

Minutes

The External Advisory Committee (EAC) of the Department of Government and International Relations met on **Thursday 6 December 2012**.

Item	Responsibility	Purpose
1. Call to order and apologies	Mark McDonnell, chair.	Apologies: Trevor Cook, Jeannie Douglas, John Gore, Rosie Giddings.
2. Notes of meeting of 20 September 2012.		Approved.
3. Chair of Department report	<p>Professor Dr Allan McConnell reported on the Department's recent accomplishments, including an Excellence in Research Australia rank of 5 (the highest), development of a new two-year Master of International Relations, and revamping the existing professional Masters degree to fit the two-year requirement, and adding capstone units for them each. He also introduced Professor Graeme Gill who will be chair of the department in 2013, while Professor McConnell is Acting Head of the School of Social and Political Sciences in 2013.</p> <p>Dr. Anika Gauja described the five students who likely to be speakers, if they are available at the time, at Best and Brightest 2013.</p> <p>She noted that 2010 Best and Brightest speaker Pat Bateman had been recently awarded the Convocation Medal by the University (a rare honour) and a Rhodes Scholarship.</p> <p>The prospective time must be a sitting night for the Legislative Council, during school and university sessions, not a public</p>	<p>The chair noted that the Department's research was outstanding on both the reported and underlying basis.</p> <p>Jackson sent the Committee's congratulations to Pat Batemen.</p> <p>Jackson has added both Gemma and Madeleine to the invitation list for this event in 2013.</p>

	<p>holiday, and not conflict with any other event relevant to the Department. Earlier indications suggest May 2013.</p>	
<p>4. Gateway Project</p>	<p>Mark McDonnell reported on a meeting with Barrie Unsworth (ALP) and John Fahey (Liberal) both former premiers of NSW. They both agreed to participate in a master class for the Department. It is likely to take the form of a moderated form chaired by Associate Professor Rodney Smith and the target date is 27 March. If members of the Committee wish to attend, please get in touch with Professor McConnell.</p> <p>Guests from the Institute of Public Administration, Australia, NSW Branch:</p> <p>Madeleine Culbert, Vice-President (Director, Asset Strategy, Housing NSW)</p> <p>Gemma Rygate, Chief Executive Officer (acting).</p> <p>Gemma outlined the history of the Institute for Public Administration, emphasizing its association with the Department from the creation of the Institute with the assistance of Professor Francis Bland, who was professor of government. That its annual oration is named for Dick Spann, who was professor of government. That its Master Classes for the Senior Executive Service are named for Associate Professor Helen Nelson, who was the first woman to be head of department. Tom Kewley, Ross Curnow, Martin Painter, Louise Chappell, and Michael Di Francesco have also contributed to IPAA over the years.</p>	<p>Associate Professor Smith is in direct communication with these two gentlemen now to complete the details.</p>

	<p>Madeleine made a proposal to renew the interaction of IPAA with the Department with three key points:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. A periodic reception to bring together staff and students of the Department with IPAA members. 2. That members of the Department may contribute to the IPPA Master Classes. 3. That IPAA and the Department may jointly sponsor fora on matters of mutual interest. 4. Other avenues of interaction were also canvassed. <p>An edited version of the proposal is attached. (To reduce file size, the pictures have been deleted.)</p>	<p>Professor McConnell welcomed the proposals and stressed that they fit in with the Department's developing priorities. Together with the Committee he endorsed the proposals, agreeing to work with Madeleine and Gemma to bring them into being.</p>
<p>5. Any other business</p>	<p>Mark McDonnell announced that he is vacating the chair and resigning from the Committee due to changes in his other commitments. He said the Committee was a proven concept now and well set to develop further. He said he thought it would be now possible to recruit for the chair a very prominent Australian.</p> <p>He described his pleasure in meeting working with members by characterising each as a cabinet position, thusly:</p> <p>Ann Corlett, Treasurer for her support of prizes. John Gore, Minister of Education for navigating the World Politics course. Ross Gittins, Minister of Propaganda for his public advocacy. Emil Scanlan, Minister of Health for her willingness to work with individual students. Alister Henskens, Attorney-General for his advice on law. Rosie Giddings, Minister of Immigration for her work with international students. Alice Oppen, Minister for Foreign Affairs for her international</p>	<p>Jackson move a vote of thanks to the Chair, by referring to the First Chapter of John Stuart Mill's On Representative Government in which Mill urges us to use reason to shape public institutions and life, saying that one person with ideas can do more than 99 others. He applied this maxim to Mark McDonnell in his 4 ½ years of service.</p> <p>The Committee passed unanimously a vote of thanks to Mark. There was tumultuous applause.</p> <p>Jackson said the search for a new chair was underway and invited members to make suggestions to him. Several</p>

	<p>advocacy. Trevor Cook, Minister for Work Place Relations for his knowledge of unions. Jeannie Douglass, Minister for Administrative Services for her guidance at Parliament House. Antony Green, Special Minister of State for his tireless efforts at elections. Michael Jackson, Cabinet Secretary for preparing these notes.</p>	names are in hand.
6. Proposed meeting dates 2013	All are Thursdays 4-6 pm: 14 March, 13 June, 12 September, and 12 December.	Noted.
7. Drinks	Members joined others from the Department in the courtyard for drinks and conversation.	

Attached is the IPAA proposal shorn of photographs.

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IPAA NSW Partnership Proposal – External Advisory Committee

Background

The Institute of Public Administration Australia, NSW Division (IPAA) values its relationship with the University of Sydney and believes in the importance of continuing to build connections with the School of Social and Political Sciences.

Since 1968, IPAA has supported the School's Prizes Ceremony with the GC Remington prize for the most distinguished student in the study of government. At this year's Prizes Ceremony, IPAA presented the award which includes a year's membership with the association. IPAA, through its Vice President, has since met with the prize winning student numerous times in a mentoring capacity to assist him in preparing to secure a role in the public sector in the near future.

Also at the ceremony, IPAA reconnected with Professor Allan McConnell, Chair of the Department of Government and International Relations, to seek a meeting to discuss ways in which IPAA could continue to build its relationship with the School. Since then, meetings have taken place between IPAA and the School's External Advisory Committee Chair and colleagues.

It was agreed at the most recent meeting that IPAA would develop a proposal to the External Advisory Committee to suggest ways the Institute and School could work to bring together senior academics and executives for networking purposes and the exchange of ideas and information.

About IPAA NSW

The Institute of Public Administration Australia (IPAA) is the professional association for people interested in strategic issues, policy, reform and innovation in public sector management. It has been connecting people and ideas for almost 80 years.

IPAA NSW is a not-for-profit organisation promoting the relevance, integrity, reputation and intellectual rigour of the Australian public sector. IPAA NSW has a diverse membership comprising public servants from all tiers of government, business executives, consultants and academics.

The IPAA Network

IPAA is renowned for its unique network and membership base which facilitates valuable connections.

Our network includes:

- public sector professionals (across local, state and federal government sectors)
- CEOs and the Senior Executive Service
- public administration and political science academics
- private and not-for-profit professionals who conduct business with or who are interested in government, and

- IPAA NSW members.

Through the Institute's networking forums, master classes, events and special interest groups, and the establishment of solid links, the celebration of public sector best practice, advancing thought leadership and the sharing of ideas and knowledge, IPAA is a well-positioned organisation to partner with in order to contribute to achieving the School's pathway goals in 2013.

Partnering Opportunities

IPAA NSW welcomes the opportunity to strengthen its connections with the School and would like to propose a program of activities that facilitates the bringing together of senior level public sector professionals and political science academics.

Town & Gown Reception

It is proposed to hold a prestigious networking reception, hosted by the School on the University's premises for a group of senior level public sector professionals and political science academics. This would be by invitation only and be limited to 100 guests. The reception would comprise of the following:

- 50 senior level public sector professionals
- 50 political science academics
- Cocktail-style format
- School of Social and Political Sciences branding (in conjunction with IPAA NSW) at the reception and on invitations
- Speaking opportunity – welcoming and closing remarks
- Follow-up communiqué to guests, and
- Provision of reception venue and catering.

Such an intimate and prestigious reception would enhance networking opportunities for professionals in both sectors.

Master Classes

The School of Social and Political Science is invited to speak at one of IPAA NSW's senior executive master classes in 2013, addressing a topic of interest to public service professionals.

Master classes are high-level events, aimed at the Senior Executive Service, to provide a forum for the discussion of strategic topics of importance. Our signature Master class series, the Helen Nelson series named in honour of longstanding member and first female councillor of IPAA NSW, Dr Helen Nelson, focuses on policy, Helen's area of expertise.

In return, IPAA NSW would provide to the School a prominent public sector professional to speak at a School of Social and Political Science master class on a topic of relevance to academic students.

It is envisaged that up to five public sector professionals or academic students could attend each other's master class.

Public Sector/Academic Forum

The School of Social and Political Science is invited to provide a speaker for one of IPAA NSW's 2013 Member Forums addressing a topic along the lines of 'public service readiness for the Asian Century'.

Member Forums feature pertinent speakers from Australia and overseas.

This opportunity could comprise of:

- Provision of the speaker
- Display of School banner
- School logo on Forum website
- Ability to invite up to 10 academics/students to the Forum, and
- Opportunity to distribute a follow-up article to attendees and IPAA members.

Member Forums discuss current and emerging issues and are a well suited environment to communicate research and study papers. They are also an excellent networking opportunity.

Work Experience for Third Year Students

IPAA NSW would like to offer a third year Social and Political Science student a work experience opportunity to conduct a piece of research and analysis on issues considered by the public sector over time.

This piece of work would involve desk-top research, interviews with stakeholders, and the development of a discussion paper.

It is envisaged that this opportunity would be for a period to be negotiated with the school.

Upon completion the research could be forwarded to the editor for consideration for publication in either the AJPA or Public Administration Today.

This opportunity would provide a student with practical experience in applying their research and analysis skills in an area of government history.

Mentoring

To assist the School with its mentoring activities and building connections between academics and the public sector, IPAA NSW would like to offer its capability to facilitate making these introductions into the sector. Through its extensive data base and networks, IPAA is well positioned to assist the School and its students.

In Closing

2013 presents numerous opportunities to strengthen the relationship between IPAA NSW and the School of Social and Political Science. It is also the 45th anniversary of the GC Remington prize, so timely in terms of acknowledging the long connection between the organisations.

IPAA welcomes discussion of this proposal with the Faculty's External Advisory Committee at its meeting on 6 December.

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