Minutes of the Commission Mixte meeting, 30 November 2017

Present:
Gioia Cacchioli
Roberta Marangi
Amy Brown
Valerie Fehlbaum
Amy Brown
Guillemette Bolens
Manon Hill (arrived 14.26)

Meeting opened 14.20

1. The proposed plan d’études has passed the commission d’enseignement and will soon go before the conseil participatif of the Faculty.

2. Staffing news: new staff have settled into their posts. Oran McKenzie and Oliver Wright will exchange posts in the new year, with Oliver becoming Prof. Deborah Madsen’s assistant and Oran becoming Dr Martin Leer’s assistant.

3. Posts of assistant in American Literature and assistant in Medieval English literature will be advertised soon, replacing Bryn Skibo-Birney and Amy Brown from September 2018

4. The new BA1 course is going well: the writing lab has had good feedback from students. Approximately 80 students are still enrolled, and their overall performance at mid-term was good.

5. Film club has been successful so far under Patrick Jones’s leadership.

6. Gioia raised the question on behalf of masters students as to why English does not offer a 120 credit specialisation at the masters level. Two explanations were offered: firstly, that we have insufficient staff to offer 120 credits, and secondly, that when the MA plan d’études was last changed, there had been no student interest in a 120 credit specialisation.

Meeting adjourned 15.00

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