# Minutes of the Committee for FE and Cross-Sector Engagement

Minutes from the meeting of the committee on 25, January 2018.

## 1 Welcome attendance and apologies

Chair: Rachel Challen (RC)
Present: Adam Elce, (AE), Sarah Williams (SW), Liam Sammon (LS), Patrick Pemsel (PP)
Apologies from: Bella Abrams (BA), Victoria Wilson-Crane,, Hannah Mathias, Paul Hollins (PH)

## 2 Approve the Minutes of the meeting held 25 October 2017.

The minutes from the meeting held 25 October 2017 were approved as an accurate record of the meeting. The Committee heard a report back on actions continued, including an overview of which organisations have received funding under the Doug Gowan Memorial fund. Committee also noted that input for different sector bodies is being actioned.

## 3 FE & cross-sector report

This report brings together work across different areas of the Association aimed at engaging with FE and other sectors. The report covers events, membership, working with partners and related Activities.

### Setting up the Terms of Reference for the inaugural ALT Research Award

Thanks to Sarah Williams and Paul Hollins, who have joined the working group to set up the Terms of Reference for the inaugural ALT Research Award.

### dev.ac.uk – bringing the developer tribes together

Whilst work on the guide for Learning Technology to work with startups continues, this is another initiative ALT is supporting, a two day event for software developers working in further and higher education. As part of this Martin Hamilton, Futurologist at Jisc, highlighted why the dev.ac.uk event is important and how to get involved, read more https://www.alt.ac.uk/news/all_news/devacuk-%E2%80%93-bringing-developer-tribes-together

### Open Education and OER - A guide and call to action for policy

### makers

ALT has produced this call to action to highlight to education policy makers and professionals how Open Education and OER can expand inclusive and equitable access to education and lifelong learning, widen participation, and create new opportunities for the next generation of teachers and learners, preparing them to become fully engaged digital citizens.
https://www.alt.ac.uk/news/all_news/open-education-and-oer-guide-and-call-action-policy-makers

## Doug Gowan memorial fund for CMALT candidates

The Doug Gowan memorial fund for skills and learning CPD supports individuals from the FE, learning and skills sector to achieve CMALT accreditation. Seven individuals have been awarded CMALT places through the fund, with three having submitted portfolios for assessment, and two been awarded CMALT to date. There are 13 funded places still available.

## Blended Learning Essentials and CMALT accreditation

ALT continues to promote CMALT as a pathway to accreditation for Blended Learning Essentials course participants, with a discounted registration rate of £119. A course mapping to the CMALT portfolio is available, as are example portfolios from three of the successful candidates from the 2016 Blended Learning Essentials CMALT pilot group. 8 BLE course participants have gone on to achieve CMALT accreditation to date. Further information: https://www.alt.ac.uk/certified-membership/blended-learning-essentials-and-cmalt

## ALT membership offer for BLC member colleges

A a 20% discount on Organisational Membership of ALT and 20% on registration fees for CMALT for groups of 2 or more is available for Blended Learning Consortium member colleges until 31 July 2018. Full details at: http://go.alt.ac.uk/2uRR5oh

## 4 Events and conference report

The Committee welcomed the report from Jane Marsh and excellent progress with events overall. The report covered the period between October 2017 and January 2018, which included the 2017 Winter Conference and looked ahead to September 2018, taking in OER18 and the 2018 Annual Conference.

The Committee particularly welcomed a new collaboration:

TLC Webinars (https://www.alt.ac.uk/events/teaching-and-learning-conversations-webinar-series ) ALT are assisting TLC in promoting their webinars 'Teaching and Learning Conversations (TLC)'. We will be setting up a page on the ALT website with information on the programme and links to the Wordpress site and webinar recordings, as well as promoting the series across the ALT community. Some of the TLCs are rewatched hundreds and even thousands of times and have been embedded in courses. We ask for your assistance in sharing information about this webinar series as it becomes available.

## 5 Individual updates from members

Individual discussions from members - these are not usually minuted.

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

The committee noted the shared report from the last round of committee meetings. This committee's contribution to the next shared report will reflect the actions and recommendations minuted here.

# 7 Any other business

MD shared a verbal update on ALT's remaining office in Oxford closing at the end of this month and the subsequent transition to a fully virtual, distributed operational model. Member services should remain unaffected, but a public announcement is coming up via ALT's channels in the next few days.

# 8 Dates of next meeting:

The next meeting is scheduled  31 May 2018.

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