



British Association of Film,
Television and Screen Studies

Minutes of the Executive Committee Meeting

11.00-13.00 Thursday 14 April 2016

Minghella Building, University of Reading

Present: Joe Andrew, Anna Claydon, Maohui Deng, Sue Harris, Beth Johnston, Alex Marlow-Mann, Andrew Moor, Agnieszka Piotrowska, Phil Powrie (Chair), Brian Winston

- 1. Apologies:** Rajinder Dudrah, Natalie Fenton (MeCCSA), Chris Pallant
- 2. Approval of the Minutes of the last EC on Friday 13 November 2015, King's College London**
 - Accuracy: Item 12 BAFTSS Graduate Network: change 'tended' to 'tendered'
 - Matters Arising: none.
- 3. Update on Action Points:** all ongoing, or to be discussed as Agenda items below.
- 4. Chair's Report**
 - Website is now completed.
 - MeCCSA meetings are ongoing. Nothing to report. NF sent apologies for today's EC.
 - Liaison with OfQual & A Level Stakeholder group: all ongoing and in hand. The new A Levels are set for Sept 2017. PP is on WJEC Advisory Panel & Sue Harris on the OCR Advisory Group, offering curriculum advice.
 - Benchmarking group: PP represented BAFTSS. As QAA did not wish to disaggregate the sub-disciplines represented in the current Benchmarking Statement, PP has striven to ensure Film Studies is present alongside other disciplines.
- 5. EC Elections**
 - Noted that request for EC Nominations has gone out (Deadline Friday 15th April 2016, 17:00 hrs).
 - Noted that BAFTSS Constitution does not prevent PGRs from holding any position on the EC.
- 6. Membership Report**
 - Current membership = 135, and list subscribers = 1063.
 - Noted that discussion of Direct Debit would be good – to be explored when we move to Lloyds Bank

AP1: PP, AMM & Treasurer to explore Direct Debit with Lloyds Bank.
- 7. Treasurer's Report**
 - AC reports balance of £12941.67
 - Delay in completing transfer to Lloyds due to Royal Bank of Scotland having lost all documentation relating to closure of account. RBS will action it now. PP & AC have completed the RBS transfer of signatory documents. AMM & Lucia Nagib have signed documents. Transfer is therefore in hand.
 - Payment for Website is currently outstanding.

AP2: Harry Jones to be paid by RBS cheque (signed by AMM) urgently

8. BAFTSS Website

- Completed. Website uses WORDPRESS and only the named officers can have access to change it.
- Developing content: News items sought from EC Members.

AP3: PP: Other officers to be shown how to edit the website.

AP4: Full EC: email PP saying what 300 word news item they can write, and when.

9. BAFTSS Journal (Open Screens)

- BW's apologies for slowness with this item were noted. BW reported we are ready now to submit a proposal to Martin Eve, OLH.
- Named Editors: Andrew Moor, Sorcha Ni Fhlainn, Chris Pallant, Brian Winston.
- Proposed and agreed that the BAFTSS Advisory Board could be asked to constitute an Advisory Board for the journal.
- Will have Advisory Board meeting for April 2017 Conference

AP5: Contact BAFTSS Advisory Board soliciting agreement that they will serve as journal Advisory Board. BW to confirm to OLH that we are constituting an Advisory Board.

AP6: Advisory Board to be invited to Advisory Board Meeting at 2017 Conference.

10. BAFTSS 2017 Conference Planning

- Noted that we anticipate a time when conference planning will be fully franchised to a host institution. Agreed that – as partial devolution– BAFTSS should ensure the host university takes a lead in conference planning.
- The agreed venues are Bristol (2017), Kent (2018) and Birmingham (2019); the latter two tbc by AMM and Kate Ince.
- Agreed that the Conference Committee will consist of: host institution lead academic (chair), the subsequent conference's lead host (vice chair) and one member of the BAFTSS EC. Thus it was agreed that the conference committee for 2017 will be Sarah Street (Chair), AMM (Vice Chair) and JA, subject to PP's discussion with Sarah.
- It was agreed that host will propose shortlist (3) of plenary and/or lifetime achievement award winners for EC consideration.
- Agreed that PG assistants at host university will be paid by BAFTSS, and mentored by local host lead academic.
- JL and AP offered assistance for conference planning if needed, and were thanked for this.
- Thanks recorded to BJ for her work on the conference committee so far, as she steps down from EC at this year's AGM.

AP7: PP to invite Sarah Street (Bristol) to chair conference committee for 2017 conference & to speak to Kate Ince (Birmingham) regarding her availability to serve as Vice Chair for 2018 conference in Kent.

11. Awards

- Noted that we have awards in both monograph AND practice this year. Thanks recorded to Charlotte Crofts (UWE) for her huge effort in running the practice competition.

12. BAFTSS Graduate Network

- Mao to revive the Facebook Group for postgraduates. PP has list of PG students via the DTP work this year – so we can communicate to them using his list.
- Agreed that our PGRs can be actively involved in planning any dedicated PG slot at conference.
- Noted that a 2nd PGR rep is needed – PP to announce this at conference.

AP 8: PGR to revive the Facebook Group, using PP's email list for postgraduate members.

AP9: PP to advise Conference Committee that PGRs should be consulted regarding PG event at conference.

13. PG Events Award

- We have one entry to the January 2016 (Jan) Competition. Agreed to support this event.
- **AGREED:** we will revert to 2 annual awards, increased to £300 each, with two deadlines (April and November) timed to coincide with EC meetings where entries will be judged.

AP10: PP to write to successful PG Competition (Jan 2016) entrant & to solicit brief report for website.

AP11: PP (& PGR) to announce result of Jan 2016 competition & new terms for 2016-17 competition (November 2016 & April 2017 deadlines, £300 limit).

14. AOB

- None

Time and Date of next meeting:

- July 27th Ian Christie has offered his office at Kings, Gordon Square, London. Thanks to Ian Christie recorded.
- SH will secure space at QM for November 2016 EC. Location for Jan 2017 to be found.

AP 12: Secretary to Doodle Poll the EC regarding potential dates in November 2016 and January 2017 (both in London)

A. Moor, April 17th 2016