

## Summary – NAMHE Committee Meeting 11 February 2012

### *New Committee*

Miguel Mera (City University London) and Helen Julia Minors (Kingston University London) were welcomed to their first meeting. They have joined the Pre-HE and Research sub-committees respectively.

### *Matters arising from the last meeting*

*Working visas for foreign academics* – enquiries have been made in various quarters. It is understood that CUK have done some work in this area.

*Removal of cap for AAB students* – Thomas Schmidt-Beste to contact the RMA about the standing of other qualifications used for Music entrance.

### *Advocacy*

Steve Halfyard reported that there has been a very low response to NAMHE's survey on advocacy for Music – impact of funding changes. Delegates at the Annual Conference will be encouraged to complete it. It was suggested that NAMHE set up a database of information from KIS once available.

Rebecca Herissone (Manchester) has agreed to lead the advocacy project. It was agreed that an A5 booklet should be produced for Government and managers of institutions and that resources should be collected for NAMHE's web site for the benefit of its members. Caroline Bithell has volunteered to collate quotes, facts and figures on the 'breadth, diversity and value of Music'.

The closure of Music at East Anglia was discussed. It was noted that NAMHE has an important role to play in providing information to departments under threat to help them resist closure.

### *REF*

Thomas Schmidt-Beste updated the Committee on developments. Final panel and sub-panel guidelines have now been published.

### *NAME Project on Music, Teaching and Employability*

Helena Gaunt, Steve Halfyard and Charles Wiffen have been working with James Garnett of NAME on this project, which seeks to identify the qualities of music graduates valued most highly by employers. A Study Day is to be held on 24 March.

### *NAMHE Conference*

The 2012 Conference on REF will be held at MMU Crewe campus on Tuesday 8 May 2012. There was discussion on speakers, breakout groups and administration.

***Next Meeting***

Saturday 9 June 2012 at 11 am.