**Minutes of the LAGB Student Committee meeting**

**30/08/2013 13:10 pm**

In attendance: Ruba Khamam, Jonathan Kasstan, Georg Hoehn, Rebecca Woods, Rebecca Jackson, Hannah Gibson and Laura Bailey

**Student conference funding**

It was decided that we would have two calls for conference funding with deadlines at two points in the year. This decision was motivated by a desire to avoid late submissions but also the potential to disadvantage certain schools who hold conferences early in the academic year.

* Important to ensure flyers from LAGBSC are provided to conferences who have secured LAGBSC funding.
* One month before conference to contact local organisers and remind them of the conditions upon which funding was granted
* RK to find out what our budget for conference funding is for the coming year?

**Defining roles of the student members of the LAGBSC:**

It was decided that whilst all committee members will be involved in all decision making processes, it would be good to define the roles of the members to ensure that there tasks are completed in a timely manner. The following roles were agreed upon and assigned.

Chair: Ruba Khamam

Vice-Chair/Funds manager/liaison: Georg Hohn

Meetings secretary: Jonathan Kasstan

Events lead/contact: Rebecca Woods

Communications & outreach: Rebecca Jackson,

**Event ideas next LAGB meeting:**

Suggestions for events at the next LAGB meeting and throughout the year included:

* An ‘un-conference’ - a more relaxed meeting in which the exchange of ideas is encouraged; relaxed atmosphere; cross-discipline
* Talks: how to getting a job, early career researchers etc, publishing ‘one-stop shop’,how to write an academic CV, interview techniques and strategies, how to teach linguistics at undergraduate level [RJ happy to organize and teach]
* Time should be allowed in next year’s LAGB programme for the student event. This message to be relayed to OB
* Social event on a different night from the conference dinner

Reference was made to next year’s summer school. Considerations include:

* Important that summer school and student activities are not in parallel to main sessions
* Attract undergraduate and postgraduate students in linguistics and other subjects (Modern languages etc)

As a committee we felt we should strive to hold more and provide more opportunities outside of the annual meeting. It was suggested that we take a regional approach and hold events in between the annual meeting - one in the North and one in the South. This may provide a forum for training activities, talks, increased networking as well as increasing the visibility of the LAGB and the LAGBSC. One of our goals should to be reach out to potential members and to try and attract more people to linguistics at the postgraduate

**Promoting the LAGB and increasing its visibility in language and linguistics**

We discussed ways in which we could increase the visibility of the LAGBSC.

It was concluded that we should make further use of social media, including Facebook and Twitter etc. RJ to take over the Twitter account

As a Student Committee we proposed Facebook group for students and LAGBSC to share news, messages and information. This could be used to promoting the benefits of joining the LAGB (including student bursaries, the student prize, being up to date with new events in the field…etc) and the new membership fees among student members.

**Farewells**

Laura Bailey, Hannah Gibson, Rachel Hatchard, and Richard Littauerare all stepping down. They were thanked for their contributions to the LAGBSC.