**Executive Committee Meeting**

Thursday 25 April 2019

11am-12.30pm. Muirhead Tower 109.

University of Birmingham

**APPROVED MINUTES**

1. **Apologies**

Apologies were received from EC, SF, SH, RD, CC, MD, MFS

(It should be noted that the EC meeting took place simultaneously with a PGR session involving many of the EC members)

1. **Approval of the Minutes of the last EC held on 18 January, University of Birmingham:** Approved

Item 2: Ensuring mailing list compliance with GDPR regulations

**ACTION POINT : AMM to check this on behalf of EC**

1. **Update on Action Points (ALL)**

Completed and ongoing.

1. **Chair’s Report (AM)**

The next conference will be at St. Andrews, dates TBC. At the upcoming AGM there will be a general call for hosts for 2020 onwards.

A discussion was held following a suggestion put to BAFTSS about commemorating the life and work of Kat Lindner. It was agreed that the Film Philosophy SIG would be appropriate means (such as a symposium event).

It was noted that Kate Ince had been elected (subject to AGM ratification) as Treasurer 2019-21, and thanks were noted to Elena Caoduro as outgoing Treasurer.

It was AGREED that we would open up a new round of open events funding for autumn 2019, of up to £300, with a deadline of 1 July for events between 1 September 2019 and 30 April 2020 for individuals and groups.

**ACTION: KI to advertise**

It was reported that the ECR Mentoring Scheme has been successfully launched. There are 21 mentors registered with us, and 14 ECRS have been paired with a mentor.

In anticipation of AGM, AM to report that there will be no change in subscription fees

An ongoing discussion took place about the rationale for the BAFTSS achievement awards in light of concerns around inclusivity/diversity.

**ACTION: AM to invite correspondence on this issue at the AGM (for discussion afterwards)**

1. **Conference Update**

With the conference now beginning, there were no issues to address.

1. **Membership Report (AMM)**

The following was reported by AMM: we now have 240 members (97 students, 143 ordinary), 1409 on the jiscmail, and 2451 Twitter followers.

This compares with last year: 228 members (91 unsalaried, 137 non-salaried), 1310 jiscmail, and 1993 Twitter followers.

1. **Treasurer’s Report (EC)**

EC reported on the following:

* Current balance: £ 17,100.65
* We have made 15 x bursaries to PGRs of up to £50 for conference
* SIGS: 16 SIGS – can apply for funding £250 pa.
* New Funding Opportunity agreed: limited number (up to 5 awards) of up to £300, deadline 1 July 2019 for events between 1 September 2019 and 30 April 2020 individuals or groups (in addition to SIG funding being available)

**ACTION: KI to carry out a financial audit as good practice as per the BAFTSS constitution**

1. **Postgraduate Report (MS, MFS and AMS)**

Thanks were given to Maohui Deng, who is stepping down from his role. No report was provided.

1. **SIG Report (LW)**

There was discussion and approval of applications: £250 for Romana Turina’s ‘The Essay Film Form and Animation: Intersectionality in Motion’ (12-13 June 2019) and £500 for Deborah Shaw’s ‘Transnational Screens: new Directions, New Collaborations’ (13 June)

1. **Website update (AMM)**

There were no issues to report, item carried to next meeting.

1. **BAFTSS Social Media (AP)**

No issues to report, item carried to next meeting.

1. ***Open Screens* (AM)**

Following the action point from last meeting, a clarification of how OS material is archived on the site.

**ACTION: AM to lead discussions on the management structure of *OS* and the specifics of the editing roles**

**ACTION: AM to open discussion about the possibility of guest/themed issues.**

1. **Any Other Business**

From AP: a discussion was held over the planned controversy regarding their planned BFI ‘Bitches’ season: it was agreed that AM would write letter of disappointment on behalf of EC.

**ACTION: AM to send letter to BFI**

From AP: discussion and encouragment of SCMS interest in creating small symposia in association with BAFTSS

 **Time and Date of Next Meeting**

* 9 July QMUL