

TGfU SIG Meeting on 25th Jan 2012

Present: TH, SH, JB (arrived to meeting at 5.30pm UK time), LA,

Approval of Minutes

TBA later at the next meeting

(1) Website review and membership process - Tim, Steve and Jamie comments

Website

Looking at the statistics – SH stated that the time on the site was an issue

How do we get them to stay on the site?

Membership

Issues of becoming a member of AIESEP

Fee for the registration of the site – what account does it go into? – TH

170 different visitors – if we are charging, what are they paying for?

LA book – electronic book

Running off 200 copies at the conference and then electronic book for the fee

They will pay five pounds for a book – TH

Key point is what do they get for being a member

SH – explore the notion of integrating paying system to the site

Only members can edit the google docs pages

(2) Advisory Board – Joy

Trying to recruit more people – maybe going to do this at the up-and-coming conference

JB – suspended to the 2012 conference?

JB – run it now and then begin to grow it at the conference. This means that you do not become disillusioned because they have applied.

JB – need to begin to review applications.

(3) Honorary awards – Joy

Last time this was awarded to LA and J-F Grehaigne

David Bunker and Rod Thorpe – when to have the presentation and give them award and what type of award. This may be needed to be done in a more public form and make a big thing of it this time around.

LA to ask Lorraine Cale about this.

(4) TGfU conference update – Len

Extend the abstract deadline – only had 50 so far and 15 bookings and nearly all teachers

Getting abstracts turning around

Abstracts from keynotes

All the symposiums are accepted

Practicals to be done and sorted next week (i.e. when Horst Wein is confirmed)

Keynotes are available to talk informally about their presentation

LA to chase up these points at the meeting tomorrow – 26th Jan 2012

All University emails need to advertise the conference – LA to organize and send out link

When they extend deadline will be positive – expanding slots for presentation

SH – need to extend the deadline ASAP

Keynotes titles – Len speaks to his presentation – developing partnerships to develop curriculum. All done internally: better when no money for training.

SH – knock on effects on the early bird discount of extending deadline

TH – overview of keynotes and on what day etc.

JB – suggested a blitz of TGfU publicity

SH – suggests emailing all the members

JB – email delegates from the last conference. Lorraine Cale to be followed up by LA.

LA – no formal meeting for the last 3 months

TH – LA to send the invitation on the email list JB sent to LA – rather than Lorraine

(5) Executive positions for AGM

LA to become TH

Secretary of Treasurer is up for changing and re-electing

SH discussed the notion of bringing in new members to the TGfU SIG and maybe some of us take a back seat or, for example, SH takes on the website development role, a role which is created.

TH – noted the need to develop the advisory board, and there are interesting people who are interested in developing the website then this may be a way forward.

JB – targeting appropriate but needs to be open process and developments of the SIG need to ratify this is appropriate.

(6) Next meeting

Wednesday 8th or 15th February 2012 on doodle to confirm

Action Points Summary

1. Issues of becoming a member of AIESEP – JM to follow up with SH and TH
2. Explore the notion of integrating paying system to the site – SH
3. Further discussion needed on members areas - ALL
4. Advisory Board – JB to send out lists of those who have applied and will look to prompt people we feel may be interested in the roles
5. Awards at TGfU conference – JB and LA to follow up with Lorraine Cale and Mary Nevill
6. Updates from TGfU conference – LA to follow up with Lorraine Cale and Mary Nevill in terms of abstract deadline extension and publicity (i.e. JB to email TGfU membership list), number of delegates attending etc.

Additional point (after meeting thought buy SH):

A point to discuss at the next meeting is updating the site and how we go about it for different parts so people keep coming back (i.e. we can email all members a solicit blogs, articles reviews we can post etc.)