

UCML Executive Committee



Friday 29th April 2022 10am-12pm
Via MS Teams

Item 7: Honorary Secretary

1. Elections to UCML Exec

We welcome new representatives to the Committee: For Area Studies, Chi Zhang, from the University of St Andrews; for Wales, Carlos Sanz Mingo, from Cardiff University; and for Germanic & Low Countries Studies, Sarah Bowden, from King's College London.

We have also appointed a new Executive Assistant, Mary Newman, who has replaced James Illingworth since the end of January, and a new Routes into Languages UK Coordinator, Sky Herrington, who took up her post in February.

Huge thanks to Frances Weightman, Liz Wren-Owens (who is now Research Vice Chair), Allyson Fiddler, and James Illingworth for the wonderful work they have done for UCML!

2. Small Grants

We will be meeting on 13th May to review applications from round 2 and 3.

3. Partnership with CIOL

UCML and CIOL are working in partnership to launch a Level 6 Certificate in Translation Accreditation & Certification pilot involving Durham University UG finalists. I will report back as soon as I have more details.

As from this month, I am a member of the CIOLQ Educational Trust Board (ETB). I will be attending the first meeting today (29th April) at 2:00.

2. Strategic Committee for Languages in Higher Education

On Emma's behalf, I co-chaired (with Charles Forsdick) the meeting of the SCLHE. I reported on the planned collaboration between the British Academy and UCML to produce the next granularity report and on the question of visas for language teachers and outgoing students. I also announced Emma's new role as Co-Chair of the Arts and Humanities Alliance (AHA).

4. The Language Teaching Journal

I wrote a short article for the special issue of the Language Learning Journal on the OFSTED Curriculum Research Review of Languages. The piece looks at the potential impact of the GCSE curriculum reforms for language study at higher education.

5. Upcoming meetings

AGM and Summer Plenary: 15th July 2022

Steering Group: 14th October 2022 – 14:00

Executive Committee: 11th November 2022 – 10:00