

## Item 7: Honorary Secretary's report

### 1. Elections to UCML Exec

This report covers the five months since the AGM at the Plenary of 10th July 2020. The main secretarial business, apart from minutes etc., has been completing the elections of new Executive members. These are:

<b>UCML representative for Hispanic Studies</b>	Nicola Bermingham	September 2020 - July 2023 (2024)
<b>UCML Representative for ECAs</b>	Liam Lewis	October 2020 - July 2022 (2023)

Their names & photos are now on <https://university-council-modern-languages.org/aboutucml/steering-group-and-executive-committee/>

The following Executive member will finish her four-year term on 31st January 2021:

<b>Lusophone Studies Rep.</b>	Hilary Owen	January 2017 - January 2021
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A call for nominations will be announced. The new representative will take up their role on 1st February 2021.

### 2. Planning of the Winter Plenary

I have been in touch with colleagues to gather ideas on projects to showcase at the Plenary, e.g. education, outreach/projects, services to languages, etc. I have also been planning a post-Covid, post-Brexit session along the lines of 'Where next for Modern Languages?' which can offer a chance to take stock and reflect on what the last few months mean for the discipline, our colleagues and our students.

### 3. Meetings with new representatives

Claire, James and I welcomed Nicola, Sharon, Marina, and Liam at two separate meetings. We discussed the requirements of their roles and answered any questions they had.

### 4. Upcoming meetings

Winter Plenary & Business Meeting: 15th January 2021.

Steering Group: 5<sup>th</sup> March 2021, 14:00 - 16:00

Spring Exec: April 16<sup>th</sup> 2021, 14:00 - 16:00

Summer Plenary & Business Meeting: July 9<sup>th</sup> 2021