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Minutes of CPACS Council Meeting – Tuesday, 5 April, 6pm

PREAMBLE AND WELCOME

1. APOLOGIES, ATTENDANCE, DOCUMENTS

Present: Ken Macnab (Chair), Jenny McNaughton, Jake Lynch, Abe Quadan, Wendy Lambourne, Peter Griffin, Peter Herborn, Erik Paul, Frank Hutchinson, Lindsay Mell, Peggy Craddock, Andrew Greig, Laurie Craddock, Amamda Ghahremani, Suzanne Rutland, Punam Yadav

Apologies: Chris Hamer, Yvonne Walsh, Roger Wescombe, Stuart Rees, Raja Jayaraman

2. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING 7 December 2010

3. REPORTS TO COUNCIL

3.1 PRESIDENT'S REPORT — Ken Macnab

- (a) Ken introduced and welcomed two new members to the council: Student representative Amanda Ghahremani and Admin Assistant Punam Yadav.
- (b) Ken requested the nomination of two Executive Committee representatives. Erik Paul and Frank Hutchinson were selected as Executive Committee Members.

3.2 DIRECTOR OF CPACS — Jake Lynch

- (a) Jake reported the launch of News Goo: a new online video broadcast which offers critical coverage of TV news and current affairs.
- (b) Jake reported that the Public Forum on Breaking Australia's Silence - Wikileaks and Freedom, which was held in Town Hall on 16th March 2011, was a great success. More than 2000 people participated.
- (c) Jake said that he gave a speech at Newington College on peace journalism which was well received.

3.3 CPACS FINANCES — Treasurer

Nothing new to report

3.4 SYDNEY PEACE FOUNDATION —Stuart Rees

Since Stuart Rees was absent in the meeting, Abe Quadan provided the updates on SPF.

- (a) Abe reported that the recipient of the Peace Prize will be announced on 1st of June, 2011. The peace prize lecture will be held in Sydney Town Hall this time and the

events will follow the usual pattern: lecture first on Wednesday followed by the Award Ceremony dinner in McLaurin Hall on Thursday.

- (b) The decisions about the timing and event venues were made by the SPF Council.
- (c) Abe shared that a PR company is offering their service pro bono with a 5-years contract to help organize and coordinate the peace prize events.
- (d) Stuart is to visit the recipient overseas, and the contract with the SPF will be signed. Then the itinerary of peace prize winner will be finalized.
- (e) Abe stated that the Youth Peace Initiative (YPI), which has been receiving a great support from the Department of Education, needs to be rolled on.

3.5 TEACHING —Wendy Lambourne

- a) Wendy reported that there is a new online course from next semester on Ethics for Sustainable Peace.
- b) Wendy also reported that the number of students doing CPACS has gone down but the number of student taking CPACS unit of studies has increased. The decrease of International students by 30-40% might also have impacted the number of students in CPACS. Though the students' enrolment in CPACS has decreased, the number of students taking CPACS UoS has increased which adds to the workload of the course coordinators.
- c) Student representative Amanda shared that International students pay more compared to local students and therefore we expect a good quality education. She suggested providing an internship opportunity to the students so that they can also gain practical experience as well.
- d) Ken said in response to Amanda's suggestion about internship that it has been discussed several times but due to our limited staff capacity, we have not been able to do that. In the departments such as Social Work and Government, they already have staff who look after their internship programme.
- e) Frank suggested that it is important to have internship in CPACS as well as it has been practiced a lot in other countries.
- f) Ken and Jake suggested that internship will be an agenda for the next council meeting.
- g) Wendy again reiterated that we have no sufficient staffs to handle the internship at CPACS.
- h) Some of the council members suggested that it would be easy if school manages internship for all the departments.
- i) Amanda suggested that it would be good to get an opinion and suggestion from the Alumni.
- j) Some of the council members suggested that we should have a database of CPACS Alumni. It would be good to hold a conference for all Alumni.

3.6 RESEARCH — Wendy Lambourne

- (a) Wendy informed Council that she is part of the Transformative Justice network, and is visiting the University of Leeds in England. Jake stressed that this kind of visit will be good for spreading the influence of CPACS and is also good for networking purpose.

3.7 MEMBERSHIP

No discussion on this in the meeting (but just to update ourselves, lots of membership renewal request have been received and also there are some new members as well.)

3.8 LIBRARIAN –Peggy Craddock

- (a) Peggy thanked CPACS people for their support during her illness, particularly the flowers. She will be back and will start working for two days from Thursday 14th April 2011.

3.9 PUBLICATIONS

- a) Punam reminded Council of the call for paper for the upcoming issue of *PeaceWrites* and the deadline for submission (8th Friday 2011). Jake also emphasized about the deadline for *PeaceWrites*.

3.10 SEMINARS/TALKS—Jake

- (a) Wendy inquired about a possibility of having a seminar with Ms Aicha Dahane who is a human rights Defender. She is giving a talk in Macquarie University on the 18th May but she is in Sydney for one week. It would be good to see a possibility for having her for a lunch time meeting at CPACS between 12 and 18 of May, 2011.
- (b) Jenny put up a proposal of having a CPACS meeting re BDS and Israel-Palestine issues with Vic Alhardeff, CEO of the Jewish Board of Deputies, and others, but Jake spoke against it. Others agreed that Alhardeff's position was both well known and one-sided.
- (c) Abe commented that instead of talking about conflict, it would be good to hear people talking about what can be done to promote inclusiveness and co-operation. He suggested a joint seminar with Israeli and Palestinian participants, and suggested Donna Jacobs-Sife and Lyndall Katz as conciliatory JBD participants.
- (d) Jake suggested that we should go for Abe's proposal and wait for his update on this. Jake said Vic Alhardeff is already getting lots of attention and Sydney people have heard so much from him. With a little budget, CPACS shouldn't again invest on him.
- (e) It was agreed that Abe should continue to develop his proposal. Abe said that he will talk to potential participants and report back.

3.11 MEMBERS' MATTERS and FORESHADOWED MATTERS:

a) Aboriginal Representation on CPACS Council – Erik Paul:

Everyone agreed to have a representative from Aboriginal in the CPACS council. Jake and Wendy suggested that Lynda has good contacts with the Koori Centre, so the decision about who will be the representative will be taken in consultation with Lynda.

b) Organizing an event to commemorate John Burton's work. [ongoing]

Decision was made to hold an event to commemorate John Burton's work. Stuart is coordinating with Helen who is now associated with all the organizations including peace resolution network.

- C) Ken announced that anyone who wants to become a life member of CPACS or wants to donate to CPACS is welcome.
- D) Jake proposed and decision was made to have sub committees to help organize peace prize events.

- E) Organizing an event in honour of Stella Cornelius: Frank suggested that we can build on her networking and capacity. Scholarship can be offer on her name.
- F) Peggy said, Stella was always very much concerned about CPACS.
- G) Abe suggested that we can do something with UNAA.
- H) Wendy suggested that it would be good to coordinate with those organizations where Stella was involved and organize a joint programme with them.
- I) On the issue of communicating with politicians and the media, Jake said, general statements on behalf of CPACS doesn't have to be shared with all the council members every time. Either the Director of the centre or President of the council can do that. Jake said, anyone else can respond to the media or anything as members of CPACS but, in reference to letters sent by himself and Suzanne to Senator Brown, he objected to the use of word "extremism". Suzanne said that Jake's decision to send letters to support BDS was a political one. We shouldn't play a partisan political role. In response to Suzanne's comments, Abe said it is not political, it was just a way of putting pressure for peace. CPACS is supporting non violence and BDS is also doing the same so it is not about targeting Israel but this is to support of peace. Jake also comments on that, there are causality and suppression on both sides but there is no balance in coverage and Australia is not paying attention to the basic injustices of that issue.

4. OTHER BUSINESS

- (a) Ken and Jake said any CPACS members have right to be become a council member.
- (b) BDS will be an agenda for the next council meeting.
- (c) Internship will be an agenda for the next council meeting.
- (d) Ken thanked everyone for their participation and closed the meeting.

The meeting finished at 7.30pm.

Next CPACS Council meeting Tuesday 24 May 2011

Minutes taken by Punam Yadav