



British Association of Film,  
Television and Screen Studies

## **Minutes of the Executive Committee Meeting**

2pm Wednesday 27 July

Birkbeck, 43 Gordon Square (Rm 110)

**Present:** Anna Claydon (Acting Secretary), Maohui Deng, Rajinder Dudrah, Andy Moor, Sorcha ni Fhlainn, Phil Powrie (Chair), Marta Suarez.

**1. Apologies:** Joe Andrew, Sue Harris, James Leggott, Alex Marlow-Mann, Chris Pallant, Agnieszka Piotrowska, Brian Winston.

### **2. Approval of the Minutes of the last EC held at University of Reading, 14 April 2016**

- Approved.

### **3. Update on Action Points/Matters Arising**

- Explore possibility for Direct Debit (membership) with Lloyds Bank when transfer of account is completed. Ongoing.

**AP1:** AC to contact Leicester RBS.

- Payment made for Web Design.

**AP2:** EC Officers to be shown how to edit website at November EC, follow-up at annual conference.

**AP3:** Rota required for EC website items, PP to request

- BAFTSS Advisory Board as journal Advisory Board, deferred until journal timelines agreed.

**AP4:** Advisory Board to be invited to Advisory Board Meeting at 2017 Conference. PP to notify Conference Committee.

- Conference committee arrangements made.

**AP5:** AC to ask Jenny Stewart for Facebook 'admin' details.

**AP6:** MD/MS to start #BAFTSSPG in September.

**AP7:** PP to advise Conference Committee that PGRs should be consulted regarding PG event at conference (pending other decisions made at this EC).

**AP8:** Once successful PG Competition report received, PP advertise it and new competition round.

**AP9:** SH to Doodle Poll the EC regarding potential dates in November 2016 and January 2017 (both in London).

### **4. Chair's report**

- Subsumed under Conference item.

### **5. Membership report**

- 165 paid members, 1086 on the mailing list.

### **6. Treasurer's report**

- EC travel expenses to be refunded if the home Department will not or cannot pay.

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**AP10:** PP to remind Sarah Street that the EC should see and approve the budget for the conference.

- As the account is reasonably healthy we should consider running an extra event, e.g. a training event.

### **7. Education Network**

- Minor amendments agreed for AC's proposal, including clear differentiation with MeCCSa's practice brief, and an agreement that there should be two meetings (Autumn and conference).

**AP11:** AC to circulate revised paper.

**AP12:** AC to set up #baftssednetwork

### **8. Conference 2017**

- 20-21 April previously agreed by email approved.
- 'Genre Studies' theme approved.
- A list of potential keynote speakers approved. Agreed that we should aim for three rather than two outstanding achievement awards.

**AP13:** PP to contact.

- Conference Committee to consider a roundtable on genre with two awardees.

### **9. Open Screens**

- Agreed that we should pursue the OLH avenue, despite delays, as there were concerns about the time, effort and appropriate level of expertise if we go it alone. We should suggest reviewers for our proposal.
- Agreed that the purpose of the journal includes: a forum for ECR and PGR publication, new members (and therefore increased income).
- Agreed that there should be a single annual publication identifier rather than several 'issues' in a year.
- We should begin collecting material once our proposal is accepted.

**AP14:** PP and journal team to establish a list of potential materials EC members willing to contribute and to contact Outstanding Achievement awardees once we have a publication date.

### **10. Website content**

- Agreed that we should create resources, such as module descriptors, reading lists.

**AP15:** MS to create a template.

- Agreed to create a 'Career FAQs' page for PGRs.

**AP16:** MD/MS to create a mock-up.

### **11. Proposal for 'special interest groups' (SIGs)**

- Agreed that we should have SCMS-style SIGs at our conference, with the authority to organise one or two panels for the conference.
- This would be done initially for three conferences (either three concurrent or three alternating) and reviewed.
- A SIG would have to have a convenor and a minimum of 15 'members'.

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**AP17:** PP to solicit interested parties via the jisclist and through contact with journal editors for discussion at the November EC.

## **12. BFI Consultation**

- MS reported on the roadshow: 'film' might change to 'moving images' so as to include games and VR; emphasis on education, audio-visual literacy plans – reaching out to audiences and the bfiPlayer being embedded in BBC iPlayer; taking events out of London.
- Agreed that we are already doing some of this, e.g. the Education Network.

## **13. AOB**

- Discussion of Tim Bergfelder's request for us to consider a BAFTSS letter re academic freedom in Turkey. Agreed that our policy should be to advertise petitions and to indicate to the jisclist 'you may wish to sign this'.
- Agreed that SnF should attend EC as part of journal team when there is an item on *Open Screens*.

## **Time and date of next meetings**

- November at QMUL, Mile End, London.
- January/February date at QMUL, Mile End, London.