



Notes

A meeting of the External Advisory Committee of the Department of Government and International Relations on Thursday 4 March 2010.

Item	Responsibility	Action
1. Call to order and apologies	In attendance: Mark McDonnell (Chair), Ross Gittins, Antony Green, Alister Henskens, Michael Jackson, Rodney Smith.	Apologies noted for Trevor Cook, Rosie Giddings, John Gore, Margaret Pollard, and Debra O'Neill.
2. Notes of meeting of 3 December		Approved.
3. Chair of Department's report	Rodney Smith gave an overview for 2010. He stressed the great demand from undergraduate students, the downturn in post graduate coursework enrolments, and the increased staffing. He noted 40 students in IVth Honours as a sign of health, He also noted that the Politics Society reported successful recruiting during Orientation week. He noted that another reorganization was coming but hoped that community relations would remain a value, what form of organization evolved.	We will all await developments with interest.
4. Best and Brightest Showcase	Mark McDonnell reported on the show case for IVth Honours students discussed at the last meeting.	A number of steps have been taken. - The theatre in Parliament House on Macquarie Street has been booked - an agreement with catering has been reached - The Sydney Morning Herald has agreed in principle to sponsor - an intern will act as project officer for this event - a panel of five students is being.
5. HSC Board	Michael Jackson proposed a	He will call a meeting.

Approved course	subcommittee meet soon to consider this development. It would consist of John Gore and others in the first instance.	
6. Association of Professional Schools of International Relations - update	Michael Jackson reported that the submission is in the queue.	He will notify members when there is news.
7. New members	Michael Jackson and Mark McDonnell will start recruiting new members of the Committee. The Committee notes with thanks the contributions of Daniela Giorgi, and wishes her well for the future.	To be advised.
8. Alumni and data base needs	Mark McDonnell proposes that he and Ann Corlett discuss next steps on this point.	A meeting will be set.
9. Any other business	All	
10. Next meeting	Mark McDonnell	June, perhaps a lunch time.