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Minutes of CPACS Council Meeting – Tuesday, 5 July 2011, 6pm

PREAMBLE AND WELCOME

1. APOLOGIES, ATTENDANCE, DOCUMENTS

Present: Ken Macnab (Chair), Erik Paul, Jenny McNaughton, Chris Hamer, Abe Quadan, Frank Hutchinson, Peter Griffin, Peggy Craddock, Laurie Craddock, Lindsay Mell, Benjamin Oh, Punam Yadav.

Apologies: Jake Lynch, Roger Wescombe, Amanda Ghahramani, Stuart Rees, Wendy Lambourne, Suzanne Rutland, Raja Jayaraman, Lynda Blanchard and Peter Herborn.

2. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

Previous minutes are to be changed as following:

- (a) Point 3.4.c. The details of the WikiLeaks event were to be checked and, if necessary, changed.
- (b) Point 3.5.h and 4.a.c. Susy Lee Deck's name was spelt inconsistently so it has been changed to Susy Lee Deck to all the appropriate places.
- (c) With these changes, the minutes were accepted as a reasonable record of last meeting.

3. REPORTS TO COUNCIL

3.1 PRESIDENT'S REPORT — Ken Macnab

Ken commented that the points he wished to make would come up throughout the agenda.

3.2 DIRECTOR OF CPACS — Jake Lynch

- (a) Jake was absent, so Ken noted that a postgraduate intern at CPACS, Amanda Ghahramani, is working on the CPACS policy statement for Refugee Issues.
- (b) Frank mentioned that the seminar on 'All Guns Blazing' by Prof Linda Briskman and Lucy Fiske was very effective.
- (c) Ken stressed that at some point CPACS has to liaise with them for future collaboration.
- (d) Wendy on her email note suggested that she would be keen to support something relating to asylum seekers/refugees next semester (as suggested by Jenny), perhaps to be organised jointly with RLP, on the 10th anniversary of the Tampa incident and linking in with Sep 11 themes 10 years on ... But she would want to check what's planned elsewhere on campus.

3.3 CPACS FINANCES — Ken Macnab

Nothing new to report

3.4 SYDNEY PEACE FOUNDATION — Stuart Rees

- (a) Stuart was absent; Abe stated that SPF is getting lots of email attacks over this year's prize winner. He also mentioned that it would be counterproductive to respond to all those emails.
- (b) He also mentioned that Sydney Peace Prize Lecture will be held in Sydney Town Hall which was appreciated by all the members. The Peace Prize Lecture is on 2nd November 2011 and the Gala Dinner is on 3rd at MacLaurin Hall, The University of Sydney. He also mentioned that a Q & A session will be held in the Opera House on Thursday Morning, 3rd November 2011. Tickets for the Lecture are on sale now; Q & A tickets will be on sale from September 1, 2011.

- (c) Ticket price
 - a. Peace Prize Lecture Adult \$40 Concession \$30
 - b. Opera House Q & A Adult \$20 Concession \$15
 - c. Peace Prize Dinner \$350
- (d) Abe also shared with the members that Professor Chomsky has been invited to speak at Macquarie University on the 4th, Nov 2011. All the members shared their interest to participate in this event. Since an invitation is needed to participate, it was decided to send the invitation to all the council members. [NB. This Macquarie University event is NOT going ahead. KM]

3.5 TEACHING — Wendy Lambourne

- a. Wendy's Teaching report sent through email - University careers event had good turnout and seemed valuable, planning to be an annual event but will rethink format for next time. The 2012 program has been finalised and the timetable will be available shortly. CPACS is considering revising offerings, and offering PACS6913 'Conflict in Organisations' in Summer School in 2012 (last offered 2003, Wendy thinks).
- b. Erik reported that, he is running 'Peace and Conflict in South-East Asia' as Winter School unit, with 14 students from different countries such as Japan, Thailand, Malaysia, PNG, Norway, Poland etc. One of the students in the class is an employee at the embassy. He also reported that they are making very interesting presentations about conflict and case studies from different countries.

3.6 RESEARCH — Jake Lynch

- (a) Wendy reported through her email that Cammi Webb-Gannon (following David Penklis earlier this year) has become the second CPACS student to submit her PhD. Congrats to Cammi whose thesis is titled 'Birds of a Feather: Conflict and Unity within West Papua's Independence Movement'.
- (b) Ken congratulated Cammi and said it is good for us to get rolling so that academics can take new PhD students. Only full time academics can be the primary supervisor.
- (c) Wendy reported through her email that she participated in workshop on 'Transitional Justice in Asia-Pacific' hosted by Griffith University in Brisbane in June. The workshop will produce an edited volume including her paper on Timor Leste. Other cases included Solomon Islands, Aceh, Cambodia, Korea and Sri Lanka. I also submitted an application for funding through Faculty scheme (FRSS) and received \$8000 for research in Timor on transitional justice and peacebuilding. Wendy also reported that Lynda and she will join a University meeting with the Rector of the National University of Timor Leste on 6th July 2011 about possible educational collaboration and exchanges.

3.7 MEMBERSHIP

- (d) Punam reported about some new members who have joined CPACS recently and some old members who have renewed the membership. She also shared about the donations that CPACS has recently received.

3.8 LIBRARIAN –Peggy Craddock

- (a) Peggy reported that Henora, IT officer at SSPS, has not been able to make the free library database program KOHA work. Henora is trying to develop one by himself which will allow students to look for the resources by name of the authors and also by the title of the book/resources. Peggy highlighted that the CPACS resource centre is for the students taking CPACS units of studies.
- (b) Peggy thanked Lesley for the filing cabinets.

3.9 PUBLICATIONS

- (a) Punam reported that the first issue of *PeaceWrites* has been out and call for contribution will be circulated soon for the second issue for 2011.

3.10 SEMINARS/TALKS

- a. Wendy though her email reported that plans are underway for a small scale seminar on Monday 11 July, 4-6 pm in Mackie 114, with Laura Hassler, Director of Musicians Without Borders. Students in

Transitional Justice class have been invited to attend the seminar at the end of the day's teaching. Punam will circulate the flyer to all the CPACS member on 6th July 2011.

- b. Abe shared that he had a meeting with the Moroccan Ambassador, who is interested in contributing and speaking at a CPACS event on conflict resolution and the history of peace initiatives in Morocco. Council approved the event. Abe also noted that an offer was under discussion for Moroccan financing of a Chair at CPACS, similar to an existing Chair at Oxford University [the King Mohammed VI Chair in Moroccan and Mediterranean Studies at St Antony's College] for a five-year period initially.
- c. Frank suggested that we need to be cautious and explore the possible implications or consequences of such a relationship.
- d. Ken agreed, but approved of support for the initiative, and stressed that any such arrangement and appointment would need to abide by University policies and procedures, ensuring independence.
- e. Abe shared that he had been invited to Morocco in February this year and he was in Sahara most of the time for a conference. The main issue there was Morocco's role in solving the issue of Sahara.

3.11 MEMBERS' MATTERS

4. OTHER BUSINESS

- (a) Development and resourcing of an Internship unit for CPACS students
 - a. Ken shared that a CPACS internship unit is not anticipated to happen this year, or even next. We currently have two interns but they were more of an external internship type.
 - (b) Proposals for discussion of Israel-Palestine issues, including BDS policy - Abe Quadan:
 - a. Abe shared that the seminar will be held in September or December based on the opportunities available. The event will be hosted by the Israel and Palestine community and it will be in the evening, which will allow outsiders to come. It hasn't been finalized yet. He said he is still having meetings about this.
 - (c) Proposed fund-raising event centred around recognition of Stella Cornelius, and her daughter and successor, Helena Cornelius. Ken said that Stuart is in touch with Helena, who now manages the Conflict Resolution Network. They are organizing programme for her first anniversary to reflect on Stella's contribution. He said that we can participate in that project but fund raising will be crucial.
 - (d) Abe suggested that it would be good to collaborate with other organizations as well such as Ministry of Peace and other institutions who are working in the similar field.

5. ONGOING MEMBERS' MATTERS

- a. It was proposed that Executive Committee should meet at least once before each council meeting
- b. Full scale Teachers Meetings, including casuals, need to be held next year

Next CPACS Council meeting Tuesday 16 August, 2011

Minutes taken by Punam Yadav