



Minutes of the Committee for FE and Cross-Sector Engagement

Minutes from the meeting of the committee on Wednesday 15 February 2017.

1 Welcome attendance and apologies

Chair: Bella Abrams (BA)

Present: James Clay (JC), Adam Elce (AE), Jonathan Eaton (JE), Paul Hollins (PH).

Apologies were received from: Rachel Challen (RC), Malcolm Ryan (MR), Nick Jeans (NJ).

2 Approve the Minutes of the meeting held in October 2016.

The committee

The minutes of the last meeting were approved. The Committee also noted that funded places for the OER17 conference were taken up by non-HE participants. The Committee welcomed this support that has enabled participation from across sectors.

3 FE & cross-sector report

This is a new report bringing together work across different areas of the Association aimed at engaging with FE and across sectors. The report covered events, membership, working with partners and related activities. In particular the committee discussed the new series of FELTAG SIG webinars which are a good way to engage new FE practitioners and new voices for Learning Technology in vocational education and training.

Members were invited to:

1. Respond to the Call for Action for the blog and contact Rachel Challen for further information;
2. Help promote future FELTAG SIG webinars and contact Geoff Rebbeck to get involved;
3. Help promote the remaining places for the Doug Gowan fund;
4. Get involved in the Blended Learning Essentials course as Digital Champions.

The Committee agreed that led by BA it would take action to engage/contact new FE members possibly via more discussion on the Members List or webinars with the FELTAG SIG.

4 Events and conference report

This report focused on the Winter Conference. ALT's third Online Winter Conference took place over 6 - 8 December 2016 and with the previous year the event focused on showcasing the best Learning Technology from ALT Members from across sectors. The conference was designed to give members an opportunity to highlight some of the work they and their community have been involved with and gain feedback from peers.

The Committee also discussed the current Call for Proposals for ALT's Annual Conference. The next Annual Conference will be held at the University of Liverpool, 5-7 September 2017. The Committee

discussed the difficulty in practitioners submitting proposals to the Call for Proposals because this has traditionally been focused on research papers.

Action: Committee Members to encourage FE submissions.

Action: PH volunteered to work with MD to encourage FE submissions.

5 Innovation, Community and Technology report

The Committee noted the Innovation report which provided a helpful update on a number of areas including the winter conference, Blended Learning Essentials and online activities across different platforms. The Committee noted that there is a consolidation period for 3 months prior to the new strategy being implemented from May onwards. The new strategy will be launched in late February.

6 Individual updates from members

Individual Members of the Committee shared their informal updates. These are not minuted.

Action: Committee Members to check any details on the site that are at

<https://www.alt.ac.uk/about-alt/who-we-are/further-education-committee>

7 Items referred to and from other ALT committees or Trustees (see joint report)

BA led on this report from the Operational Committees and Trustees from their last meetings. The Committee considered in particular Consultation with Members informed Trustees' work on the new strategy. The Annual Survey has likewise provided much useful input. Trustees have continued work on the new strategy which will be launched at the end of February alongside the results of the survey. In the transition period between the last and the next strategy we anticipate having a 3 month period of rationalisation to ensure we can focus fully on new developments. Trustees noted their thanks to all Members of Operational Committees for their input and in particular the useful work done at joint strategy day last October.

8 Any other business

The Committee dealt with other business raised earlier under item 7.

9 Dates of next meeting: February, exact date TBC

Action: To confirm date via email.

Minutes written by: MD/15/2/17

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