



Committee for FE and cross-sector engagement

Minutes

1 Welcome and apologies

Chair: Malcolm Ryan

Present: Rachel Challen, James Clay (attending remotely) Paul Hollins, Nick Jeans, Matt Lingard, Ellen Sims, Anna Davidge (ALT)

Apologies had been received from: Sean McCready, Jonathan Eaton, Gillian Dyer, Sarah Williams, Liam Sammon, Adam Elce

2 Any other business

None at this meeting

3 Welcoming new members

The committee welcomed new members Rachel Challen, Adam Elce, Liam Sammon and Ellen Sims.

4 Minutes from previous meeting

The committee reviewed the minutes from the last meeting and they were approved with a minor correction.

5 FELTAG SIG update

5.1 The SIG was officially launched at the ALT Annual Conference with Geoff Rebbeck as chair and received coverage in FE Week which resulted in over 100 new members joining.

The committee discussed the remit for the SIG as it was felt that there may be some confusion for members surrounding its intended purpose. The committee felt that the terms of reference should be clear that the role of the SIG is to support individuals at a practitioner level to improve their understanding of what FELTAG means to them.

ACTION: James Clay to revisit the terms of reference and remit for the SIG with founding members.

5.2 The committee discussed ALT's response to the BIS consultation on digital skills. James Clay and Doug Gowan leading on the response with Trustees and will be feeding back at the end of October. Rachel Challen agreed to pick up with James outside of the meeting to provide some feedback.

6 FE at ALT Annual Conference

6.1 The committee discussed the increase in FE engagement at the ALT Annual Conference over the past two years, increasing from 4 FE participants in 2012 to ~100 in 2015. The committee noted their thanks to the ALT Staff Team, Co-Chairs and Programme Committee of the 2015 Conference for the efforts to encourage engagement from the FE sector.

ACTION: AD to feedback on number of non HE proposals received for the 2015 conference.

6.2 The committee discussed the possibility of inviting colleagues from the FE sector to run workshops at the Annual Conference relating to research in further education.

ACTION : AD to feed this back to the Programme Committee for the 2016 Annual Conference.

6.3 The committee expressed concern at the idea of not having any Invited Speaker sessions at the next Annual Conference. It was felt that this might be limiting for speakers from the FE sector in particular who may be less well suited to speaking in large plenary sessions rather than smaller more specific sessions. It was highlighted that the presence of FE sector Invited Speakers at the conference is often a big draw for FE colleagues.

7 Events and conference report

The committee discussed and reviewed the report commenting on the increased FE engagement at the ALT Annual Conference, held in Manchester in September and the potential for FE engagement in the Online Winter Conference to be held in December.

8 Communications and Website report

The committee discussed and reviewed the report commenting on the increase in online engagement during the Annual Conference and the use of Open Badges. The committee questioned whether awareness of Open Badges could have been increased to maximise participation.

ACTION: AD to liaise with Martin Hawksey and feedback to committee regarding ALT's use of Open Badges and how/where they can be displayed, particularly in relation to Moodle.

The committee were encouraged to tweet using the altc hashtag.

9 Confidential item: Individual updates from members

10 International matters

None this meeting.

11 Reporting to/from the Central Executive & other committees

Nothing to report from this meeting.

12 Any other business

No other business raised

13 Dates of next meetings

w/c 1 Feb, w/c 23 May 2016. Exact dates to be confirmed.