

Council for College and University English

Minutes of the OGM Business Meeting

HELD 10 DECEMBER 2005
AT THE INSTITUTE OF ADVANCED STUDIES,
SENATE HOUSE, LONDON

The Chair, Professor Lis Jay, welcomed members to the business meeting.

1. Minutes of the 2005 Annual General Meeting, April 2005

After some technical difficulties the minutes were displayed via the data-projector, accepted as a correct record, and approved by the meeting.

2. Matters Arising

There were no matters arising not covered under other headings below.

3. Chair's Report

(i) The Executive. LJ reported that the Executive had met twice since the AGM in April. It had responded on behalf of the community to a number of consultation documents.

- a) *The Draft Criteria from the English Sub-Panel for RAE 2008.* The Executive had met in August to discuss the draft text and GW had coordinated the formal response, which can be viewed on the CCUE website in the 'Documents' section.
- b) *The AHRC Report on Doctoral Research in the Arts and Humanities.* Martin Coyle, Vivian Jones, and Linda Anderson had formed a small working party to draft a response, which had been circulated among the Executive for comment and then revised before submission. This response is also on the website.
- c) *Nominations for the AHRC Panels and Peer Review College.* Given that the AHRC had presented CCUE with a three-week deadline for nominations, it had not been possible to consult affiliated Schools and Departments during this exercise as had been done on previous occasions. The Executive therefore produced a list of nominees and, where necessary, reduced these to two suggestions for each of the vacant sections of the Panel (Medieval, 17th Century, 18th Century, 19th and 20th Century, Creative Writing, and Postcolonial Writing). All of the nominated individuals were recommended in the College exercise.
- d) *Subject Benchmarking.* A small working party chaired by Ben Knights, the Director of the ESC, and involving the CCUE Chair, Secretary, and Professor Sue Zlosnik from the Executive, had met, and (in accordance with a decision taken at the August Executive meeting), recommended that Minor Revision (rather than minimal change or a complete redrafting) to the English benchmarking statement was necessary as part of the review process. The CCUE response noted the need for the statement to make more explicit the application of the benchmark to the growing field of Creative Writing.

(ii) **ESSE:** LJ reminded delegates of the forthcoming ESSE conference, to be held from 29th August to 2nd September 2006 in Senate House, London. The conference will be hosted by the IES working in partnership with CCUE.

(iii) **CCUE NEWS:** LJ reported that the next issue of *CCUE News*, due to be published at the end of the year, will be posted on the new CCUE website, which was now up and running thanks to the good offices of Paul Vetch at the Centre for Computing in the Humanities at KCL, who had agreed to design and maintain the site. LJ thanked Paul, and also Chris Ringrose, the *CN* Editor, for his ongoing labours, which were much appreciated by the Executive and the community as a whole.

(iv) **The CCUE AGM:** LJ reminded delegates that the 2006 CCUE AGM would be held at St Anne's, Oxford, on 28th and 29th April. As this falls in term time, the college rooms will not be available this year, so delegates are encouraged to book their own hotel accommodation early.

(v) **The ESC Conference.** LJ also reminded everyone of the dates for the forthcoming ESC Conference, which will be held on 5th-7th July 2007.

4. Treasurer's Report

LiP reported that finances were in a much improved state after the recent reductions in outgoings involved in the move to an electronic version of *CCUE News* and electronic communication with CCUE members. There was currently a balance of £5,416 in the CCUE account, but the bulk of the 2005-6 subscriptions had yet to come in. Membership figures were also improved on last year.

7. AOB

The Executive Election: GW encouraged delegates to get any nominations for membership of the Executive in early this year, ideally by mail before the AGM itself, which would allow for the more formal identification of candidates and a more informed election process. .

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 4.57.

Greg Walker, Secretary, 12/12/2005