
BUTEX
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Chair's Report

As we write this report, it is with a renewed sense of optimism and hope for the future. Whilst 2021 proved to be very much a 'game of two halves' the beginning of the 2021/22 academic year saw more students able to be mobile, both out of the UK and into the UK and many returning to campus in some form or another. The myriad of virtual and physical mobilities that have taken place have given the sector an opportunity to focus on sustainable mobility and widening access to opportunities abroad and this is something that we are quite sure will continue long into the future. This, together with physical mobilities will enable us to provide more students than ever with precious intercultural competencies for their futures as Global Citizens.

For BUTEX, it has once again been a year of change. The departures of our long-standing Treasurer and Administrator, whilst tinged with sadness, has also brought new colleagues to the committee and the BUTEX team, breathing new life into the BUTEX culture. Our virtual events have continued to be a success, with new events such as "In Conversation with..." being made available to members. We were also very pleased to see the continued trend of colleagues from all levels of seniority being able to engage with BUTEX through these virtual events and is something the Committee intends to continue in the future. Also, the introduction of the new 'Inbound Forum' has been a long-awaited realisation which has further diversified membership and member engagement.

A Treasurer's Report can be found later in this annual report but is pleasing that we find ourselves in rude health, allowing us to make more positive provisions financially for our students and members. Whilst this 'surplus' is unlikely to happen again (or, at least we hope that if it does, it is for more positive reasons than a pandemic!), it has been a really wonderful opportunity to directly engage the membership with decision making – again improving the democratisation of our Association.

The introduction of the Turing Scheme has been welcomed but has also brought significant challenges as we all (very!) quickly pivoted to the new rules and regulations of the Scheme. With the continued engagement of members through BUTEX and our representation on the Joint Mobility Working Group, we are confident that the Scheme will continue to improve, and we were pleased that this also provided us with an opportunity to more closely engage and work with our colleagues in UUKi, HEURO, British Council and the Department for Education.

Dare we say it, we really are looking forward to in-person networking opportunities in 2022! We are quietly confident that the York Conference will finally go ahead in April 2022, we have confirmed our booth for NAFSA 2022 and preparations for a return of the BUTEX NAFSA Reception are in full swing. We are really looking forward to being able to connect with many of you in-person at these upcoming events and we will of course continue to offer online activity as well.

Of course, this is also the last report that we, Gemma and Rich, will write as members of the BUTEX Committee. It has been a real pleasure and privilege, for both of us, to serve our members and the sector more widely and we will look back on this experience with much fondness. We know that we are leaving BUTEX in the very capable hands of the remaining committee members and those of the incoming Chair, Rohan McCarthy-Gill. Special mention must also be made to the outgoing Events Officer, Andrew Walker, who has served BUTEX well and has been a keen ally and contributor during our shared 4-year tenure.

We wrote in last year's report that "As we head back into the 'new normal', we firmly believe that mobility teams will look back with pride on their hard work, adaptability, ingenuity and fast-paced response to support students abroad and those preparing for a future mobility." We are now in a position to say that we know that this is the case and, whilst there will likely be some continued ups and downs, we are excited to see how, as an organisation, a Committee and (soon-to-be 'normal') members of BUTEX, we will continue to adapt, evolve and innovate as a sector.

Rich Dunning and Gemma Proudley

BUTEX Co-Chairs

BUTEX Membership

BUTEX has 74 Full Members, 13 Associate members and one reciprocal member.

Executive Committee Members

Executive Officers 2021

Gemma Proudley	Co-Chair
Rich Dunning	Co-Chair
Jane Atkinson,	Vice-Chair (until March 2021)
Angela Phoenix,	Treasurer (until May 2021)
Paulina Swann	Vice-Chair (from June 2021)
Rohan McCarthy-Gill	Treasurer (from June 2021)
Gemma Roberts	Marketing and Communications Officer
Andrew Walker	Events Officer
Alice McLuckie	Conference Officer / Co-opted Committee Officer
Maggie Wootton	Summer Forum Officer
Inez Summers	Co-opted Committee Officer
Colette McGowan	Co-opted Committee Officer (Inbound Forum)

Following Alice McLuckie's move to the University of Hull, various colleagues from the University of York are working with the Committee to deliver the 2022 Conference.

Executive Officers 2022

Rohan McCarthy-Gill	Chair
Paulina Swann	Vice Chair
VACANT	Treasurer
Gemma Roberts	Marketing and Communications Officer
Sara Caneschi	Events Officer
Maggie Wootton	Summer Forum Officer
Alice McLuckie	Co-opted Committee Officer
Inez Summers	Co-opted Committee Officer
Colette McGowan	Co-opted Committee Officer (Inbound Forum)

Rohan McCarthy-Gill was elected as Chair in December 2021, and his position as Treasurer will be replaced in 2022.

Activities in 2021

BUTEX Committee Meetings

The Committee continued to meet virtually and have met on a monthly basis. All BUTEX Executive meetings were held via MS Teams or Zoom. Meetings took place on:

29 January 2021
18 February 2021
30 March 2021
19 May 2021
16 June 2021
15 July 2021
6 September 2021
7 October 2021
5 November 2021
26 November 2021

OGM and AGM

Due to COVID-19 and the BUTEX 2021 Conference being held online and there were no issues to put to the membership vote, there was no OGM this year. However, an EGM was held on 7th July to agree changes to the Constitution and to consider spending options for the financial surplus that COVID-19 had generated.

The AGM will be held on 10th December (via Zoom).

The BUTEX 15th International Conference

This was BUTEX's second virtual conference and was held on 3rd and 4th August 2021. Many thanks to the BUTEX Executive committee for their hard work and especially to Rich Dunning who masterminded the event. The varied programme offered to delegates included sessions on:

- **In conversation with UUKI**
- **Enhancing the return to physical mobility from digital work experience programs**
- **Inbound Forum Kick-off!**
- **Beyond the Physical: International Partnership Engagement 202**
- **Reimagining Student Marketing: Tips and strategies to be engaging and relatable**

This event was extremely well attended, and feedback was very positive.

Thank you also to all members who participated as session presenters and helped to provide a full and varied programme as well as participants who also successfully navigated registering and logging into the virtual conference.

NAFSA 2021, Orlando, Florida

After the cancellation of NAFSA in 2020, BUTEX transferred their reservation and had a double booth booked for the event scheduled for 2021.

As NAFSA 2021 was a virtual event, due to the ongoing Covid-19 pandemic, the BUTEX booth booking was rolled over to the planned conference in Denver, Colorado, 2022.

The BUTEX Winter Workshop 2021

After a successful online 2020 Winter Workshop, it was agreed that the 2021 Workshop will be held online on 10 December. The BUTEX Executive Committee received varied session proposals and the programme being offered will focus on 'Students Connecting Borders' and will focus on the students experience. There will be six sessions being held over 1 day and will include an informal networking event. Sessions will include:

- **In conversation with UUKI**
- **Encouraging Students to Think about Sustainability and Well-being as an Important Part of Travel**
- **Hybrid Forever? A New Approach to Marketing & Events**
- **No Travel? No Problem! Virtual Student Exchange Success Story**
- **From Botswana to the world: providing global opportunities via Virtual Internships**
- **Pent-up Demand vs A Lost Generation**

The BUTEX Scholarships 2021

After so many students were unable to undertake their exchange in 2020, 2021 saw a large number of applications with us receiving a total of 427. Due to such high numbers, marking all the entries took some time and coordination! The initial marking was undertaken by a group of volunteers from the BUTEX Committee and our members, and this helped us to get the top five for each category. Then the BUTEX committee voted on the top three for each category and then the 24 finalists were voted on by our members. Thanks to all those who took the time to vote.

Our winners for 2021 will be announced at the December AGM and will be uploaded to the website.

This year, two new categories were introduced broadening the options available for students to apply. Now students can submit an Essay, Blog, Vlog or a Poster, opening the door for much more creative and original entries. The questions were also changed to be the same across all categories and asked students to consider the top three challenges they faced/will face in their exchange and explain how they overcame/plan to overcome those challenges. The new questions were well received and have made the marking criteria much more uniform.

BUTEX believes that the scholarships are an effective way of both benefiting your students and for promoting study abroad and the activities of BUTEX at the same time.

We would like to thank all member institutions who actively advertised the BUTEX Scholarships to their students. A breakdown of entries by home and host institution can be seen in Appendix 2.

[Dates for Your Diary 2022](#)

The BUTEX Scholarships 2022

2022 scholarship applications will soon be open with 18 scholarships available. Successful applicants will be announced in July 2022.

The BUTEX Conference 2022

BUTEX is looking forward to finally hosting its 16th International Conference at the University of York, April 2022.

Many thanks to Alice McLuckie who had expertly planned this event for 2020, rearranged it for 2021, only for it to be postponed again! Since Alice's move to University of Hull, colleagues from the University of York Centre for Global Programmes have been supporting the Committee (special thanks go to Carol Feasby and Samantha Liu) and the conference planning is now well underway and we are confident the conference will finally take place in 2022.

[NAFSA 2022, Denver, Colorado.](#)

A double booth #1901 has been booked in the Expo Hall for NAFSA 2022.

The BUTEX NAFSA Welcome Event 2022

The Welcome Event for BUTEX members will be announced as soon as possible. This event will likely be held on Sunday 29th or Monday 30th May 2022.

The BUTEX Reception at NAFSA 2022

The 2022 Reception will be announced soon. Venues are currently being researched as we are hopeful the event will now take place.

Details of how to get involved will be posted on the BUTEX website.

Appendix 1

BUTEX Member Institutions

Full Members

Aberdeen, University Of
Aberystwyth University
Anglia Ruskin University
Arts London, University of the
Bangor University
Bath Spa University
Bath, University of
Birmingham City University
Birmingham, University of
Bradford, University of
Brighton, University of
Bristol, University of
Canterbury Christ Church
University
Cardiff Metropolitan University
Cardiff University
Central Lancashire, University of
De Montfort University
Dundee, University of
Durham, University of
East Anglia, University of
Edge Hill University
Edinburgh, University of
Exeter, University of
Glasgow Caledonian University
Glasgow School of Art
Glasgow, University Of
Greenwich, University of
Hertfordshire, University Of
Hull, University Of
Keele University
Kingston University
Lancaster University
Leeds Beckett University
Leeds, University Of
Leicester, University Of
Lincoln, University of
Liverpool John Moores University
Liverpool, University of
London Metropolitan University

London School of Economics and
Political Science
London South Bank University
Manchester Metropolitan
University
Manchester, University Of
Newcastle University
Northumbria University
Nottingham Trent University
Nottingham, University Of
Oxford Brookes University
Portsmouth, University of
Queen Mary University of London
Queen's University Belfast
Reading, University Of
Roehampton, University of
Royal Holloway, University of
London
Salford, University of
Sheffield Hallam University
Sheffield, University Of
SOAS, University of London
Southampton, University of
St Andrews University
St Mary's University,
Twickenham, London
Stirling, University Of
Strathclyde, University Of
Surrey, University Of
Sussex, University Of
Swansea University
Teeside University
University College London
Warwick, University Of
West of England, University of
the
Westminster, University Of
Worcester, University of
York St John University
York, University Of

Associate Members

Absolute Internship
Academic Programs International
Anglo Educational Services
Arcadia University
BUNAC
Cultural Vistas
Fulbright Commission
Foundation for International
Education
Pagoda Projects
Sannam S4
Think Pacific
ULodging
Virtual Internships

Reciprocal member

UUKi

Appendix 2

Scholarship Entries 2021



**BUTEX SCHOLARSHIP ENTRIES 2021
INCOMING STUDENTS
UNIVERSITY BREAKDOWN**

Incoming	Essay	Blog	Vlog	Poster	Total
Aberystwyth University	1	1			2
Cardiff Metropolitan University	4	1			5
Glasgow School of Art	2				2
Lincoln University		1			1
Liverpool University				1	1
London School of Economics and Political Science	6	2	2	2	12
Queen Mary University of London	2				2
Queen's University Belfast	1				1
Roehampton University		1			1
Royal Holloway, University of London	1			1	2
SOAS University of London	1				1
St Mary's University, Twickenham, London	1	1		1	3
University College London	10	2	1	3	16
University of Aberdeen		1			1
University of Bath				1	1
University of Birmingham	3				3
University of Bristol	1	1			2
University of Dundee		1			1
University of Durham				1	1
University of East Anglia	9			3	12
University of Edinburgh	1	1			2
University of Exeter	2	2			4
University of Glasgow	7	1		4	12
University of Hertfordshire	1				1
University of Leeds	8	3	1	2	14
University of Manchester	11	3	2	2	18
University of Nottingham		1			1
University of Sheffield	2	1		1	4
University of St Andrews	2			2	4
University of Stirling	1		1		2
University of Strathclyde	2			1	3
University of Surrey			1		1
University of Sussex	3	2		1	6

University of Warwick		1			1
University of Westminster	4				4
University of York				1	1
Grand Total	88	26	9	27	150



**BUTEX SCHOLARSHIP ENTRIES 2021
OUTGOING STUDENTS
UNIVERSITY BREAKDOWN**

Outgoing	Essay	Blog	Vlog	Poster	Total
Aberystwyth University	1				1
Bath Spa University	3	1		1	5
Birmingham City University	1				1
Bristol University				4	4
De Montfort University			1	1	2
Durham University	1				1
Glasgow School of Art			2		2
Lancaster University		1		1	2
Leeds University	3	1	1		5
Liverpool John Moores University	4	1		3	8
London School of Economics and Political Science	1	1	1	1	4
Newcastle University	4	1	1	2	8
Northumbria University	4	2		5	11
Oxford Brookes University	1			1	2
Queen Mary University of London	6	2	2	2	12
Roehampton University				1	1
St Mary's University, Twickenham, London	3			2	5
Swansea University	6	1		2	9
University College London	7	4		5	16
University of Aberdeen		1			1
University of Bath	1	3			4
University of Birmingham	8	5	2	4	19
University of Bradford	3				3
University of Dundee	4	4	1	5	14
University of East Anglia	3	1	1	2	7
University of Exeter		2		2	4
University of Glasgow	2	6	2	5	15
University of Hertfordshire		1			1
University of Leicester	2	1	1	1	5
University of Liverpool				1	1
University of Manchester	5	8	2	5	20
University of Nottingham	3			4	7
University of Reading		1	2		3
University of Roehampton	4		1	3	8
University of Sheffield	3	4		5	12
University of St Andrews	5	3	1	4	13
University of Stirling	4	1		1	6

University of Surrey	1			1	2
University of Sussex	12	3	1		16
University of the West of England	2	1	1	1	5
University of Worcester	1	1		1	3
University of York	2	1			3
York St John University	2	2		2	6
Grand Total	112	64	23	78	277

Appendix 3

Treasurer's Report 2021

As the operations of BUTEX continue to be affected by the Covid-19 pandemic, we have in 2021 seen ongoing reduced spending due to event activity continuing to operate in a solely virtual format. This has meant that we have finished the financial year with a significant surplus of c. £35,000.

We consulted members during the July EGM about how they wished this surplus to be utilised, which formed the basis of a formal voting poll that was distributed in October. The majority of votes were for £13,000 of the surplus to be utilised for additional incoming and outgoing student scholarships in 2021/22 and 2022/23.

As a result, we can confirm that a total of 42 student scholarships are funded across the next two years, providing much greater support for students of our member institutions in the current and upcoming mobility cycles.

	Incoming		Outgoing		Total
	Original	Additional	Original	Additional	
2021/22	4	8	4	8	24
2022/23	4	5	4	5	18
					42

After accounting for these scholarships, we retain a healthy ongoing surplus of c. £22,000, which provides both financial stability and future opportunity for BUTEX and our members. We look forward to engaging further with members in the future about initiatives and activities for which we might further utilise our surplus.

As we transition to more physical activity taking place from 2022 onwards, I am cautiously confident that spending will once more start to resemble pre-Covid patterns, however I am pleased that despite all the difficulties of the pandemic, we also now have lower cost, more sustainable opportunities for virtual collaborations to supplement when we come together in person.

From 10 December I will transition to my new Executive Committee role as Chair, and I would like to thank the membership for having me as Treasurer since July this year and express how much I have enjoyed serving in the role. I look forward to our engaging a new volunteer Treasurer in the New Year!

Rohan McCarthy-Gill
November 2021

BUTEX Income and Expenditure
23 November 2020 - 22 November 2021

Income

Membership Fees	£ 35,653.72
Winter Workshop 2020	£ 20.00
Total Income	£ 35,673.72

Expenditure

Secretariat	£ 12,076.01
PayPal fees	£ 277.86
Website	£ 1,579.20
Clear Books	£ 144.00
Zoom	£ 568.64
Scholarships	£ 1,500.00
Total Expenditure	£ 16,145.71

Balance of funds – Santander account **£ 58,154.85**

Balance of funds – PayPal account **£ 1,946.48**

Rohan McCarthy-Gill
BUTEX Treasurer
November 2021