

Minutes

Meeting of the External Advisory Committee of the Department of Government and International Relations, Thursday 3 December 2009.

Item	Description	Action
1. Call to order and apologies	In attendance: Mark McDonnell (Chair), Ann Corlett, Ross Gittins, Alister Henskens, Michael Jackson, Emily Scanlan, Rodney Smith, Amelia Blefari, Tarsha Gavin, and Jeremy Leith. The last three representing the Politics Society.	Apologies from Trevor Cook, Daniela Giorgi, Michael di Francesco, Rosie Giddings, John Gore, Antony Green, Margaret Pollard, Debra O'Neill, and Jim Sait.
2. Notes of meeting of 25 September		Approved
3. Community partnerships Reception.	Reception of 29 October discussed. The <i>aide-memoire</i> video is on You Tube click here to see it . It together with the text of the talk by Ross Gittins is on the Department web site, too, click here to see that .	Members unanimously voted thanks to Alexandra van Künsberg-Langenstadt for her work in organizing this event. A database of community partners now exists and will be improved next year.
4. Politics Society	Amelia Blefari, Jeremy Leith, and Tarsha Gavin. New Executive and 2010.	Outlined plans for 2010. Emphasized need to be able to contact alumni. To further this aim, the committee will invite the director of Alumni Services to attend a meeting next year. Discussed need to involve post graduate students more.
5. Association of Professional Schools of International	Michael Jackson.	The submission will be made before Christmas with further iterations a possibility.

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6. Head of Department	Rodney Smith.	Aim is to continue along current lines.
7. Future business	<p>All. Priorities for 2010. Possibilities:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The Committee unanimously thanked Michael di Francesco, Jim Sait, and Emily Scanlan for the contributions and wished them well for the future. - Additional, new members will be sought. 	<p>Best and brightest show case for IVth Honours students will be planned for early 2010. Led by Mark McDonnell.</p> <p>Insure that members of this committee on the Colloquia distribution list. Jackson has asked Dr Peter Chen to make sure of this.</p> <p>Lunches with members of the Department. A program of small get acquainted sessions will occur next year. Organized by Rodney Smith and Michael Jackson.</p> <p>Consider developing an HSC Board Approved Course</p>
8. Next meeting	Mark McDonnell	February 2010