



## Committee for FE and cross-sector engagement

Online via Blackboard Collaborate 1 February 2016

### Minutes

#### 1 Welcome and apologies

Chair: James Clay

Present: Rachel Challen, Jonathan Eaton, Nick Jeans, Malcolm Ryan, Liam Sammon, Ellen Sims, Anna Davidge (ALT).

Apologies had been received from: Paul Hollins and Sarah Williams.

#### 2 Any other business

11.1 Feltag Coalition

11.2 Area Based Reviews

11.3 Jisc Stakeholders meeting

#### 3 Minutes from previous meeting

The committee approved the minutes from the last meeting. 3 actions were carried over as outstanding:

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

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

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.

#### 4 FELTAG SIG update

The committee discussed ways in which they can support the SIG, in particular to encourage SIG members to post replies to discussions to the mailing list.

JC suggested that members of the committee take turns to post topics to the mailing list. In particular focusing on any current projects or aims to discuss motivations and impact.

ACTION: JC to coordinate volunteers from the committee to list some discussion points or practical ideas to post to the mailing list.

## 5 ALT Response to BIS enquiry

The committee noted ALT's response to the enquiry and the mention of the FELTAG SIG at the select committee hearing, at which Maren Deepwell was invited to give evidence.

The committee thanked Maren Deepwell for her hard work on the response and at the select committee hearing.

## 6 Events and conference report

6.1 The committee reviewed the events and conference report, noting in particular the participation of FE and other sector colleagues in the ALT Online Winter Conference.

ACTION: Anna Davidge to feedback on FE sector attendance at the event

James Clay encouraged committee members to take advantage of any future iterations of the event to showcase work in the FE sector.

6.2 The committee is asked to promote the upcoming OER16 Conference via their channels and to encourage FE and skills sector colleagues to attend.

6.3 Rachel Challen discussed the on going Futurelearn Blending Learning Courses and pointed the committee toward to further information at

<https://www.futurelearn.com/courses/blended-learning-getting-started>

Committee members were asked to promote the Blended Learning courses via their channels.

6.4 The committee discussed upcoming webinars and James Clay asked for the committee to get in touch with Anna Davidge if they have any ideas for future FE, Skills or other sector webinars.

## 7 Communications Report

The committee discussed and reviewed the report commenting on the success of the first ALT Online Winter Conference in generating online participation across locations and sectors.

## 8 **Confidential item**: Individual updates from members

## 9 Reflection from BETT 2016

The committee noted that unfortunately no members were able to attend BETT this year.

## 10 Reporting to/from the Central Executive & other committees

The committee is currently without a vice chair, James Clay update the committee that trustees are in the process of appointing an appropriate vice chair before September.

The committee discussed ways in which the FE Committee can support and provide input to other operational committees.

**ACTION:** for the committee to further reflect on and discuss ways in which it can provide support and input to other operational committees.

## 11 Any other business

### 11.1 Feltag Coalition

James noted that there will be a meeting on 15 March to judge progress with the working groups and to take next steps. James is likely to attend on behalf of ALT.

### 11.2 Jisc Stakeholders meeting

Ellen Simms provided an update on the Jisc Stakeholders meeting which took place last week. Ellen and James encouraged committee members to participate in the FE and Skills vision consultation via <https://jisc.opencomment.us/node/30>

### 11.3 Area Based Reviews

James raised the concern that most of the conversation during area based reviews is focused on cost saving by making administrative changes. James asked the committee to consider how, through ALT, they could provide ideas and advice from ALT members on how those institutions going through area based reviews can use tech to improve teaching and learning.

**ACTION:** Committee to reflect before the next meeting on how ALT can inform and support institutions going through area based reviews and how to best showcase the value of ALT membership.

## 12 Date of next meeting

The next meeting will take place online on 6 June 2016 at 12.30.