

## Minutes

**Meeting of the External Advisory Committee of the Department of Government and International Relations will be in Merewether 397, University of Sydney on Friday 25 September 4-6 p.m.**

	<b>Item</b>	<b>Responsibility</b>	<b>Action</b>
1.	<b>Call to order and apologies</b>	<b>In attendance: Mark McDonnell, Chair Ann Corlett Michael DiFrancesco Ross Gittins Antony Green Alister Henskens Michael Jackson Alexandra v. Künsberg-Langenstadt Debra O'Neill</b>	<b>Apologies were noted from Trevor Cook, Daniela Giorgi, Rosie Giddings, John Gore, Margaret Pollard, and Jim Sait</b>  <b>Jackson introduced Alex to the group. She is an international intern for the semester.</b>
2.	<b>Notes of previous meeting</b>		<b>Approved.</b>
3.	<b>Community partnerships</b>	<b>Reception Thursday 29 October 2009.</b>	<b>Plans for the reception proceed. Michel Jackson and Alex Künsberg-Langenstadt briefed the Committee on plans. Members of the Committee are invited to suggest further invitees.</b> <b>Jackson agreed to provide some Talking Points to members and these follow below.</b> <b>The Committee supported the use of the Power Point display as discussed. Ann Corlett suggested changing "Advisors" to "Advisory Committee" on the background Power Point display and this has been done.</b> <b>Debra O'Neill suggested sending a reminder email to acceptances with a link to the Nicholson Museum, and this will be done. She also suggested giving No Replies a second chance, and this also will be done by email. The Committee suggested colour coding the name tags for its members and members of the Department, each a different colour. Also that name tags show name and affiliation will appropriate. This will be done.</b>  <b>Members who can attend agreed to circulate and engage other guests, acting as hosts.</b>

4.	<b>Politics Society</b>	<b>Trivia Night on 22 September.</b>	<b>Jackson reported on the successful fund and member raising exercise by the Politics Society.</b>
5.	<b>Association of Professional Schools of International Relations</b>	<b>Penultimate draft</b>	<b>Members suggested referring to the historical origins of the University as Australia's first. They also suggested referring to the University's United States Studies Centre. Both have be done on the next draft. Alister Henskens suggested seeking assistance in presentation from elsewhere in the University. Jackson has asked the University's Director of External Relations for advice about improving the submission.</b>
6.	<b>Future business</b>	<b>Priorities for 2010</b>	<b>Members agreed on a program of informal lunches with members of the Department which Jackson will organize in 2010. He also agreed to have the Department's program of seminars distributed to members of the Committee the better to make them aware of the intellectual activities of the Department. I have asked the seminar organizer to add the emails of members of the External Advisory Committee to the distribution list. Jackson suggested as projects for 2010 an HSC Board Approved Course in Australian Politics and an external affiliation for the Master of Public Policy program. We may also wish to discuss the composition of the Committee.</b>
7.	<b>Next meeting</b>	<b>Mark McDonnell</b>	<b>Thursday 3 December meeting 4-6 pm followed by drinks with members of the Department. Jackson has asked that the end of semester drinks be scheduled on that day. We anticipate discussion at this meeting to concentrate on feedback from the Community Partners reception on 29 October as discussed above as item 3, and priorities for 2010.</b>

## Talking points for 29 October.

Since the move to Arts in 2007.

### **Staffing and general dept**

- Since move three new staff appointed.
- Recruiting four more staff
- Prospect of one or two more later.
- Sheaf of promotions to Associate Professor and Senior Lecturer since 2007
- Total staff now 21 with more to come.

### **Students and teaching**

- More students in total in department than ever before.
- All enrolments in 2009 equal 2,500 undergraduate
- Post grad coursework enrolments down with economic downturn
- Master of Public Policy about 64 students
- Master of International Studies about 102 students
- About 40 in IVth honours
- International students are about 5% of undergraduates and 30% of post graduates
- Five members of dept have external recognition for teaching, from Faculty and University
- Invited to apply for members to international Association of Professional Schools of International Affairs (APSIA), headquarter in Washington, D.C.
- Student Politics Society runs and active program for its members, guest speakers, workshops on careers, and the like
- Sydney Globalist published by students twice a year, copies available on the night
- Dept publishes newsletter on career opportunities for post grads

### **Research**

- Four members of the Department are members Australian Academy of Social Sciences, highest level of peer recognition.
- Six ARC grants held by members of the Department, and this is peak funder
- Major projects on democratization through Sydney Democracy Forum, as well as on media, gender, political corruption, defence, and the like
- All members of department are research-active
- Members of department serve on editorial and program committees of publications and conferences around the world
- 21 PhD students. And Department makes support for PhDs a priority