

Minutes of the Executive Committee Meeting

12 noon, Tuesday 22 July 2014

Room GM307, Manchester Metropolitan University,

In attendance: Andrew Moor, Phil Powrie. Anna Claydon, Joe Andrew, Lucia Nagib, Brian Winston, PG
reps: Viv Leanne and Jenny Stewart

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Lucy Mazdon; Rajinder Dudrah; Stefano Baschiera; Beth Johnson, Alex Marlowe-Mann, Paul Macdonald

2. MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

Approved.

3. FORMAL THANKS were recorded to Brian Winston for his work as the first Chair of BAFTSS.

4. UPDATE ON ACTION POINTS FROM PREVIOUS EC

- AP1: Quay Tickets – AM advised he met with Quay Tickets. They can provide most of what we want from a membership system. They cannot provide Direct Debit renewal, and we need to decide whether to make our website open access (alternatively, we need a way to link individual customer numbers generated by Quay Tickets to the members section of our website). AM to continue discussion with Quay Tickets.
- AP2: advice from SB that Phoenix Fry is unlikely to be available to assist with our website
- AP3: newsletter: AM advised that RD has received some items to include in the next newsletter, to be compiled and sent out as soon as possible.
- AP4: Jen advised she has a database of film/media teachers. AM advised MMU Recruitment have said this information is unlikely to be available via UCAS, but that WJEC have advised us that we may be able to use their distribution networks to communicate to the teaching profession.
- AP5: PP advised we have the names of the people who contributed to the QA Benchmark Statement. We are in contact with WJEC re curriculum development. PP to meet Tim O’Sullivan later this year.
- AP6: AM advised we have request from WJEC to respond to the OfQual Consultation re A Level reform (See Item 8 on Agenda (below)).
- AP7: Conference 2015 to be at MMU: AC advised this was the most flexible bid she received.
- AP8: Doctoral Training Programmes: PP proposed we contact AHRC for names of DTP Directors
- AP9: AWARDS: call has gone out. PP proposed winners should receive free conference registration (this was agreed). AC requested details of all publishers involved – PP to action this.
- AP10: PP advised he has had responses from journals re conference involvement.

5. MEMBERSHIP REPORT

- Via email. AMM advises membership = 199 and jiscmail subscribers =892. Agreed that newsletter should advertise these current figures and publicise what the benefits of membership are.
- Discussion re website: 3 options are available: keep website as it is (closed area for members) / open it completely / have content all open access but all users must register

their email for access. We will need a dedicated webmaster – for design and maintenance. PP proposed we all speak to our IT Depts (and other sources) for advice about pursuing quotes for web design, and email any information to PP and AM

- Discussion re membership system: It was noted that Quay Tickets' inability to offer Direct Debit renewal may be a problem. We can explore the alternative possibility of renewal by standing order. BW advised that we need AGM approval to alter fees and proposed we go to AGM in 2015 with proposals to increase fees. AM to continue discussion with Quay Tickets and ask for a quotation from them.

6. TREASURER'S REPORT

LN advised current balance of £11440.95 & thanked conference team for its profit. AC advised that Conference 2014 account is awaiting invoices so final balance cannot be confirmed till the Autumn.

7. UPDATING THE BAFTSS CONSTITUTION (BRIAN WINSTON) & BAFTSS ADVISORY BOARD (RAJINDER DUDRAH)

- BW's draft amended Constitution was discussed. Some wordings need changing to facilitate members in schools / FE system (agreed) and quoracy can be reduced to 20%. Wording re co-opted members to be amended too. BW to update and recirculate the constitution.
- BW advised Constitution should be changed to stagger terms of office-holders.
- We will need an EGM immediately prior to the next AGM to seek approval of new constitution.
- Advisory Board was not discussed as RD had sent apologies.

8. RELATIONS WITH OTHER BODIES (E.G. WJEC AND MECCSA)

- Paper from AM regarding WJEC was discussed: WJEC invite BAFTSS EC and members to respond to OfQual Consultation regarding syllabus reform. Agreed that PP would write to OfQual and AM would post information re Consultation to BAFTSS mailing list.
- MECCSA: PP reported he is meeting MeCCSA representative in September.
- Links with Journals: PP reported the responses received from journals. The links to be added to website. Intellect have asked if we wish to have our own journal. PP suggests we might invite list-subscribers for their opinion, by including this in our next Newsletter.

9. BAFTSS 2015 CONFERENCE PLANNING

- AC reported decision made to bring 2015 conference to MMU – costs were broadly similar between MMU, Manchester and Nottingham but space at MMU was more flexible.
- Profits from 2014 conference were reported, though debts are outstanding (publishers) and invoices awaited.
- 1st CFP has gone out already.
- PP to contact Russell T Davies re Practitioner talk & Catherine Hall re Award for Stuart Hall.
- AMo to discuss sponsorship deals with Macdonald hotel, Manchester.
- JS to liaise with PP re advertising in journals.
- AGREED: to follow up Teachers event as a separate 1 day symposium at another time of the year.
- PG Reps to contact PG members regarding PG event at Conference
- AGREED: to run a poster competition for PGs at Conference (BJ to note this in next CFP)
- It was noted that we have offers to host conference from Bristol (2017), Birmingham (2018). For 2016, offers from Exeter and Portsmouth were discussed: LN to speak to Reading about 2016 conference there.

10. BAFTSS AWARDS

- PP advised books are coming in now. PP to contact publishers again re nominating books / journals.

11. BAFTSS GRADUATE NETWORK

- Proposal to set up PG Facebook Group – agreed. This will need built in arrangements for delegating to ensure its longevity. It will be a closed group moderated by PG Reps. Agreed this is a great idea & should be pursued. Once set up, it should be advertised in all emails & on website.
- Discussion about PG Blog : it was felt this is a very fruitful idea which could be developed once the FB group is established (and could emerge from that group).

12. A BAFTSS JOURNAL

- See Item 8 above.

13. BAFTSS NEWSLETTER

- AM advised RD has received some items from AMo (and others?). PG Reps to send brief bios to RD asap for inclusion in next newsletter.

14. AOB

- We will need to invite nominations for next EC elections: to be discussed at next EC.

Time and Date of Next Meeting: November (to coincide with Conference Committee Meeting): date tbc via Doodle Poll.