



British Association of Film,
Television and Screen Studies

Minutes of the Executive Committee Meeting

2pm Friday 11 November 2016

QMUL, Arts One 1.25

1. **Apologies:** James Leggott, Alex Marlow-Mann, Joe Andrew, Brian Wilson. Rajinder Dudrah and Marta Fernandez Suarez joined the meeting by Skype.
2. **Approval of the Minutes of the last EC held at Birkbeck, 27 July 2016:**
These were approved.
3. **Update on Action Points/Matters Arising**
AP2: completed 11 Nov 2016
AP 4: ongoing
AP 14: ongoing
AP15: no report
AP16: progress reported but no take up yet by PGs.
4. **Chair's report (PP)**
There were no substantive issues to report.
Phil Powrie has completed the work on the new BAFTSS website and has advised BAFTSS officers on procedures for uploading material. BAFTSS EC members will each contribute a short blog item throughout the year.
Phil also reported on the enormous success of the SIGS initiative and the potential benefits of this for association membership.
Sue Harris attended the MeCCSA EC on 15th September 2016.
5. **Membership report (AMM)**
320-325 estimated (some errors and duplications on the system) following the SiGs initiative and membership drive. (estimations of the population is that the composition is one third post grad members, two thirds academic)
6. **Treasurer's report (AC)**
Paper report circulated by Anna Claydon.
Current account balance: £13,589.13 + £20.

The proposal was made to move to a paid Paypal process, with receipts in the meantime (pending imminent change of bank) to be issued on an ad hoc/request basis by Anna. This proposal was agreed.
Bank Account: consensus that TSB is the best option (from January 2017)
Charity Commission: We seem eligible in terms of 'purpose' but the question of the 'public aspect' would need to be advocated in any case we might wish to make for charitable status in the future.
ACTION: PP to find out if MECSSA and other subject associations have charitable status.
7. **MeCCSA report (SH)**
The MeCCSA EC at KCL was attended by Sue Harris on 15th September 2016
She reported:
 - that the QAA subject benchmark review has been completed and is due for publication.
 - 7th October: meeting of MECSSA reps with representatives of AHRC and ESRC to discuss perceived underfunding bodies of disciplinary research.

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- MeCCSA conference venues: Leeds (2017), LSBU (2018), Stirling (2019)

Discussion: possibility of presenting SiGs as mini research centres. Can we use these to insist on our visibility as a subject area that attracts external funding?

ACTION: SiGs leaders to poll their membership to collate evidence of external funding. **(PP to lead)**

8. Proposal for 'special interest groups' (SiGs) (PP)

Phil Powrie reported on the vibrancy of the initiative, and the way in which it has galvanised the subject community. He suggested ways in which this could be advantageous for our web presence, and also raised concerns about how this might impact adversely on the content of the annual conference.

Proposals for 14 SiGs were received and approved, and protocols for the next three years were agreed and will be drawn up formally.

9. Conference 2017 (University of Bristol)

The proposed budget prepared by Sarah Street was received and approved.

10. Open Screens (CP)

Chris Pallant indicated that there was little progress to report, and there was an open discussion of how to move the project on if the OLH submission fails.

11. AOB

It was agreed that monies would be allocated to three initiatives

- £200 to social media for developing and boosting the BAFTSS Facebook page (**ACTION AP & EC**)
- Support fund for post-graduate attendance at conference (**ACTION: AC**)
- Support of up to £250 per SIG per annum for research activities (based on project application).

12. Time and date of next meetings

- Friday 20th January 2017 from 2-4pm, QMUL, Mile End, London (Arts Two, 2.18).