

SUALL

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UACE(S) agreed to change its name to the Scottish Universities Association for Lifelong Learning (SUALL) which, it was felt, more accurately reflects the range of activities covered by the HEIs involved.

SUALL Council

Office Bearers:

Mr Alex Neil MSP is coming to the end of his two year term as Chair and Council is very pleased that he has agreed to extend his term of office for a further year.

The Secretary announced his decision to step down after three years and is very pleased to announce that Raymond Thomson of the University of Strathclyde has agreed to resume the role he vacated three years previously.

SUALL Council met in October 2004, February 2005 and is due to meet directly after the AGM on 24 June 2005. Members particularly welcomed the opportunity to visit the Scottish Parliament at Holyrood and much appreciated Alex Neil's tour. Members were pleased to resolve and finalise relationships with UALL and the majority of members elected to continue membership of UALL. The Secretary attended the UALL Administration Conference at the University of Stirling and the UALL National Conference at the University of Edinburgh and on behalf of SUALL wishes to record the Associations thanks to the organisers of these conferences. The secretary also attended the UALL AGM in Oxford and gave a verbal report on behalf of SUALL.

Sub-committees

Office Bearers:

Fiona Andrews of the University of Glasgow became Chair of the Widening Participation in Higher Education Committee

Julia Preece of the University of Glasgow became Chair of the new Research Sub-committee and Michael Allardice of the University of Dundee became Secretary.

The Secretary attended the majority of the Sub-committee meetings and is pleased to report that the valuable work carried out in the sub-committees continues. It is particularly pleasing to see the launch of the new Research Sub-committee which has met twice and held a successful Capacity Building Seminar at the University of Glasgow. The WPHE continues to be a valuable forum for the discussion of widening participation issues and continues the collection of valuable statistical information. The Administration Sub-committee continues to discuss the issue of ILAs and formed a small working group to take forward the website. The CPD Sub-committee continues to meet and share good practice across this very diverse area of provision. The Linguists Sub-committee has met since the last AGM and members are keen to keep the Sub-committee in existence.

www.suall.org.uk

The SUALL website is now up and running and Council and some Sub-committee papers are now published on this website. The Secretary would like to express his gratitude to the website working group and to the web designer. The University of Dundee will continue to host the website for the foreseeable future and will receive a small payment to do so.

Thanks

At the end of his term of office the Secretary would like to express his thanks to the SUALL Chair, colleagues from Council, the Sub-committees and his own institution who have supported him in his role and to take the opportunity to wish Raymond Thomson well as the new Honorary Secretary.

Keith Mackle

SUALL Hon. Secretary

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