



## MINUTES

### Southeast Asian Art Academic Programme (SAAAP) Programme Board Meeting 37 (2018-19)

10.00 – 12.00 | Thursday 25 April 2019 | Director's Office

<b>Membership</b>	
Tamsyn Barton (TB)	Chair of Programme Board
Valerie Amos (VA)	SOAS Director
Shane McCausland (SM)	Head of School of Arts
Ben Murtagh (BM)	Head of School of Languages, Cultures and Linguistics
Heather Elgood (HE)	Course Director, Postgraduate Diploma in Asian Art
Ruth O'Hanlon (RO)	Director of Development, Alumni & External Engagement
<b>Programme staff</b>	
Liam Roberts (LR)	Programme Manager
Chloe Osborne (CO) (Secretary)	Programme Administrator
<b>Apologies</b>	

Agenda item.	Agenda Item and Notes
1	<p><b>MINUTES:</b> The Minutes were approved as an accurate record of the meeting on 20 February 2019.</p> <p><b>ACTIONS:</b> Action #159 and #158 were reported as complete</p>
2	<p><b>CHAIR'S REPORT:</b> TB noted that the Singapore Celebration of Graduation and the subsequent Masterclasses had been delivered successfully, and had made a positive impression on the Scholars in attendance as well as on the President of the Alphawood Foundation as a strong demonstration of the Programme's legacy.</p>

	<p><b>DIRECTOR'S REPORT:</b> VA agreed that the Singapore event had gone extremely well and that this affirmed the positive legacy of the Programme. VA noted that discussions on potential new rounds of scholarship awards through the Programme were possible, and that our work going forward should include establishing full financial forecasts for different new potential awards scenarios.</p>
<p><b>3</b></p>	<p><b>SAAAP Academic Postholders' Teaching and Research Briefing:</b> SM introduced this briefing paper, outlining the overall teaching and research load of the SAAAP-endowed postholders, prepared for submission to the Alphawood Foundation. This document was designed to provide detailed information on the activity of the Postholders this year in the context of the mission of the Programme.</p> <p>VA also noted that the Foundation had received the Teaching and Research Plan briefing document, which was received positively, but that they were seeking further detail on the postholders' teaching load specifically, including all modules taught and developed and further information related to teaching in the Academic Programme. In order to demonstrate compliance with terms established in the Deed of Gift, a new and detailed briefing should be produced which addresses these queries.</p> <p>TB noted that teaching loads and module focus, in the context of teaching across the Department, should be set out in depth in the subsequent briefing to be prepared for Alphawood.</p> <p><b>ACTION 160:</b> LR and SM to develop an updated Teaching Briefing over the next fortnight.</p>
<p><b>4</b></p>	<p><b>FINANCE UPDATE:</b> LR introduced the Finance Report, noting that investment movements underpinning EAL4 had returned to positive growth on the financial year to date, after two quarters of negative growth. LR noted that this does not necessarily indicate trends that will endure into future quarters and years.</p> <p>LR noted that spend to date under CAL1 proceeds as projected, with all three scholarship stipend tranches now having been paid out to current scholars for the current academic year.</p> <p>LR also noted that CAL3 under the Time Limited Fund is being spent down on outreach and related activity as planned, with projections that it will be exhausted by early 2020 without new incoming support. This aligns with expectations, as CAL3 was envisaged to serve concurrent to the CAL1 scholarships fund, which is also fully allocated to selected scholars to date. LR also noted that funding underpinning CAL2 and CAL4 was sufficient to support the associated staff costs through till at least February 2020.</p> <p>Regarding the potential for future awards which would need to be funded through new sources of financial support outside of SAAAP currently, LR presented costings across several scenarios including Diploma, MA and PhD scholars. These models will be used in future discussion around the potential for soliciting new dedicated scholarships funding.</p>
<p><b>5</b></p>	<p><b>Alphawood Scholarships Selections 2019-20:</b> SM presented the recent deliberations of the Alphawood Scholarships Selection Panel regarding the decision to make one to two new awards to commence in the coming year with dedicated support from EAL4, as agreed across SAAAP Sub-boards and with the Alphawood Foundation.</p> <p>SM reported that the calibre of applications was high, and that alignment with the SAAAP Remit in the applications was clear. The Selection Panel had agreed that, of the five applications received with standing offers of admission from the Doctoral School, there were two applications that it wished to recommend to the Board for award, pending the Board's considerations on the financial position of EAL4.</p>

	<p>TB suggested that the Board accept the Panel's recommendations on the nominated awardees and that it would be prudent to offer one award to commence with the 2019-20 academic year. All agreed this posed the least financial risk, and that the highest assessed candidate from the Panel's recommendations should be made an offer of award.</p> <p><b>The Board agrees that candidate Panggah Ardiyansyah shall be made an Offer of Award to commence in 2019-20.</b></p>
6	<p><b>Academic Support Fund: Updates, Reports and Applications</b></p> <p><b>UPDATE: SAAAP032 – NUS Press Series</b></p> <p>BM noted that the call for papers for the series had recently been launched with the AAS Conference in Denver, and that development of the first planned publication in the series was underway. BM confirmed that further updates on progress are expected at the next meeting of the Research and Publications Sub-board</p> <p><b>UPDATE: SAAAP065 – Singapore Celebration of Graduation</b></p> <p>LR reported that the event was a success, with nearly 40 Alphawood Alumni taking part in the Graduation event itself, along with senior leaders from SOAS, the ACM and the Alphawood Foundation. A post-event briefing was being written in coordination with EEPA team members, who had oversight of SOAS Masterclasses during the weekend, and would be tabled at a subsequent washup meeting with all teams involved in the weekend's activity.</p> <p>HE noted that the event served to substantively heighten SOAS' visibility in Singapore and the region, and that interest in the Masterclasses was also high. TB agreed and noted that interest in online teaching had been raised by several audience members. LR confirmed that a Funded Activity Report setting out a full review of the project and its overall spend would be produced for approval at the subsequent Board.</p>
7	<p><b>AOB</b></p> <p><b>The Director's Southeast Asia trip</b></p> <p>VA reported that her visit to the Da Nang Cham Museum in Vietnam and to the University of Gadjah Mada (UGM) in Java, Indonesia, went very well. The trip was primarily focused on fomenting existing partnerships between SOAS and these institutions. At UGM VA met with the Rector and senior staff who indicated their enthusiasm to extend the partnership. SAAAP have recently funded a new publication with UGM which links to the small collection held in Pramadan. UGM are keen to explore other opportunities, for instance the possibility of sending their academics to SOAS for training, an initiative being led by the Indonesian government who are seeking to fund academic training in the UK to enhance local capacity.</p> <p>VA added that the partnership between the institutions she visited in Vietnam and SOAS seemed overall to be equally valued. She noted that the new Director of the Cham Museum was very keen on utilising Alphawood Scholar Duyen Nguyen's new skills for the next stage of development for the museum, and was enthusiastic about other staff members studying at SOAS as another opportunity for Scholarships arose.</p> <p>VA commended the Alphawood Scholars and Alumni across all the institutions who engaged with her during the trip, and who were a real asset to have on hand during her visits.</p> <p><b>Incoming Scholars</b></p>

	<p>Finally, LR updated the Board on the incoming Scholars for next academic year. One deferred Scholar has had to decline the offer to join SOAS in September due to commitments to his current role in Laos. The Scholarships Sub-board have recommended that funding committed to him should go to the reserve candidate. MA Admissions have confirmed this candidate's application is still live, so we will offer it to her and hope she is able to take it up.</p>
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**Date of Next Meeting – 27 June 2019, 10.00-12.00**

**SAAAP Project Board Actions 2018/2019**

	<b>Action</b>	<b>Added</b>	<b>Action Points</b>	<b>Deadline</b>	<b>Owner</b>	<b>Complete?</b>
	160	25 April 2019	LR and SM to develop an updated Teaching Briefing over the next fortnight.	ASAP	LR/SM	