

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

Minutes of the meeting held at 13:30 pm on Wednesday 13 November 2024 via Zoom

Present: Nick Koor, Sian Davies Vollum, Mark Anderson, Stewart Fishwick, Rebecca Williams, Munira Raji, George Jameson (GSL)

Apologies: Dave Healy, Pete Rowley, Amanda Owen, Graham McLeod

Actions

1. DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS

There were no declarations of interest.

2. APOLOGIES

Apologies were noted.

3. MINUTES OF LAST MEETING

The minutes were approved.

4. ACTIONS FROM THE PREVIOUS MEETING

Sian informed members that Graham has stepped down from his position in the Executive.

The news item regarding the strategic alliance was published. The focus is now on developing the terms of reference.

5. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

It was pointed out that most of the items under this section will be addressed at the AGM tomorrow afternoon. Although the vacancies on the Executive were highlighted as issue following Graham stepping down. As it stands, there is no early career or PhD representative or a Vice-Chair. This will be raised at the AGM tomorrow.

(A)

It was agreed that they would canvass the wider membership tomorrow to suggest potential themes for future AGM's.

6. REPORT FROM JOINT HIGHER EDUCATION COMMITTEE (JHEC)

The main talking points from the JHEC meeting earlier in the day focused on the recent Careers Day that took place in Manchester which was quite successful. Next year's will take place at Burlington House. ESTA have updated their website and have updated their map showing the geographical spread of A-level offerings of geology.

7. REPORT FROM THE CHAIR *(Not covered previously)*

No report was submitted by the Chair.

8. REPORT FROM THE EXECUTIVE SECRETARY *(Not covered previously)*

Sian drew attention to the review of the Teach Earth website which is now much improved as well as having a nicer layout. It was pointed out that work remains to improve the search function.

Work is underway to contribute to the call for evidence concerning the Dept of Education's curriculum and assessment review. The deadline for submission is 22nd of November. This will be raised at the AGM tomorrow to allow for a broader discussion and potentially help guide what the submission should focus on. (A)

Sian provided members with an overview of progress concerning the Strategic Alliance. A steering group has been formed with representation from a wide array of geoscience sectors. Terms of reference are being developed and Iain Stewart has agreed to Chair the Steering Group.

9. REPORT FROM THE TREASURER

Mark provided members with an update on the current balance which stands at £4676. He added that invoices have been sent to Executive represented departments. The annual report will be an opportunity to encourage depts to pay their invoices.

10. REPORTS FROM OTHER MEMBERS OF EXECUTIVE *(not previously covered)*

A question regarding how individual departments deal with reasonable adjustments was raised. It was deemed quite important given the high % of students within the geosciences that request this help. It was agreed that it would be raised by Stewart at the AGM tomorrow. (A)

11. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

It was suggested that the Covid advice on the UGUK section of the GSL website should be removed now. (A)

12. DATES OF FUTURE MEETINGS

The following dates were set, with meetings to start at 13:30:

- 18 June 2025
- 12 November 2025

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE - ACTION LIST

Item	Title	Action	For when	By whom
5.	ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION	Raise current Exec vacancies with wider membership at AGM.	<i>Nov</i>	<i>SDV</i>
8.	REPORT FROM THE EXECUTIVE SECRETARY	Discuss curriculum and assessment review with wider membership at AGM.	<i>Nov</i>	<i>SDV</i>
10.	REPORTS FROM OTHER MEMBERS OF EXECUTIVE	Raise reasonable adjustments query at the AGM.	<i>Nov</i>	<i>SF</i>
11.	ANY OTHER BUSINESS	Remove Covid statement from website	<i>Nov</i>	<i>GJ</i>