

## EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Minutes of the meeting held at 13:00 11 June 2020 via zoom

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Present: Mark Anderson, Sian Davies-Vollum, Nick Koor, Amanda Owen, Rebecca Williams, Graham McLeod, Pete Burgess

Apologies: Andy Aplin

In attendance: George Jameson

### *Actions*

#### **1. DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS**

There were no declarations of interest.

#### **2. APOLOGIES**

Apologies as set out above were noted.

#### **3. MINUTES OF LAST MEETING**

The minutes were approved.

#### **4. FEEDBACK FROM JOINT HIGHER EDUCATION COMMITTEE**

The REF sub-panel request remains open on the topic of climate science.

Sian provided brief updates on progress made by the working groups. An Athena SWAN meeting took place between the Society, BGS and NERC to discuss how best to help departments in their applications. Following on from the Future Science event, a virtual forum will be established to improve communications between all individuals and organisations wishing to help drive this issue forward. George will circulate the attendee list for the Enrolment Summit taking place on the 24<sup>th</sup>.

The accreditation review has been impacted by Covid and has stalled somewhat. UGUK submitted their report. They await for the completion of the fieldwork report.

Amy Ball is seconded on to a joint GSL/McKinsey project which is looking to create a future vision of the Society. The Society's Council will be discussing its findings once it has concluded. Flo has been furloughed which has seen a stall in consultation responses.

The Higher Education Network will be meeting for their AGM in January 2021. It is expected to be held in Swansea. ESTA's October meeting is scheduled to go ahead but will be virtual.

**GJ**

BAME representatives to attend the Enrolment Summit was discussed. Rebecca stated that she would share names of possible attendees.

**RW**

## **5. DIVERSITY AND INCLUSION STATEMENT**

Mark drew attention to the diversity and inclusion statement he circulated to members. He added that he wanted to avoid the statement coming across as merely virtual signalling. It was agreed that they would consult a list of actions from a change.org petition and adopt these measures where possible. A statement on the colonial legacy of early geologists was also suggested as a good idea. Mark will circulate a draft before it is placed on the web.

**MA**

It was suggested that some form of market research should be undertaken to help in identifying the reasons and barriers stopping BAME students from choosing geology.

A UGUK Twitter account will be set up. Graham will lead on this. It was agreed that it would be an effective form of outreach, especially to parents and teachers. The twitter profile will be used to as a broadcasting tool to share information etc.

**GM**

The membership list needs to be updated on the website.

**GJ**

Pete enquired if the Society would be able to create a UGUK specific email address. George will look into this.

## **6. GEOLOGY STUDENT ENROLMENT SUMMIT**

UGUK submitted a state of play report to the Society in response to the Society request for information. Mark intends on speaking during the introduction to help in setting the scene for the day's discussions.

Graham added that he will get in touch with some government representatives to see if they would like to attend. It would help in gauging their attitudes/opinions on the science.

## **7. FUTURE PLANNING**

The theme for the November meeting has been confirmed as having diversity and inclusion as its theme. The actions for the change.org list could be used as points of focus for it. Actions for the Student Enrolment Summit will also be factored into the November meeting.

It was agreed by members that all initiatives in future need to be effectively coordinated between all HOD's in order to achieve their ambitions. They agreed that having student data would be extremely helpful. Amanda offered to look into data she has collected.

Members agreed to pick up on planning for the November meeting in early July.

## 8. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

No other items of business were discussed.

## 9. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The following date was set, with the meeting to start at 13:00 at Burlington House:

- 18 November 2020
- 10 March 2021
- 9 June 2021

## EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING ACTION LIST

Item	Title	Action	For when	By whom
4.	Feedback form JHEC	Circulate Attendee list to members	June	GJ
4.	Feedback from JHEC	Circulate list of suggestions	June	RW
5.	D&I Statement	Circulate draft D&I statement	June	MA
5.	D&I Statement	Create a UGUK Twitter account		GM
5.	D&I Statement	Update membership list	June	GJ