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**Minutes of CPACS Council Meeting – Tuesday, 16 August 2011, 5.30pm**

**PREAMBLE AND WELCOME**

**1. APOLOGIES, ATTENDANCE, DOCUMENTS**

Present: Erik Paul (Chair), Andrew Greig, Amanda Ghahremani, Jake Lynch, Peggy Craddock, Laurie Craddock, Greg Ashton, Raja Jayaraman, Benjamin Oh, Suzanne Rutland, Wendy Lambourne, George Varughese, Roger Wescombe, Abe Quadan, Peter Griffin, Lindsay Mell, Neven Bondokji.

Apologies: Ken Macnab, Jenny McNaughton, Stuart Rees, Peter Herborn, and Frank Hutchinson.

**2. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING**

Minutes of previous meeting accepted.

**3. REPORTS TO COUNCIL**

**3.1 PRESIDENT'S REPORT — Erik Paul**

Nothing new to report.

**3.2 DIRECTOR OF CPACS — Jake Lynch**

- (a) Jake discussed agenda item 3.11d. on CPACS activities regarding refugees.
  - a. Amanda, who is working on producing a CPACS statement on refugee issues as part of her internship unit, reported that she has contacted various advocacy and human rights groups in NSW. A brainstorming meeting will be held on Wednesday August 31 from 12.00-2.00 and invited council members to join in the session.
  - b. Jake also highlighted that since it is a crowded area and many statements have been produced by various organisations, CPACS should focus on what CAPCS can contribute through this new statement. He reported on a SMH survey that 53% of Australians would rather have refugees processed onshore; public support to welcome refugees went against both main parties policy.
- (b) Jake reported on Simon Tormey's briefing to CPACS staff on the forthcoming review of SSPS. Main points were:
  - a. The university will have a Humanities division to include Faculties of Arts and Social Sciences, Education and Social Work, and Law. A structural administrative unit will be created to manage the humanities division.
  - b. FASS will include SSPS, SOPHI, SLAM, SLC and Economics.
  - c. Within FASS, SSPS has the highest number of academic staff (99) compared to around 45 for all other schools, and with the highest percentage of students and revenue.
  - d. There is a proposal to establish a Graduate School of Social Sciences.
  - e. SSPS has an internship officer to coordinate internship units for CPACS.

### **3.3 CPACS FINANCES — Erik Paul**

Nothing new to report.

### **3.4 SYDNEY PEACE FOUNDATION —Abe Quadan**

- (a) No SPF meeting was held since the last council meeting.
- (b) SPF does not anticipate any problems selling peace prize dinner or peace lecture tickets.
- (c) Melissa McCullough who has joined SPF and is coordinating with the Department of Education to revive the YPI.

### **3.5 TEACHING —Wendy Lambourne**

- a) Summer School unit (Conflict in Organisations)
  - a. An additional Summer School unit (Conflict in Organisations) will be running this summer. It was last offered in 2004, and will be coordinated by Steve Lancken; Paul Duffill will be assisting him. Stuart will be teaching some sessions to maintain the original flavour of the unit. This unit should be attractive for business students who are usually also interested in the Community Mediation unit.
  - b. Peggy noted that the material for the original course is available in the Resource Centre.
- b) Wendy also reported that the Welcome Lunch for semester 2 had a higher turnout than last semester's.
- c) Wendy reported on the Faculty's new structure for student support. Faculty advisors for both undergraduate and postgraduate students are now merged in one unit/division.
- d) In this regard, Amanda argued for the need to improve the university's website content and presentation. Students do not get adequate access to information from the website or student counsellors.
- e) Wendy reported that she attended the second year launch of the Human Rights and Democratization program. Students were keen to meet CPACS students. Wendy proposed organizing a function that brings together CPACS and Human Rights students.

### **3.6 RESEARCH — Jake Lynch**

- (a) Jake reported on the 2010 HERDC results: although CPACS permanent staff constitutes 3% of SSPS, CPACS contributed 14% to the school's research output.
- (b) Full details are available on CPACS website under 'Latest'.

### **3.7 MEMBERSHIP—Admin Assistant**

- (c) No new member since last meeting.

### **3.8 LIBRARIAN —Peggy Craddock**

- (a) Peggy reported that some issues of *PeaceWrites* are missing from the Resource Centre and she requested members who have extra copies to send them to her.
- (b) She also reported that Henora, IT officer at SSPS, has installed a database for the Resource Centre with user-friendly research options. This will enable student and staff to search all available books and materials. An email with access details will be circulated soon. Another computer might be required for the server; Henora will arrange it if needed.

### **3.9 PUBLICATIONS —Admin Assistant**

- (a) Neven has called for submissions for the next issue of *PeaceWrites*. The deadline for submission is August 29<sup>th</sup>.

### **3.10 SEMINARS/TALKS**

- (a) Jake reported that a seminar will be held on Sept. 7<sup>th</sup> hosting former Afghani MP Malalai Joya. This event is in cooperation with Marrickville Peace Group and SPF.
- (b) Wendy reported that she is chairing a session in Sydney Ideas on Sept. 13<sup>th</sup>. The session discusses Rwanda's genocide, trauma and reconciliation.

- (c) Abe discussed agenda item 3.11b. on organizing a Q&A session on the BDS policy. The proposed date is Sept. 20<sup>th</sup> from 6.00-8.00pm. Date and venue will be confirmed after consultation with the Jewish Board of Deputies.
- (d) Ben shared details on the Sydney Alliance ([www.sydney.alliance.org.au](http://www.sydney.alliance.org.au)): a coalition of religious, ethnic, health and community groups to fight violence to be launched in September. He proposed some form of collaboration and inviting someone from the Alliance to a council meeting or for CPACS to attend the Alliance's Founding Assembly meeting on Sept 15<sup>th</sup> at Town Hall. The council agreed to invite an Alliance representative to develop a plan for cooperation.

### **3.11 MEMBERS' MATTERS**

#### **4. OTHER BUSINESS**

- (a) Jake reported that the next IPRA conference will be held in November 2012 in Japan.
- (b) The council congratulated the West Papua Project for their work and the launch of the report *Anatomy of an Occupation*.
- (c) Ben shared details about a conference on domestic violence in same sex relations. He is to send information to be circulated to CPACS network.

#### **5. AGENDA ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING**

- (a) The council agreed to hold the next meeting on Oct. 4<sup>th</sup> instead of Sept. 27 as it coincides with mid-semester break.

**The meeting finished at 6.40 pm (started at 5.30)**

**Next meeting is on Oct. 4, 2011 at 6.00pm**

Minutes taken by Neven Bondokji