



British Association of Film,
Television and Screen Studies

Minutes of the Executive Committee Meeting

2pm Friday 13 November 2015

King's College London, Room G80, Franklin Wilkins Building, Stamford Street, London SE1 8WA

Present: Sue Harris, James Leggott, Andy Moor (Minutes), Agnieszka Piotrowska, Phil Powrie (Chair), Brian Winston

1. Apologies: Joe Andrew, Anna Claydon, Rajinder Dudrah, Beth Johnson, Alex Marlow-Mann, Chris Pallant

2. Approval of the Minutes of the last EC held on Weds 8 July 2015, University of Reading

- Approved

3. Update on Action Points

Item 1: Lucia Nagib and Jason Wood appointed to Advisory Board. MeCCSa have not responded, but Natalie Fenton asks to be given dates of future BAFTSS meetings.

AP1: PP to give Natalie Fenton (Chair MeCCSA) dates of future BAFTSS EC meetings

- Item 2: No progress reported.

AP2: PP to ask for MeCCSA details again.

- Item 3: PP reports no further developments
- Item 4: PP reports draft website now in place.

AP3: AM, AMM, AC and RD to have access rights to edit new website in addition to PP

- Item 5: PP reports no response from Raymond Bellour & confirms John Akomfrah accepts Lifetime Achievement Award.

AP4: For Conference 2016 PP to contact the following for Academic/Critical Plenary: Judith Butler (AgP to provide contact), Judith Halbertsam, Mireille Rosello. Record Michel Ciment (editor of Positif) for future conferences.

- Item 6: Done.
- Item 7: Done.
- Item 8: Done
- Item 9: Done.
- Item 10: Travel & Location of ECs: PP reports issue of travel costs and unfairness of holding all meetings in London.

AP5: Do Doodle Poll to ask full EC if they prefer London or rotating bases for EC. Also ask All EC to ask their institutions for travel costs.

- **Item 11:** PP reports transfer of BAFTSS account still in progress.

AP6: Ensure BAFTSS Bank Account is transferred asap.

4. Chair's Report

- OfQual and new curricula. Thanks recorded to Lucy Mazdon and Stella Bruzzi for their assistance. Consultation Period ended 5/11, results expected shortly. OCR and WJEC will contact us shortly for input. Curricula will then be redesigned. Jeremy Points (WJEC) has asked PP to be consultant for WJEC.

AP7: PP to contact OCR (Rob Carlton) proposing Sue Harris as consultant. Thanks Recorded to Sue Harris for volunteering.

- QAA Benchmark Statement. PP has aimed to raise Film's profile in the new Statement and to emphasise history and aesthetics. EC to send amends to PP asap as previously requested. Benchmarking Panel want details of employers that might view drafts of the statement.



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Suggestions received at the meeting: Skillset, BFI, HOME. More required, as previously requested

AP9: Suggestions of industry employers requested, to pass to Subject Benchmarking Statement Panel. BW to contact John Ellis. PP to propose Skillset, BFO, HOME.

5. Membership Report

- Numbers emailed via Alex Marlow-Mann on 2 Nov 2015: Paid-up members: 258, List subscribers: 1021
- AGREED: EC to draft News Item advertising we have over 1000 subscribers.

AP10: Advertise membership and Jisclist figures to Jisclist (AMM)

6. Treasurer's Report (PP reported email from AC)

- Lengthy negotiations still underway with Lloyds and RBS.
- Balance: £8797 (inc £1230 membership money transferred from paypal) minus expenses from previous EC. £8500 approximate balance now.
- Paypal for membership and conference 2016. Not using Quay Tickets. Can accept cheques for conference.
- AC's sterling work here is recorded.

7. Relations with other bodies

- Postgraduate Training Day dropped, due to lack of interest from PGRs, DTPs, and logistical difficulties.

8. BAFTSS Website

- PP populating the site, requires final tweaks from the designer so that we can load documents and images.
- See **AP3** above: AM, PP, AMM, AC and RD to have access rights.
- Site will be live by Christmas.
- Discussion about soliciting 'blogs', 'conference reports' etc for a "News" column on the site. Agreed that:
 - Award holders will write a short formal report for 'News' area;
 - All EC will write 1 x 300 word piece per year for the 'News' area;
 - Site to have a 'Curated Space' (title needed) with links to useful sites, blogs, organisations.

AP 11: EC and Advisory Board to send suggestions for website.

9. BAFTSS Journal (Open Screens)

- BW reported current position: we are ready to meet with Martin Eve. Agreed that the EC would be the Editorial Board.

AP 12: BW to discuss Blind/Open Peer Reviewing with Martin Eve

- Journal will be for early and established researchers on a rolling submission model. We will stockpile 2 issues-worth of articles before launch, including Past Lifetime Achievement Award holders. Thereafter, all conference speakers will be invited to submit articles deriving from their papers.

AP13: Past Lifetime Achievement Award holders to be asked, and future Award Holders to be required to submit an article (BW).

AP14: John Akomfrah to be invited to write a piece (BJ).



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10. BAFTSS 2016 Conference Planning

AP 15: Beth to contact John Akomfrah or assistant for details of Desert Island Film

- Second CFP to be done. Few EC members have submitted.

AP 16: EC members to submit a proposal to Anna as 'reserve' papers in case they are needed.

- AC reports we should recoup losses from last year.

AP17: PP to confirm to Alison Butler that we have agreed reduced fee for JAMS members in exchange from them organising event

- DAY RATE (AC asked for us to reconsider). RECORD Unanimous rejection of idea of having a day rate.

11. Awards

- PP reported that Submissions have fallen: 7 monographs this year, 1 ed collection, 2 articles, 2 PhD chapters/articles, and eventually 5 practice cases. Only Monograph and Practice are running.

AP 18: PP to publish the list of monographs so far – as a 'short list': These are the books in contention'. PP to liaise with organisers of the 'Practice' competition to ask if we should publish those 'pieces in contention'

12. BAFTSS Graduate Network

- PP reports that our two current PG Reps have tendered resignation. Thanks are recorded to them for their involvement. AGREED that MaoHui Deng will be asked to join the EC as sole EC Rep. If a 2nd Rep is needed we will aim to recruit at AGM.

AP19: AM will ask MaoHui Deng to join the EC as sole EC Rep. If a 2nd Rep is needed we will aim to recruit at AGM (can RD note this for AGM)

13. AOB

- None

Time and Date of next meeting:

- **At Reading Conference:** Ask AC to schedule for as late as possible on Thurs 14th April (11 or 12 noon)

AP20: AC to schedule April 14th EC for as late as possible to allow for maximum attendance (11am or noon).

- July 27th is agreed date for future EC. Doodle Poll to establish Location