

Summary – NAMHE Committee Meeting 8 October 2011

Matters arising from the last meeting

PALATINE - NAMHE has written to the Director of the HEA to express concerns about the HEA's future. These concerns remain, but the Committee is pleased about Paul Kleiman's appointment.

Advocacy Statement for Music – Thomas Schmidt-Beste has approached Rebecca Herissone (Manchester) to lead on this.

Working visas for foreign academics – a consultant at law for education has quoted for legal advice but this is beyond the resources of NAMHE. It was agreed to contact various groups to find out what action they are taking and to consider joint approaches to ministers and the media.

Government planning for Music – the Committee discussed the National Planning for Music Day, to which only conservatoires had been invited from the HE sector. The Governments seemed to have assumed that music teaching stopped at age 19 and the conservatoires just trained music teachers.

Advocacy for Music – impact of funding changes – it was agreed to conduct a survey on how music departments are dealing with rising student fees at the same time as having budgets squeezed. Steve Halfyard is leading on this.

Director of the IMR

Paul Archbold was congratulated on his recent secondment to this post.

Employability in Music

James Garnett is the new Chair of NAME. He has secured a grant for a project on Employability in Music and has invited NAMHE to contribute. A pilot questionnaire has been drawn up for completion by people working in any area of music education. The aim is to assess their perception of the relationship between their roles as musician and teacher. The draft questionnaire was tabled and some amendments suggested. Following a pilot, NAMHE reps will be asked to send the questionnaire to their recent graduates.

REF update

Thomas Schmidt-Beste received a useful response from the membership on the recent REF consultation, to which he has now responded on behalf of NAMHE. Paul Archbold has attended a Panel Chairs consultation meeting, which was positive. Panel chairs will sit on other panels to ensure consistency and institutions will be allowed to submit to as many panels as they wish.

Teacher Training in Music

Peter Manning reported that reduced quota was likely to mean that BA(QTS) degrees would be discontinued. It was agreed to contact James Garnett at NAME to find out if there is anything NAMHE can do in terms of advocacy.

NAMHE Conferences

The 2012 Conference on REF will be held at MMU Crewe campus on Tuesday 8 May 2012. There was a discussion on an appropriate format and suggested speakers.

Future Projects

- It was agreed that 'Projects Officer' should be a new portfolio for the 2012 Committee.
- It was decided that NAMHE should invite applications to pursue a project on 'advocacy for the value of music in teaching in the 21st century'.
- Paul Archbold to source quotation for an advocacy and recruitment film along the lines of the CUK Advocacy booklet. This will be 10-15 minutes long, involving six institutions, featuring employability and a narrative voice and including a list of member institutions at the end. .

Next Meeting

Saturday 11 February 2012 at 11 am.