Item 3.e: Honorary Secretary

1. Elections to UCML Exec

This report covers the time since the business meeting of 14th January 2022. The main secretarial business has been completing the elections of new Executive members. These are:

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.

We are now waiting for nominations to fill in the following roles: Middle Eastern Studies, Slavonic and East European Studies, and Schools Liaison and ALL Representative.

2. Small Grants

The Small Grants subcommittee met on 13th May to review applications from round 2 and 3; 5 of these have been successful.

3. Partnership with CIOL

UCML and CIOL worked 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 last April, I am a member of the CIOLQ Educational Trust Board (ETB).

4. Strategic Committee for Languages in Higher Education

On 4th July, Emma and I attended the meeting of the SCLHE, which Emma co-chairs with Charles Forsdick. On 4th March, and on Emma’s behalf, I co-chaired the meeting. 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).

5. The Language Teaching Journal & Languages, Society and Policy 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. I was also invited to write an article for the re-launched Languages, Society and Policy journal on the theme of transnationalising language teaching.

6. Upcoming meetings

Steering Group: 14th October 2022 – 14:00
Executive Committee: 11th November 2022 – 10:00