The 39th meeting of the External Advisory Committee (EAC) of the Department of Government and International Relations was held 4 - 6 pm, Thursday 22 March 2018 in Merewether room 276.*

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| 1.Opening and apologies | Chair recorded apologies for Colin Chapman, Ann Corlett, Jeannie Douglass, Rosie Giddings, Ross Gittins, and Kate Harrison.  
Present were John Gore, Michael Neylan, Denise North, Alice Oppen, Emily Scanlan, Michael Jackson, and Professor Colin Wight.  
Guests: Dr Peter Chen and Dr Ryan Griffiths and also from the Politics Society: Tim Berney-Gibson and Bethany Pankhurst. |
| 2.Minutes of meeting of 14 December 2017. | Taken as read. |
| 4.Standing items | Australian Institute of International Affairs has a new President and it would be timely to visit the Institute. Jackson is in touch with Dr Robert Howard of the Institute with a view to a meeting once the chair of the EAC is fixed.  
Professor Colin Wight noted that all University of Sydney committees must now open meetings with an item on Occupational Health and Safety. In the subsequent discussion Michael Neylan agreed to cover that item at the next meeting based on experience in his firm and in the corporate world generally. This offer was accepted. |
| 5.Chair of Department report | Professor Colin Wight noted that the School Prizes evening will be on 10 May in McLaurin Hall and members are invited. He noted that there is no longer funding for the unendowed prizes and there was a discussion of funding for prizes. It will remain on the agenda.  
Professor Wight indicated that he is seeking a meeting with the Dean of the Faculty in part to introduce the EAC to her.  
He also reported on the high demand for the new Bachelor of International Relations and Politics degree. The initial offer had been 50 places but more than 90 students were admitted. That was a heartening response but it increases the commitment, particularly to the placement or internship in fourth year of this degree. |
6. Internships.

Dr Peter Chen is in charge of developing and implementing the internship program. He explained the gist of the program, emphasizing that it must have intellectual content and is not a work experience opportunity. The internship would be equivalent to one semester of study, and that placements must of necessity be in groups of five or more. The necessity here is minimising administrative overheads in the University with regard to the management of the program. Peter noted that there was strong appetite among the student body for the internship program based on the 2019 enrolments.

Attached as an appendix is the handout Peter supplied to Committee members. He invited members of the Committee to make suggestions to him of organizations, agencies, and places to contact to establish relations. More generally, the sense of the meeting was that internships were a priority for the Committee.

7. Politics Society

Tim Berney-Gibson and Bethany Pankhurst outlined the 2018 plans of the Politics Society which envisions holding two events per semester. They reported a successful reception and launch in March. Antony Green, one time member of the Committee, has agreed to address one of their forthcoming events. Tim also indicated that plans were afoot for the 2018 Hedley Bull Lecture.

In discussion Tim said room bookings, often a sore point in the past, seemed to be going smoothly. Emily Scanlan reported a conversation with James Flynn (one of our graduates) from the Sports Union who volunteered to assist with rooms if needed.

8. Best and Brightest 2018

Dr Ryan Griffiths has scheduled BB2018 for **24 May** in GLT 1 followed by a reception in the Nicholson Museum on campus. The Parliament House auditorium is closed for renovations. The invitations have been emailed. The panellist presenters are:

- Gemma Viney, *From Co-existence to Collective Resistance: A Study of Gomeroi and Farming Environmental Justice Coalitions in Rural NSW*;
- Jennifer Khamo, *Inverting Western Statehood: The Islamic State’s Counter-Theory of the Sovereign*;
- Ryan Hawkins, *Towards Monarchic Democracy?: Heralding the American Era of Unmanned War Machines*;
- Harriet Goers, *Between a Rock and a Hard Place: A Game Theoretic Analysis of Australia’s Role in the South China Sea Dispute*; and
- Olivia Aitken, *Australia Day and #ChangeTheDate: A Critical Whiteness Analysis*

There was a discussion of funding the reception in the future. The amount is about $5,000 for one hundred guests. This matter will go on future agendas.
| 9. Chair of Committee report | Michael Jackson as Chair pro tem. reported that he was in conversation with a prospective Chair to join the Committee and would report further as matters developed. He recorded thanks to David Band (a graduate) for assistance in considering prospects.  
He noted that Michael Lambert has expressed his willingness to help on specific matters where he can. |
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<td>Michael Jackson reported on his efforts to acquire texts and link them to the EAC web site. In the discussion Alice Oppen suggested linking the videos. That is possible but first task is to get the dates and times of the addresses.</td>
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| 11. Any other business        | Alice Oppen noted that the Women’s Plans Foundation has a scholarship which could be promoted among our students. There is further information at [http://womensplans.org/engage-and-educate/awards](http://womensplans.org/engage-and-educate/awards)  
Michael Jackson will ask Professor Wight about advertising the award among DGIR students. |
| 12. Meetings in 2018          | 28 June 2018 Thursday, 4 - 6 pm  
20 September 2018 Thursday, 4 - 6 pm  
13 December 2018 Thursday, 4 - 5 pm  
in Merewether 276.  
- Room 276 is on level two, the courtyard level, in the back corner on the rear parking lot toward the Institute Building. It is near the Department Office. |
Appendix 1. Action items.

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Appendix 2

Government and International Relations Internship Program: 2019-. Dr Peter Chen.

Context: The University is moving to greater fusion of academic and practical instruction/reflection. Internships have been identified as a means to meet this intersection of scholarship and practice.

The new GIR specialist stream has internships built in for 4" year students.

Given students will be moving across into our specialist politics and IR stream, we will be placing students into these intensive, one-semester long internships from 2019. This will increase per year from 2019. By the time the current enrolments of stream students reach fourth year (circa 2021) we will need to be placing up to 80 students per year into these internships.

Request for organisational recommendations

The Faculty and Departmental Internship Co-ordinator will reach out to new partner organisations this year to create a pool of potential placements to meet this demand.

Partners need to be:

Relevant to the work of the Department: Government and public administration orientation. Public policy focus (inc. think tanks and consultancies). International Relations. Formal organisations with the capacity to handle interns. This includes Organisations that have work contexts suitable for interns (e.g. professional work that
permits the students to apply and reflect on academic knowledge (not "work experience"). Staff able to manage and supervise the work of the interns. Physical office space in a professional setting. Medium to large enterprises able to take a minimum of five (5) interns at a time.

Please email recommendations and suggestions to Peter Chen at peter.chen@svdnev.edu.au. If you have a personal contact there (and we can say you recommended the organisation), please let us know.