

**Moot Court, New Academic Building, LSE
12:30 Lunch and 13:00 Start**

(*) Written report/papers attached

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| <p>Present AB, KB, SB, MD, PE, DF, RH, AL, JM, LM, APK, JSc, MS, AN. Michael Doherty.</p> | |
| <p>Absent LH, MO.</p> | |
| <p>Agenda item</p> | <p>Action</p> |
| <p>1. Apologies</p> | |
| <p>CA, SC, SM, NJ, VM, JSh, GD.</p> | |
| <p>2. Minutes of 19.05.11</p> | |
| <p>Approved.</p> | |
| <p>3.1 Chair</p> | |
| <p>Welcome to Antonia Layard who has been co-opted from the Journal of Law and Society which has kindly agreed to pay her travel expenses. Impact Seminar was very successful. Hefce submission has been made. No further news regarding the World Consortium on Law and Society. ESRC are calling for grants assessment panel applications in the field of socio-legal studies. RH and MS to liaise on publishing this in the e-bulletin. RH to write to Gavin Salisbury about consulting with SLSA in relation to socio-legal vacancies in future. Discussed need to consider how we can achieve the effect of past practice of sending membership directory to AHRC and ESRC now that we have only online version. Academy of Social Sciences</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Nominations for 5 Academicians have been submitted. • Need to decide whether we wish to pay for membership. • Discussed the possibility of Associations pooling resources for issues such as website procurement. • Discussed role of consultation responses as an effective way to raise organisational profile. <p>RH, AB and LM met Sharon Witherspoon at Nuffield to discuss respective agendas. Nuffield is planning to fund UG training in quantitative research. Sharon Witherspoon will attend the annual conference at DMU to talk about Nuffield's interests, which will also allow her to see the range of empirical research currently being undertaken. RH to ask her in what format she would like to present or</p> | <p>RH MS AB</p> |

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| attend. AB will attend the annual meeting with the Law Commission. There was no response to the invitation to provide a 'wish list' of empirical research to contribute to the current programme. AGREED <ul style="list-style-type: none"> We need to help them to draw on our expertise. AB to indicate that face to face meetings with leading socio-legal researchers have been known to work well in the past, better than the annual meeting format. We need to consider trying to recruit beyond the US and UK—for example Australia, China India. AGREED <ul style="list-style-type: none"> To discuss appointment of Executive member to be responsible for international liaison at next meeting. | |
| 3.2. Treasurer* | |
| See accounts. Financial position has stabilised. LM to liaise with JM re who is still paying old rate. | LM JM |
| 3.3. Membership | |
| Database seems better and JM will now start processing backlog. | JM |
| 3.4. Recruitment* | |
| See report. | |
| 3.5 Newsletter * | |
| See report. Need 2500 newsletters for Honolulu, estimated cost of £700 to send with Royal Mail. Might investigate local printer option. AGREED <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Front page of newsletter to be world and new-member friendly. JM to investigate making fee-payment world-friendly More thought to be given to making .pdf copies available to nascent organisations elsewhere. | MS JM |
| 3.7. Webmaster | |
| NJ has indicated to RH that the website upgrade is almost complete. There have been unforeseen hiccups but intentions are good. | |
| 4.1.a. DMU 2012 | |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Numbers of abstracts are at usual levels. Second call to be issued soon. Sponsorship is at same level as last year but publishers are feeling constrained. New initiatives such as water being provided by a sponsor and no-SLSA logo bags are saving money. Journal of Law and Society is funding the plenary. | |

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A range of speakers have been approached for the plenary which has yet to be filled. A range of possible candidates were suggested by the Committee. • A meeting point will be arranged for solo attendees to meet others who wish to eat at similar locations, Tourist Board producing maps at their cost. • The website has been problematic due to new constraints on administrative privileges. • Two receptions on campus, one (prize giving) sponsored by Palgrave Macmillan to include some words by DMU and publishers. • Applications for bursaries high, some more deserving than others. <p>AGREED</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • AGM must be timetabled on Wednesday lunchtime, with half an hour beforehand for lunch and an hour for the meeting. • AN to contact Carl Stychin for cheque from Social and Legal Studies for bursaries. • There will be an Executive Committee table including photos of representatives and ideally a computer on which to enter membership data; and distinctive badges for Committee Members. | |
| <p>4.1.c. RGU 2014</p> | |
| <p>SC has advised that the industrial dispute has been resolved.</p> | |
| <p>4.2. Postgraduate Conference</p> | |
| <p>Very successful, positive feedback. Many thanks to Sally Wheeler, Linda Mulcahy, Dave Cowan, Fiona Cownie, Tony Bradney, Ciarán O’Kelly, Fiona de Londras, John Morison and Nathan Emmerich. Thanks to QUB Law School who generously agreed to pay half the costs. A number of PG new memberships have been coming in since the conference. 2013 to be run at Bristol by Dave Cowan unless others express interest. LM to follow up on this with Dave in the next few weeks.</p> | <p>LM</p> |
| <p>4.3.a-c ‘Funding’ ‘Doing’ ‘Teaching’ One Day conferences*</p> | |
| <p>MS to send out special email on Doing to raise registrations.</p> | <p>MS</p> |
| <p>4.3.d. Exploring the ‘Legal’ in ‘Socio-Legal’*</p> | |
| <p>MS and AN to liaise with DC to get price etc on flyer, AN to print flyer to go in conference packs. RH to ask DC that there be no discussants.</p> | <p>AN MS RH</p> |
| <p>4.3.e. Archives</p> | |
| <p>See report. AGREED SLSA would like to see another one. Perhaps consider holding one further north to expand access.</p> | <p>LM</p> |

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| 4.4. LSA Honolulu 2012 | |
| All in place. About 10 SLSA people have indicated they are going including RH. | |
| 5.1. Book prize | |
| Book prize is shared between Didi Herman and Nick Blomley. Early Career Prize is shared between Prabha Kotiswaran and Lisa Vanhala. RH to advise prizewinners, check their proposed attendance at the conference and arrange author-meets-reader sessions. Shortlists for the book and article prizes to go on the website and in the newsletter. | RH MS |
| 5.2. Article prize | |
| Voting in progress. Closes February 1. | |
| 5.3. Prize for contribution to the socio-legal community | |
| Awarded to Mavis Maclean who is delighted. | |
| 5.4. Small grants | |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 22 eligible applications. • Sub committee met today and recommended four for funding. <p>AGREED</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To fund 4 recommended applications at total cost of £6146. • Jane Scoular to take over from DF as chair of small grants sub-committee. • The Committee thanked DF for his huge contribution to the SLSA over the past 6 years, especially in relation to membership, small grants and conference organisation. | |
| 6. SLSA-Irish network | |
| <p>Michael Doherty (Dublin City University) discussed the development of his socio-legal scholars' network in the Republic of Ireland, indicating that there was strong interest from Government and NGOs in the Republic and that he would be keen to see more interest from academics. A new socio-legal journal is being launched in the Republic.</p> <p>AGREED</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SLSA is keen to support socio-legal network in the Republic. • Encouraged to submit a proposal for a one-day conference (fee to be set with aim of at least breaking even, limited losses to be underwritten by SLSA) involving multiple institutions, focusing on academic-policy-practitioner linkages, and aiming to result in a special issue of a journal. Encouraged to contact Sally Wheeler to access graduates of the QUB professional PhD programme who are senior civil servants in the Republic. • Response to the event can be taken as an indication of interest in the network. If high, a representative of the Network might be co-opted to join the Executive. • In any event individual members from RI should be encouraged to stand for election to the Executive. | Michael Doherty |

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| 7. Elections to the Executive Committee* | |
| <p>Costs have been substantially reduced by the decision to hold one of the Executive meetings at the annual Conference and to hold one meeting of office holders only.</p> <p>Phli Rumney resigned 19.11.11. Jo Shaw has resigned with effect from the AGM. Dermot Feenan is due to come off at the AGM.</p> <p>This leaves 21 Members, with two (AB, MD) at end of first term.</p> <p>AGREED</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Members co-opted for conferences must step down or stand for election at the AGM following their conference. • Four places will be available at the AGM 2012. • AB and MD wish to stand for re-election. • APK to ask SM (co-opted) if she wishes to step down or stand for election. • Nominations to be made and, if necessary, voting to be conducted by secret ballot, at AGM. • RH and MS to draft announcement. | <p>APK MS RH</p> |
| 8. Survey of members | |
| <p>KB to draft and circulate questionnaire among Executive. Once approved to be distributed via Executive Committee table at DMU annual conference.</p> | <p>KB</p> |
| 10. Recruiting undergraduate and institutional members | |
| <p>KB to pilot an SLSA student group at Newcastle with a view to possibly becoming an institutional member in the future.</p> <p>JM to ask SLS how their institutional membership plan works, and whether a package can be given to law schools that advertise in the Newsletter.</p> | <p>KB JM</p> |