

MAULL Minutes: 30 January 2009

A Meeting of the Management in University Lifelong Learning sub-committee was held on Friday 30 January within the Boardroom of Edinburgh College of Art, Main Building, 74 Lauriston Place, Edinburgh

Present Theresa Hoare (Glasgow (SUALL)), Jill Thomson (SAC), Sherrey Landles (ECA), Raymond Thomson (Strathclyde (Chair)).

Apologies Donald Paterson (Aberdeen), Keith Mackle (Dundee), Jill McKay (Dundee), Helen McWhirr (Glasgow), Margaret Mill (Napier), Claire Wylie (Glasgow), Alix McDonald (Strathclyde)

Presentation

The meeting commenced with a very interesting presentation on the educational framework, and the administrative and financial model, for the Art Studies Credit Award at eca, given by Robbie Bushe, Lifelong Learning Coordinator, Centre for Continuing Studies, Edinburgh College Art.

Main Business

Minutes of Previous Meeting

These were accepted after minor alteration regarding Dundee's language provision

SUALL website

There was some discussion on this, to be further developed when the position of Aberdeen, where it is housed, is ascertained.

Round-up of University and College News

Glasgow: Anton Muscatelli is to be the new Principal. The Faculty did well in the RAE and Social Justice and Lifelong Learning are the new research themes. Primary Education students now have to undertake DACE classes. There are problems with students inadvertently applying for the ILA500.

SAC: Looking forward to new buildings due to come on stream. These buildings may alter the dynamic of the institution which intends to become "more involved in the community".

ECA: HR and Management have not managed the changes in fees and in personnel very well. One result has been a considerable loss of goodwill.. The ILA audit has been successfully completed and the department is now investigating the SFC fee-waiver scheme.

Strathclyde: A hold has been placed on the proposed new buildings with decisions to be made at end May. The Faculty of Law, Arts and Social Sciences and the Faculty of Education are to be combined into a new single faculty. There is therefore much uncertainty. Central Academic Services (now Professional Services) has just been reviewed. It is now being reviewed again.

Any Other Business

It was agreed that the group needs to attract more members, and the Chair agreed to circulate colleagues throughout the sector in order to generate more interest.

Date and Time of Next Meeting

29 May 2009, at a venue to be announced. The Agenda will include an update on ILAs.

Raymond A Thomson (Chair)