Minutes
A meeting of the External Advisory Committee (EAC) of the Department of Government and International Relations was held on **Thursday 8 September 2011**.

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<td>1. Call to order and apologies</td>
<td>Attending were Mark McDonnell (Chair), Ann Corlett, Rosie Giddings, John Gore, Antony Green, Alice Oppen, Michael Jackson, Allan McConnell, Pippa Norris, David Smith, and from the Politics Society: Raihana Haidary, Rebecca Dang, Jack Clifford, and Danielle Chiaverini.</td>
<td>Apologies noted: Trevor Cook, Ross Gittins, Alister Henskens, Margaret Pollard, Emily Scanlan, and Rodney Smith.</td>
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<td>2. Resignation of Ms Debra O'Neill.</td>
<td>The Committee thanked Debra O'Neill for her contributions since 2008, and offered its very best wishes for the future.</td>
<td>Agreed. Tumultuous applause!</td>
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<td>4. Politics Society</td>
<td>Members of the incoming executive introduced themselves and discussed the Society's activities. Discussion focussed on the mentoring program the Society has to aid students in achieving their potential. In the course of the discussion one suggestion was asking Emily Scanlan to consider offering a session in this program on dealing with difficulties. Jackson agreed to sound out Ms Scanlan.</td>
<td>Noted. Jackson contacted Scanlan and she is touch with the Politics Society.</td>
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<td>5. University Developed Board Endorsed Course</td>
<td>Dr David Smith the lecturer who will teach World Politics discussed the current stage of development with the aim of offering it through Summer School in January 2012. The Committee invited him to its March 2012 meeting to discuss that experience. The Committee thanked Dr Smith for taking the time to attend. Jackson reported that he had written a letter of thanks to the 97 school principals contacted earlier for advice. In addition to courtesy, the aim is in inform schools that the course is in the offing.</td>
<td>Noted and agreed.</td>
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<td>6. Incoming Chair of Department</td>
<td>Professor Allan McConnell talked about the future of the Department, stressing the importance of community engagement. If and when the mooted review of social science moves, he agreed that</td>
<td>The Committee congratulated him on the appointment.</td>
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either he or Rodney Smith would inform the Committee.

The Committee thanked Professor McConnell for taking the time to attend.

| 7. Plans for 80th Anniversary | Professor Pippa Norris described plans for this festive occasion and emphasized fund-raising in association with it. The Committee declared that it was ready and willing to assist. If appropriate, Professor Norris is welcome to attend the December 2011 meeting to follow-up.  

The Committee thanks Professor Norris for taking the time to attend. | The Committee resolved to assist. |
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| 8. Any other business | Some Honours students writing theses had followed-up with Emily Scanlan.  

Alice Oppen invited members to an event she has organized in another capacity.  

Jackson said he had invited the Head of School to the December meeting, and he had agreed in principle. | Noted. |
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| 9. Next meeting | To maximize the attendance of the head of school, and to accommodate a member of the Committee it was agreed that the next meeting be on **Friday 2 December, 12-2 pm** on campus for a light lunch. | Nota Bene!  
This arrangement has yet to be confirmed. |