Executive Committee Meeting
Tuesday 9 July 2019 2-4pm
Robert Tong Room, Queens Building
Queen Mary University of London

Minutes.

1. Present: Andy Moor (Chair), Sue Harris (Secretary), Kate Ince, Marta Suarez, Liz Watkins, Sorcha Ni Fhlainn, Charlotte Crofts, Agnieszka Piotrowska
Apologies: Alex Marlow-Mann, James Leggott, Joe Andrew, Ana Maria Sapountzi, Daisy Richards, Rajinder Dudrah

2. Approval of the Minutes of the last EC held on 25 April 2019, University of Birmingham:
   - SH wished to note dissatisfaction that a decision to represent the view of the EC [in a collective letter to the BFI about the Bitches season] was taken without consultation with all members in an inclusive way. The matter was discussed and acted on when all PG members and three other members were in a parallel conference workshop for BAFTSS postgraduates. AM expressed regret that the matter was not more widely circulated for discussion.
   - In future we will respect our own internal procedures around equality, diversity and inclusivity in our communications with external bodies, members and among the EC (see our Inclusivity statement on website).


4. Chair’s Report (AM)
   1. Formal record of thanks to Kate Ince and the Birmingham University team for delivering such a successful annual.
   2. Event funding schemes: a proposal was agreed for a 31 October 2019 deadline for events January-July 2020. This will allow a discussion of applications at November EC and stocktaking at April EC. The call to be sent out by 31 August. Notification will be given that it will open 1 September 2019 and close 31 October 2019. We agree to offer up to 5 awards of £300.
   3. Approach from Screen Studies Association of Australia and Aotearoa New Zealand based at Monash University. The possibility of them participating in our conference was discussed (broadcast in as a Skype panel?). We would also consider inviting SSAAANZ to edit a special issue of Open Screens. The EC was eager to endorse options that would allow the two organizations to share best practice.
   4. Job descriptions: The EC will investigate if there is an archive of EC job descriptions for office holders that can be passed on to new post-holders.
5. **ECRs:** A request from member for an ECR network was considered (on model of PGR network). It was suggested that, as an expansion of the mentoring scheme we could provide funds for ECRs to travel to give research papers at seminar series. These events could be flagged as a BAFTSS ECR event where someone invited an ECR as a ‘new connection’ to their university. The ECR is to be within 8 years of PhD and not in permanent salaried work. **It was AGREED that we would consider providing a contribution for up to five speakers per annum – with £100 (towards travel) as an incentive.**

6. **Augur Report:** AM is collating a list of learned associations with a view to a possible collective statement on the report.

5. **Conference Report (KI)**
   This was a very well-attended and positive conference: the awards and PG poster competition were thought to be particularly successful. Some local issues were flagged: the accommodation venue was changed at last minute; water for speakers in the seminar rooms was not included with the catering costs; luggage storage was difficult in the building. Regarding the budget: complete expenditure figures are now available, but not figures related to income. The expectation is that the conference will break even financially.

6. **Membership Report (AMM)**
   Jiscmail: 1440 (up 31 since the last EC)
   Membership: 278 (up 38 since the last EC) of which 111 are unwaged and 167 waged.
   Twitter: 2570 followers

7. **Treasurer’s Report (KI)**
   The bank balance stands at just under £14,000. KI raised the matter of unpaid registrations by some speakers/attendees. AM will write to those individuals.
   Event grant scheme: 5 events took place this year and 3 reports have been received. KI to amend criteria to ensure reports and receipts are received within one month of the event.

8. **Postgraduate Report (MFS)**
   Daisy Richards was appointed as PG rep after a rigorous selection and voting process.
   The PG workshop at Birmingham has been recorded and tweeted.
   Travel grants (£50) have been renamed as conference grants and the form has been amended and circulated to the EC.
   AM thanked the PG reps and congratulated them on their energy and initiative.

9. **SIGs Report (LW)**
   5 SIG funding applications were discussed. 4 were approved. 1 was part-funded.
   Practice Research SIG. Filmmaking in the Academy. £500.
   Psychoanalysis and Film SIG. Femininity and Psychoanalysis Symposium and book launch. £250.
   Screen Industries SIG. Screen Research Methods Symposium. £500
   Screening Sex SIG. Screening Sex Symposium. £250.
Charlotte Crofts and Agnieszka Piotrowska, whose applications for funding were considered, were not present in the room when SIG applications were discussed. Approval was given for a new LGBTQ+ SIG with Convener Connor Winterton.

A discussion was held about the propriety of 1) paying honoraria to salaried academics; 2) the level of funding available for wine receptions. It was agreed that these items did not seem a proper use of BAFTSS funds (full discussion to be held via email with full EC). We will produce a statement for the BAFTSS LIST and WEBSITE detailing all funded events.

10. BAFTSS Website (AMM)
   No report provided

11. BAFTSS Social Media (AP)
   No report provided

12. Open Screens (AM)
   Nothing to discuss.

13. AOB
   It was asked whether the way a panel chairs are allocated at the BAFTSS conference could be discussed in November? This was AGREED.

Time and Date of next meeting:
- University of Northumbria, November 2019 doodle poll to follow. (SH)