

UCML Executive Committee

Friday 26 April 2019

12.30 – 16.00

Room C60b/c, InfoLab21
School of Computing & Communications
Lancaster University, LA1 4WA



Item 8 Hon Treasurer report

1. Representing UCML

I spoke as part of the UCML Steering group at the AGM of a sister organisation University English (York University, 12/04/19). The brief for the panel was 'English among the Languages' and comparative literature, Classics and Languages UCML were invited to discuss where their disciplines were at and where they might work together. I briefly outlined Languages as university discipline, Languages Study today, the work that UCML does, and recent trends (concerned with multilingual, transnational, translation, and community languages) in funded research that might speak to the University English/Classics community. The panel was a very well received and I suggest we do something similar and to work together with Humanities more broadly. PowerPoint attached.

2. Expenses.

We are up to date. I trust Executive group members have had the experience of their expenses paid in a timely manner.

3. Subscriptions:

We have over 60 paid up universities and subject associations for 2018 and almost half that for 2019. Claire and I are chasing up 21 universities who we are still in the middle of the invoice/purchase order process. The British Academy are considering coming on board. There are 12 universities we have had no contact with (below), and I am in the process of calling their Head of Departments, with a view to serving a final warning. Seeming these are departments that may be struggling with languages provision, I will also see if UCML can be of any support. Just two have left UCML in the past year (Southampton Solent, Brighton). Once this is complete, we will move onto the last few Subject associations, where we have just 7 unpaid.

UCML OUTSTANDING SUBSCRIPTIONS

Universities

Brunel	Have not paid since 2016. Last warning being sent.
Hertfordshire	Have not paid since 2016. Last warning being sent.
Huddersfield	Have not paid since 2016. Last warning being sent.
Leeds Beckett	Have not paid since 2016. Last warning being sent.
Lincoln	Have not paid since 2016. Last warning being sent.
Oxford Brookes	Have not paid since ? Last warning being sent.
QUB	Have not paid since 2017. Last warning being sent.
Regent's University	Have not paid since 2016. Last warning being sent.

Roehampton	Have not paid since 2016. Last warning being sent.
UCL	Have not paid since 2016. Last warning being sent.
Ulster	Have not paid since 2016. Last warning being sent.
Winchester	Have not paid since 2016. Last warning being sent.

Subject Associations

AFLS (French language)	Have not paid since 2016. Last warning being sent.
ASMI (Italian)	Have not paid since 2016. Last warning being sent.
AUPHF (French)	Have not paid since 2016. Last warning being sent.
BALEAP (ELT)	Have not paid since 2016. Last warning being sent.
BL (British Library)	Have not paid since 2016. Last warning being sent.
FGLS (German Language)	Have not paid since 2016. Last warning being sent.
ITI (Trans/Intpreting)	Have not paid since 2016. Last warning being sent.

4. Balance

The overall balance of our accounts is extremely healthy, and far outstrips our operational costs (about £5, 000 a year):

Reserve account: £15, 268.03

Paypal account: £1,000

Current account: 1,428.24

Total: £17, 696.27

Looking at our finances in the past, this is an operational peak, and I continue to insist that we use some of these monies to invest in our discipline. Claire G will develop a call for bids based on the priorities that the Chair found from 2018 survey:

- Building a community: ‘one voice for languages’
- Leading a media campaign for and about languages
- Supporting a UK Languages Strategy
- Supporting the languages pipeline from school to university
- Supporting the visibility of languages research
- Responding to current political climate and seeking opportunities for languages to thrive

I recently read the volume ‘Languages after Brexit’ (ed. Michael Kelly, Palgrave, 2018) and will circulate its very helpful ‘Summary of Proposals’ at the Exec meeting, as there is much there to inspire us.

Olga Gomez-Cash, with many thanks for the administrative support of Claire StJE
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