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Minutes of CPACS Council Meeting – Tuesday, 3 August 2010, 6pm

PREAMBLE AND WELCOME

1. APOLOGIES, ATTENDANCE, DOCUMENTS

Present: Erik Paul (Chair), Andrew Greig, Peter Herborn, Peggy Craddock, Laurie Craddock, Raja Jayaraman, Greg Ashton, Yvonne Walsh, Chris Hamer, Benjamin Oh, Jake Lynch, Neven Bondokji

Apologies: Coral Hauenstein, Jenny McNaughton, Frank Hutchinson, Roger Wescombe, George Varughese, Ken Macnab, and Lindsay Mell.

2. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

Previous minutes were accepted.

3. REPORTS TO COUNCIL

3.1 PRESIDENT'S REPORT — Erik Paul

- (a) Erik reported on his visit to Darwin and Charles Darwin University, he recommended both the university library and the Northern Territory State library.

3.2 DIRECTOR OF CPACS — Ken Macnab for Jake Lynch

- (a) Jake reported that Lisa Ghigliazza is currently working as an IPRA intern and credit for a Human Rights study unit. She will write a report at the end of her internship.
- (b) IPRA newsletter is ready to be mailed to IPRA members. It is first time in for 4 years that members will receive a newsletter reporting on an IPRA conference, which is particularly important given the theme of this year's IPRA conference "Communicating Peace". The newsletter also contains contributions from some council members.
- (c) As for the 2012 IPRA conference funding, Jake reported that Katsuya Kodama, co-Secretary-General of IPRA is working on fundraising issues. Hopefully, with the end of the Global Financial Crisis, fundraising will be more successful than last year's effort.
- (d) Jake reported that the 2008 IPRA conference proceedings were published in a book and on sale at the July conference. Despite the publicity only 9 copies were sold.
- (e) Currently there are four IPRA commissions' proposals to publish papers by Sydney University Press.
- (f) Raja asked that copies of the IPRA newsletter be sent to Council members.

3.3 CPACS FINANCES — Erik Paul

Healthy.

3.4 SYDNEY PEACE FOUNDATION — Jake Lynch on behalf of Stuart Rees

- (a) Jake reported that only 650 tickets were sold for the 1400 seats in the Concert Hall.
- (b) Andrew mentioned that he had linked Stuart with a number of environmental groups to help in the PR efforts for the Peace prize events.

- (c) Yvonne suggested that copies of IPRA newsletter be sent to friends and family of John Burton along with leaflets about the SPF lecture and dinner to publicise it further.

3.5 TEACHING — Jake Lynch

- a) Jake reported that CPACS continues to set records. In 2006 there were 229 enrolled students in the MA program; 407 in 2007, 567 in 2008, 584 in 2009, and 592 in 2010.
- b) Jake reported that CPACS has a SSR (Student-Staff Ratio) ratio of 36, compared to the school's 27 to one. CPACS. This means that each CPACS staff supervises 10 research students instead of 5. On that basis CPACS should be entitled to appoint another staff member.

3.6 RESEARCH — Jake Lynch

- (a) The newly published book *Afghanistan War and the Media: Deadlines and Frontlines* contains a chapter written by Jake and Annabel on reporting the Afghanistan war by women.
- (b) Four IPRA conference commissions are in the process to submitting a proposal to Sydney University Press to publish papers presented at the conference. These are the Peace Journalism Commission, the Internal Conflict Commission, the Religion and Peace Commission, and the Culture and Peace Commission.

3.7 MEMBERSHIP

- (c) Neven reported that since the last council meeting CPACS has two new members, including one life membership.

3.8 LIBRARIAN –Peggy Craddock

- (a) Peggy reported that many books relevant to units taught by CPACS have been donated by Garry Trompf, these are now sorted and shelved.
- (b) Lynda Blanchard is to donate more books to the centre. While donations make a good addition to the value of the centre, this will create space problems in the resource centre.
- (c) Peggy pointed that next year will be the 12th year anniversary of the opening of the resource centre and suggested organizing an event for the occasion.

3.9 PUBLICATIONS

- (a) Neven reported that Erik Paul has written a paper titled “On the Geopolitical Economy of Violence in Southeast Asia” to be published as a CPACS Working Paper. CPACS is currently in the process to get NAL cataloguing details before uploading it on the website.
- (b) The current issue of CPACS newsletter *PeaceWrites* is being printed. The current issue contains a number of reflection pieces on the IPRA conference and a number of other articles by CPACS staff, students and members.

3.10 SEMINARS/TALKS--Jake

- (a) Jake reported that CPACS received a request from the National Democratic Front of the Philippines (NDFP) to host a dialogue event. Jake explained that the NDFP is the legal wing of the Communist Party in the Philippines (CPA), and with Erik gave a brief background on the conflict between the government and the communist party in the Philippines in the context of Southeast Asia. Jake reported that CPACS input would relate to peace journalism in the Philippines and he will play a piece of the documentary *Peace Journalism in the Philippines*. All agreed to host the event.
- (b) Chris reported that the World's Citizens Association would like to make a presentation at CPACS about their ongoing project to support flood victims in north Bangladesh. Wali Islam is a local leader in the area and with Chris would participate on Thursday Oct 28, 2010.

3.11 MEMBERS' MATTERS

See below

4. OTHER BUSINESS

The council agreed that the AGM will take place on Tuesday, March 1st 2011.

- (a) Membership: Raja initiated a discussion on enhancing membership of CPACS.
 - a. Andrew pointed that CPACS should attract students in departments of international relations, government, etc. Raja pointed that CPACS should think of what students are getting out from their CPACS membership. One suggestion is to have one membership fee for the whole duration of their candidature instead of annual membership. Jake suggested having an event that links CPACS students with potential employers by inviting international NGOs, humanitarian organizations, etc.
 - b. Erik suggested networking with active student groups like the Political Economy Association. Raja pointed to the Sociological-Anthropological Association, which organizes evenings with academics. This is also an activity that CPACS can consider for its student members.
 - c. Erik pointed also that expansion of membership and organizing events for student members would place more demand on admin assistants time. More volunteer assistants would be needed to manage the load.
- (b) Peace Education: the council has received an email from Frank Hutchinson regarding the current review of the national school curriculum. He pointed that the history draft document might be described as an exercise in war studies rather than peace studies. He suggested that CPACS put criticism to the draft History curriculum to Minister Garrett and to ACARA (Australian Curriculum Assessment and Reporting Authority). The council agreed that a letter will be drafted and circulated for Council members feedback.

5. AGENDA ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING

Council discussed at length Burton's contribution to Australian foreign affairs but no decision was made about an event to commemorate his work.

- (a) On future conferences, Jake proposed organizing a conference on the century of Gallipoli. Could be an event to counter another tide of militarism and organized with a partner like the Opera House.
- (b) Council also discussed the possibility of a one day conference next year to mark the 50th anniversary of Eisenhower's warning about the dangers of 'the military-industrial-congressional complex'.
- (c) Regarding the role of CPACS Council members, Erik pointed to the CPACS website 'How CPACS Works' that clarifies Council's role in the management structure. Jake thanked members who participated in the email discussion about proposed events, which helps taking prompt decisions.

Next meeting is on Dec 7, 2010 at 6.00pm

The meeting finished at 7.30 pm.

Minutes taken by Neven Bondokji