

## Minutes



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The 38<sup>th</sup> meeting, External Advisory Committee, the Department of Government and International Relations, Thursday 14 December 2017.

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| 1. Opening                    | <p>Present: Michael Lambert (chair), Ross Gittins, John Gore, Kate Harrison, Denise North, Alice Oppen, Emily Scanlan, Professor Colin Wight, and Michael Jackson. (See comment with item 12 below.)</p> <p>Guest: Dr Ryan Griffith and Grace Scanlan.</p> <p>Apologies: Colin Chapman, Ann Corlett, Jeannie Douglass, Rosie Giddings, and Michael Neylan.</p>   |
| 2. Minutes 21 September       | Accepted.  |
| 3. Matters Arising.           | <p>Politics Society. Jackson has contacted the new office holders without reply to date.</p> <p>World Politics, HSC is in abeyance for this year, but Professor Wight remains committed to re-newing it. It must align with the curriculum changes and then be re-accredited by the NSW Board of Secondary Education. John Gore remains ready to assist.</p> <p>The Committee will re-new contact with AIIA now that it has a new president. Michael Jackson has discussed this with Dr Robert Howard of the AIIA Board.</p>   |
| 4. Standing items             | <p>Alumni relations will continue to be a priority.</p> <p>Sydney Foundation Program. Some useful feedback has been provided and the Program is seeking more systematic feedback through its own Board.</p> <p>Members congratulated Professor Wight on an excellent occasion for the centenary of the Department. They asked that he convey that message to the organizers.</p> <p>Action items follow as appendix 1.</p>   |
| 5. Triennial Report           | This is the last chance for members to comment on the Report or to change their biographies or photographs. The Report was distributed with the agenda for the September meeting, if members wish to consult. It.  |
| 6. Best and Brightest 2018    | <p>Dr Ryan Griffith reported on planning. The auditorium at Parliament House will be closed for renovations for at least the first half of 2018. For 2018 it has been agreed to hold the event on campus in a suitable room. Dr Griffith will assemble a panel of students whose topics will span the breadth of the Department.</p> <p>The notional date is 25 May 2018.</p> <p>After the meeting Jackson has confirmed that the donor will <b>not</b> fund a reception in 2018.</p>  |
| 7. Chair of Department Report | <p>Professor Wight reported on staffing changes and research grant successes. He also noted a strong demand for the new Politics degree. He provided a link to a promotional video on the new degree:<br/> <a href="https://sydney.edu.au/courses/courses/uc/bachelor-of-arts-and-bachelor-of-advanced-studies-politics-and-international-relations.html">https://sydney.edu.au/courses/courses/uc/bachelor-of-arts-and-bachelor-of-advanced-studies-politics-and-international-relations.html</a></p> <p>Professor Wight also agreed to see that the photographs of members of the Committee were posted on the hall notice board adjacent to those of members of the Department to add to the exposure of the Committee. A specimen is attached as a separate document with this email for the reference of members.</p> |

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| 8.Chair of Committee Report | <p>The Chair congratulated Ann Corlett on becoming an Honourary Fellow of the Senate of the University in recognition of her long and valuable contributions. She joins Denise North in that distinguished company.</p> <p>The Chair congratulated Ross Gittins on becoming a Fellow the Academy of the Social Sciences, a rare recognition for a journalist.</p> <p>He discussed the prospect of identifying internship places with Think Tanks in the new year. This was a proposition that Professor Wight encouraged.</p> <p>Michael Lambert announced that he would standing down as chair and leaving the committee after four years of service.</p> <p>The Committee congratulated him on an outstanding tenure and wished him well in the future.</p> |
| 9.Occsional Addresses       | <p>Michael Jackson described efforts to locate archive PDFs of Occasional Addresses given at graduations by nominees of the Department speaking to graduating Government students. This has proven to be more difficult than anticipated. In addition to pursuing the digital archive, Jackson will also make personal contract with speakers. If and when the available PDFs are retrieved they will be compiled and linked on the EAC web page as evidence of the community engagement with the Department.</p>   |
| 10.Meetings in 2018         | <p>Merewether 276 is booked for these meetings.</p> <p>22 March 2018 Thursday, 4 - 6 pm<br/> 28 June 2018 Thursday, 4 - 6 pm<br/> 20 September 2018 Thursday, 4 - 6 pm<br/> 13 December 2018 Thursday, 4 - 5 pm</p>   |
| 12.Any other business       | <p>Members repaired for drinks with member of the Department and then on to Buon Gusto restaurant for dinner. In the spirit of Yuletide members who joined the party at that time are listed above as attending the meeting.</p>  |

### Appendix 1. Action items.

| Agenda item | Action  | Responsibility     | Status     |
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| 3           | Arrange meeting with Politics Society   | Jackson            | Pending    |
| 3           | Follow up with AIIA in the light of the appointment of new President          | Jackson and Howard | Pending    |
| 4           | Provide Triennial Report to Dean and arrange meeting                          | Jackson and Wight. |            |
| 6           | Best and Brightest 2018 arrangements to be put in place                       | Dr Ryan Griffih    | Continuing |
| 8           | Contact to be made with Think Tanks contacts to identify possible internships | Jackson.           | Pending    |

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| 9                  | Occasional Addresses web site to be established. | Jackson               | Continuing    |