Minutes for the Executive Committee Meeting.

13:30 – 16:00 Thursday 16th January 2020
Room Arts One: 1.25 (15), Queen Mary University of London.

   Apologies: Marta Suarez, Kate Ince, Daisy Richards, Andrew Moor, Agnieszka Piotrowska, Ana Sapountzi, Rajinder Duderah.

Note: Meeting Chair: James Leggott (BAFTSS Deputy Chair) in absence of Andy Moor (BAFTSS Chair).

2. Minutes Agreed. (EC Meeting. 6th November 2019, University of Northumbria)

3 Action Points from November 2019 Meeting discussed and updated.

Action Points carried over from Nov 2019:
- Ensure mailing list compliance with GDPR regulations. (AM/ AMM)
- The EC requested further discussion between BAFTSS and Conference hosts. Questions were drafted at the Jan 2020 EC Meeting to be followed up ASAP (AM/ JL/ St Andrews)
- Role Descriptions for BAFTSS Chair, Vice Chair, Awards, SIGS Coordinator (AM, JL, LW)
- Possibility of a new ECR / Independent Researcher role on the BAFTSS EC. This could be a new role or the conversion of an Ordinary Member role. Discussion ongoing (all)
- EC Membership changes, some roles and ordinary membership up for election in April 2020. - election process to be discussed (online vote)? Discussion ongoing (JL/AM/all)

4. Chair’s Report (James Leggott)
- Thanks to Sue Harris for providing a room for the meeting (16.1.2020).
- The EC Membership and roles that are due for election in April 2020 were discussed.
- BAFTSS Funding Schemes: 1) applicants for BAFTSS Funding are required to have current BAFTSS Membership and all recipients of Bursaries funded by any of the BAFTSS schemes are expected to have BAFTSS Membership. 2) All application forms and conference registration links to be amended from ‘Unwaged’ to ‘student/unsalaried/ unwaged’. Funding forms to be updated. (KI, LW, PGR Reps)
- Further discussion regarding MECCSA’s Decolonizing the Curriculum (AM)

5. Treasurer’s Report (Kate Ince)
The EC agreed that Membership fees are to increase from £10 to £15 (student/ unwaged/ unsalaried) and from £20 to £30 (waged/salaried).
- Changes to membership fees to be ratified at the AGM (April 2020)
- See BAFTSS Constitution. “5.1 . The Executive Committee shall make proposals as to the rate of the annual membership fees, which will subsequently be determined at the AGM."

6. Membership Report (Alex Marlow-Mann)
Membership figures are as follows:
Paid-up members: 351 (138 student; 213 waged)
Discussion list subscribers: 1486
Twitter followers: 2754 twitter
Facebook: 1091
7. Conference 2020 update (Andy Moor/ James Leggott)

- 8th Annual BAFTSS conference – Rethinking Screen Cultures – is to be held at the University of St Andrews on 16-18 April 2020. (09:30am Thursday 16th April 2020 - 16:00 Saturday 18th April 2020).
- Conference Abstracts (2020): 101 individual submissions 74 accepted; 7 panel submissions and an additional 9 SIG panel proposals.
- Outstanding achievement award: has been agreed and announced by BAFTSS Chair (AM)
- EC raised questions to be followed up with the Conference organisers. (JL)
- Discussion point regarding future conferences: division of work and task between the EC and BAFTSS Conference organisers. (all)

7.1 Postgraduate Research Poster Competition (Liz Watkins)

- All EC members reminded to advertise and encourage PGRs/ MPhils to participate.
- LW to contact Tom Rice after the deadline for submission of draft posters (10.2.2020) to finalise arrangements for printing and display (e.g. area used for coffee breaks). (LW)

8. SIG Report (Liz Watkins)

8.1 An Equality, Diversity and Inclusivity [EDI] statement has been added to the SIG Funding Application form. Applicants asked to state how their event/ bursaries etc addresses EDI is also to be added (LW/ Circulate to EC)

8.2 New Funding Applications:
- Transnational Film and TV SIG (£250 for 10 Years of Transnational Film and TV event). EC request further information.
- Film Philosophy SIG: Conveners as Lucy Bolton and Catherine Wheatley have decided to step down. Thanks for their work for BAFTSS and the SIG. The new conveners are Davina Quinlivan (Kingston University) and Dominic Lash (University of Bristol). Thanks to Phil Powrie for his work on the French and Francophone Cinema SIG and welcome to new conveners Kate Ince (University of Birmingham) and Will Higbee (University of Exeter).

8.4 Reports from recent SIG events have been received and added to the BAFTSS Website. Reports were received from: German Screen Studies SIG, French and Francophone Film SIG, Psychoanalysis and Film SIG.

8.5 BAFTSS 2020 Conference: 9 SIGS submitted panel proposals.

9. Postgraduate Representatives Report (Ana Maria Sapountzi/Daisy Richards/ Marta F Suarez)

- Thanks to the PGR Reps for submitting a report.

9.1 BAFTSS Conference PGR Workshop: will focus on ‘The Academic Job Interview’ and provisionally scheduled for the morning of Friday 17th April 2020. Potential speakers have been discussed and provisional agreement reached.

PGR Reps asked if a member of the BAFTSS EC (Senior or Practice Research or who has sat on a job interview assessment panel) would also be willing to participate as speaker at the workshop. (PGR Reps)

9.2 BAFTSS Conference Travel and Accommodation Bursaries: the PGR Reps submitted a request for an increase in the budget allocated for PGR bursaries. The EC discussed the rationale and finances involved.

A provisional decision was reached pending the EC’s discussion and agreement of the BAFTSS 2020 conference delegate fees with the conference hosts: a provisional budget of £1,050.00 to be allocated for Travel and Accommodation Bursaries to support delegates who are speaking at the conference. Allocation of bursaries to be decided by the PGR Reps in discussion with the Chair, Treasurer and Deputy Chair. Two of these bursaries are to be advertised and allocated to ECR/unsalaried/Independent Researchers/Filmmakers. The budget, if agreed (pending information regarding conference fees) will be revisited for the BAFTSS Conference 2021.
10. Open Screens Report (SF/ AM)
   - **New submissions:** PGRs and other speakers at the BAFTSS conference and SIG events are encouraged to develop their presentations for submission to Open Screens for peer review. **Video Essays/video files** can be published through Open Screens *(all).*

11. Social Media Report (Agnieszka Piotrowska)
   As per Action Points from the EC Meeting (Nov 2019) the EC discussed BAFTSS social media. The EC agree that:
   1) the Facebook page becomes an open discussion group so that anyone can join and post on it: with all EC as administrators. *(AM/ AP/ CC)*
   2) agreed that an EC member would coordinate all social media/ communications to make sure all notices go on website, twitter, facebook, twitter. *(AM/ AP/ CC)*

12. AOB

13. Time and Date of next meeting: BAFTSS 8th Annual Conference, University of St Andrews 16th -18th April 2020 (room, date tbc).