



Minutes

The 37th meeting, External Advisory Committee, the Department of Government and International Relations, Thursday 21 September 2017.

1. Opening	<p>Present: Michael Lambert (chair), Colin Chapman, John Gore, Michael Neylan, Denise North, Alice Oppen, and Michael Jackson.</p> <p>Apologies: Ann Corlett, Jeannie Douglass, Ross Gittins, Rosie Giddings, Kate Harrison, Emily Scanlan, and Colin Wight,</p>
2. Minutes 22 June.	Accepted.
3. Matters Arising.	<p>More data has been supplied to the Foundation program. Michael Jackson to follow up with Rosie Giddings to ascertain whether the revised information met her needs.</p> <p>Suggestions for internship placements remain relevant.</p>
4. Standing items	<p>Regarding alumni, two files of majors from the BA were noted as having being provided, one for 2016 majors and the other for the cumulative total from 2000.. There would also be majors in Government in other degrees like Global Studies and Political, Economic and Social Sciences, and others (Economics?). It was agreed that we need to clarify the coverage of the two files and ascertain whether the government majors for all degrees can be obtained.</p> <p>Centenary 2017 is scheduled for 6 pm, 8 November in the Great Hall. Michael Jackson to obtain an invite for Colin Chapman.</p>
5. Triennial Report	<p>Michael Jackson tabled a draft report for consideration and invited any input from members.. This report will be communicated to the Department, the Head of School, and the Dean. It will also be posted on the web site. This draft was attached to the agenda.</p>

6. Australian Institute of International Affairs	<p>The Careers event occurred and was a great success. The room at Glover Cottage was full. The presentations were relevant, and the students in the audience engaged with the mentors in the subsequent discussion. Two of the three panellists are connected to the Department of Government and International Relations, Anika Gauja and Ryan Neeham. One area of disappointment was the lack of engagement of the Politics Society.</p> <p>Colin Chapman emphasised the need for more publicity for the event while others noted the need for a re-newed effort in 2018 to involve the Politics Society in organizing and promoting the event. Further, it was desirable to involve relevant alumni in the event.</p> <p>As to content, students seldom realise that many government departments have an international office. Many state government departments likewise have international functions. That message could be communicated, too. In addition, some insight on the approach to preparing an a job application to maximise the chance of surviving the initial cull of applications might be valuable.</p> <p>Four members of the Department have spoken at AIIA events of late, Diarmuid Maguire, Megan McKenzie, John Mikler, and Jamie Reilly.</p> <p>Students from the Department of Government and International Relations have been selected in both rounds of internships this year.</p> <p>Adam Kamradt-Scott is the Department liaison with the AIIA. Robert will keep in contact with him.</p> <p>Colin Chapman noted that a new president of AIIA NSW branch will shortly be installed, and that it would then be opportune to re-affirm the relationship with a meeting.</p> <p>Dr Robert Howard was unable to attend but supplied this briefing via email.</p> <p>The Committee asked Dr Jackson to congratulate Dr Howard and Ed Morris on the Careers night.</p>
7. Politics Society	Tim Seguna, President, was not in attendance .
8. World Politics, HSC course	<p>Michael Jackson reported on behalf of Dr David Smith, (1) that he has met with the Faculty's Schools Liaison Officer and is pursuing matters with the School office and (2) the course may have to modified to fit with curriculum changes.</p> <p>John Gore remains available to advise.</p>
9. Chair of Department	Professor Colin Wight was unable to attend and his report has been deferred.
10. Chair of Committee	Michael Lambert had no further information to impart.
12. Any other business	After discussion it was agreed to organise a dinner for Committee members and their guests after the December meeting. Jackson will advise on the time and place in due course. It is likely that the December meeting will coincide with drinks with members of the Department.
13. Next meeting	# 38, Thursday, 14 December 2017, 4 - 6 pm in Merewether 276.

Appendix 1. Action items.

Agenda item	Action	Responsibility	Status
4	Alumni		
4	Sydney University Foundations Program feedback –request for the Department to provide at an aggregate level the results for those students from the Foundations Program who entered into government courses	Rosie Giddings to advise.	Pending
4	Centenary events.	Professor Wight and Department	Progressing
6	Careers event 2018	Michael Lambert/Michael Jackson Jackson has sent a note of congratulations to Dr Howard.	Contact with Politics Society made.
8	World Politics.	David Smith	Monitor and assist as required.
12	Committee dinner	Jackson to advise	Pending