference; there will be more PhD presenters at the moment; cfp extended; more senior colleagues would be better and therefore can we all suggest more names to the sub-committee and also encourage other colleagues to submit papers and panels; John Corner approached to do a main paper/talk on the Saturday too; this is a really good start in terms of names following on from Paul M's email and RD echoed PMs sentiments can we think more widely and creatively about names to act as key or plenary speakers?

Action point: Please let Anna know of more names

- BW: We should keep the fees cycle as at January each year. Let members know of any fees increase in Sept/Oct which allows them 3 months to consider.
- AGM will take place at the first conference. RD to send out notice about the conf and AGM to the BAFTSS e-list; Phil and BW to look at EC quota needed to be present at the AGM; can all EC members try and attend and act as Chairs; Open Roundtable for members at the AGM at end for q&a and comments; our thanks to Anna and Joe and Chris and Dina and Rachel for input and help on the conference planning and suggestions.

10. AOB

- PW and BW recommended names to HEFCE for the REF exercise as non-academic end-users after being formally approached for names. BW to check emails confirm the 2nd name. BW sent the following names to RD as sent to HEFCE as:
 - Phil Clapp, CEO, Cinema Exhibitors Association
 - Ron Inglis, CEO, Regional Screen, Scotland
 - Eric Senat, ex Warner Brothers Europe, Dept. ch. BFI
- LN – we need to encourage PG bids for BAFTSS PG funding event. No candidates as yet, LN will circulate the call again so more might come in after that.
- If money is still there then we could consider giving this as a small bursary to PGs to attend the conference.
- LN and BW to liaise re publishers discount on the web for BAFTSS members and the conference.
- PM – international liaison person: is there a task that has to be done? PM appointed as that person to channel this.

11. Venue, time and date of next EC meeting: 19-21 April at Lincoln over the conference weekend. TBC and announced to all in due course.