



# Minutes

**Enclosure to IFFTI Secretariat**  
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<b>Meeting</b>	Meeting of the 44 <sup>th</sup> Online Executive Committee	
<b>Date</b>	Thursday 13 <sup>th</sup> February 2020	
<b>Attendance</b>	<p>(a) <b>Chairperson</b>          Prof. Robyn Healy, School of Fashion and Textiles, RMIT, Australia</p> <p>(b) <b>Regional Members</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Dr. Deirdre Sato, Fashion Institute of Technology, U.S.A. - Member</li> <li>• Noel Palomo-Lovinski, Kent State University, USA - Member</li> <li>• Robert Ott, Ryerson University, Canada, Chair, Education Initiative Sub-Committee</li> <li>• Prof. Norio Nakanishi, Bunka Gakuen University, Japan – Member</li> <li>• Prof. Nandita Abraham, Pearl Academy, India – Chair, Finance Sub-Committee</li> <li>• Gulin Girismen, Istanbul Moda Academy, Turkey - Member</li> <li>• Heather Pickard, London College of Fashion, UK – Member</li> <li>• Prof. Liz Barnes, Manchester Metropolitan University, UK Deputy Chair Membership-Sub-Committee</li> <li>• Anne Normoyle, FDS TAFE NSW, Australia – Member</li> <li>• Prof. Margo Barton, Otago Polytechnic, New Zealand- Chair Membership Sub-Committee</li> </ul> <p>(c) <b>Co-opted Members</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Prof. Anthony Kent, Nottingham Trent University, UK- Chair Research Sub-Committee</li> <li>• Prof. Boo-Rim Joo, Ewha Womans University, South Korea – Hosting 2021 Annual Conference</li> <li>• Alexandra De Raeve University College Ghent, Belgium</li> </ul> <p>d) <b>Member Secretary</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Commodore Vijay Chaturvedi (Retd.) - Secretary General</li> </ul>	
<b>Apologies</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Prof. Jun Li, Donghua University, P.R. China – Deputy Chair, Finance Sub-Committee</li> <li>• Prof. Basia Szkutnicka, The Hong Kong Polytechnic University, Hong Kong – Deputy Chair, Education Initiative Sub-Committee</li> <li>• Dr. Dirk Reynders, Amsterdam Fashion Institute (Hogeschool), The Netherland- Member</li> </ul>	
<b>Items</b>	<b>Discussions/Outcomes</b>	
<b>1. Welcome</b>	Prof. Robyn Healy welcomed the members and appreciated their attendance across different time zones.	
<b>2. Confirmation of Minutes</b>	The Minutes of the 43 <sup>rd</sup> meeting of the Executive Committee held on 7 <sup>th</sup> and 8 <sup>th</sup> November, 2019 were adopted .	<b>Secretary General</b>
<b>3. Election of Deputy Chair</b>	Prof. Liz Barnes was unanimously elected as the next Deputy Chair.	<b>Secretary General</b>

<p><b>4. Chair</b></p>	<p><b>4.1 Governance at IFFTI</b> To avoid confusion in relation to IFFTI governance, it was proposed that current policies be reviewed. We need to ensure that the policies support what we do and reflect the vision of IFFTI. The existing policies and responsibilities will be reviewed at Kent State University, USA at the next Executive meeting.</p> <p><b>4.2 Role of Executive</b> To support the dynamic and purpose of IFFTI each executive Committee member will have a specific role in leading and participating on a sub-committee and/or leading a special/specific project.</p> <p><b>4.3 Brand Image</b> It is proposed to launch the new brand image at EWHA Conference. Chair and Deputy Chair will take this up with EWHA to develop the proposal with assistance from Pearl Academy.</p> <p><b>4.4 Student Competition Initiatives</b> Prof.Basia Szkutnicka previously had volunteered to lead this initiative. Anne Normoyle to follow up and co-ordinate with Prof.Basia Szkutnicka and Mr. Robert Ott, in time for the Ewha Conference. Guidelines for competitions to be developed. Priority for IFFTI competitions is inclusiveness, taking into account the different academic calendars, consideration of varied activities from exhibitions, runways, to online forums, mindful of participation expenses/funding and limited support available from institutions.</p> <p><b>4.5 Conference framework</b> The conference model is evolving. It is time to consider different models. All Executive committee members to share any ideas, suggest models that IFFTI might consider and/or trial for future conferences.  A proposal will be presented to the General Council for their comments.</p> <p><b>4.6 Regional meetings</b> Prof. Nandita Abraham explained that three meetings of India Chapter of IFFTI were held recently. The mandate of the meetings was: - a) To share best practices amongst the group in Design Pedagogy, Industry engagement and Fashion and Society. b) To explore areas of collaborations for research and publications c) To influence policy for growth of Indian Fashion industry.  The Chair Congratulated Pearl Academy on this achievement.</p> <p><b>4.7 Joint Conference with ITAA</b> ITAA has expressed interest to hold a joint conference with IFFTI. ITAA is an individual member organisation with large membership. Selecting a shared venue requires consideration of the increased scale and scope of activities. We are currently not prepared for a joint conference, as we reconsider the IFFTI conference model. However, in the future we would consider scenarios such as this. There are opportunities to acknowledge and support small groups and invite them to our Conference for Research Projects. IFFTI can be generous and share/display on our website activities of other organisations like ITAA and others, as a form of collaboration and support.</p>	<p><b>Prof. Robyn Healy</b></p> <p><b>Secretary General</b></p>
<p><b>5. Research Sub-Committee</b></p>	<p><b>5.1 New Criteria of IFFTI Initiative Awards</b> No comments were received on the Revised Criteria for the awards. Good papers from non-members were received. Some of the awardees have expressed inability to come due to financial constraints. Can we give them the Award Money in advance? In the guidelines the Institutions give an undertaking that they will support the prize winners to attend the conference. However, this does not seem to be implemented. We may consider giving the prize money to the concerned Institution in advance to facilitate supporting the academic to attend the conference to present the paper. We need to review the process to resolve the funding issues.</p> <p><b>5.2 Mentoring Programme</b> No progress has been made. Prof. Anthony Kent to continue to develop initiative.</p> <p><b>5.3 Workshops</b> Topic- Social Justice one plenary session One Joint Plenary Session followed by separate Research and Education breakouts.</p>	<p><b>Prof. Anthony Kent</b></p>

	<p><b>5.4 Guidelines</b> Guidelines for conferences being put together and will be displayed on the website.</p> <p><b>5.5 Special Edition of a Journal</b> In discussion with Susan Orr, option to be conference specific or more general. We could select a suitable theme and invite all members to participate.</p> <p><b>5.6 2020 Conference registration</b> The Registration for the 2020 Conference is very low. Recommendation, to send a further reminder to members. Prof. Noel Palomo Lovinski was requested to put together an e-poster to be circulated.</p>	
<p><b>6. Membership Sub-Committee</b></p>	<p><b>6.1 New member</b> Indian Institute of Art and Design (IIAD), India was offered Associate Membership.</p> <p><b>6.2 Online Application</b> This has been prepared but is not very successful because of the number of documents required.</p> <p><b>6.3 Growing Membership</b> Priority to prepare a document specifying IFFTI Membership benefits.</p>	<p><b>Prof.Margo Barton</b></p>
<p><b>7. Education Initiative Sub-Committee</b></p>	<p><b>7.1 Mobility Initiative</b> Five applications have been accepted and communication is in progress with three more</p> <p><b>7.2. New Expertise</b> Expertise Bank is working well.</p>	<p><b>Mr. Robert Ott</b></p> <p><b>Secretary General</b></p>
<p><b>8. Industry Sub-Committee</b></p>	<p><b>8.1</b> Was not discussed.</p>	<p><b>Secretary General</b></p>
<p><b>9. Venues</b></p>	<p><b>9.1 2022 Conference</b> Holding two consecutive conferences in Asia was not supported. Prof.Anthony Kent will contact the Europe Regional Members to consider hosting the conference</p> <p><b>9.2. 2023 Conference</b> RMIT, Vietnam have taken the proposal to the University and Government for consideration.  The host institution for the 2023 Conference will be considered after confirmation of the 2022 Venue.</p>	<p><b>Prof. Robyn Healy</b></p> <p><b>Secretary General</b></p>
<p><b>Concluding Remarks</b></p>	<p>Prof. Robyn Healy thanked Prof. Nandita Abraham, Pearl Academy, India for co-ordinating zoom session and to members for attending.</p>	<p><b>Prof. Robyn Healy</b></p>

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