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Minutes of CPACS Council Meeting – Tuesday, 7 December 2010, 6pm

PREAMBLE AND WELCOME

1. APOLOGIES, ATTENDANCE, DOCUMENTS

Present: Ken Macnab (Chair), Jenny McNaughton, Coral Hauenstein, Erik Paul, Frank Hutchinson, Raja Jayaraman, Lindsay Mell, Peter Herborn, Stuart Rees, Yvonne Walsh, Greg Ashton, Peggy Craddock, Roger Wescombe, Andrew Greig, Jake Lynch, Laurie Craddock, Benjamin Oh, Abe Quadan, Neven Bondokji
Apologies: Chris Hamer

2. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

Two changes were requested to previous minutes:

- (a) Change of date on Minutes of previous meeting to 26 October 2010.
- (b) The suggestion on organizing an event celebrating 12 years of Resource Centre was made by a council member

3. REPORTS TO COUNCIL

3.1 PRESIDENT'S REPORT — Ken Macnab

- (a) Ken shared information on a petition that was circulated today to the Australian government in support of Julian Assange founder of Wikileaks. Frank Hutchinson shared information on another petition also currently being circulated to academics.
- (b) Stuart Rees noted that petitions are good but not enough and more concrete action is required from CPACS and SPF.
- (c) Jake suggested writing a letter to Julia Gillard on follow up of her statement that the leaks are a criminal act. The letter is to question the basis on which the criminality of these leaks is based as opposed to freedom of speech. The letter should ask Gillard to specify the criminal acts involved in this case.
- (d) Stuart moved and Yvonne seconded to write a letter to this effect to the Prime Minister.
- (e) Yvonne suggested writing letters to individual ministers as well.

3.2 DIRECTOR OF CPACS — Jake Lynch

- (a) Jake reported that in follow up of discussions in the last meeting he wrote a letter to Minister of Education regarding the history curriculum. No reply received yet.
- (b) Prof. Ralph Summy of ACPACS has joined CPACS as an Honorary Affiliate. Copies of *Peace Angel* a book by Hilary N. Summy are available for sale now from CPACS office.

3.3 CPACS FINANCES — Jake Lynch

Nothing new to report

3.4 SYDNEY PEACE FOUNDATION — Stuart Rees

- (a) Stuart reported that this has been a successful year for the peace lecture and Healing the World Ceremony that was organized with school children in Cabramatta. But he also reported that this year 1500 tickets were sold; a figure less than ticket sales of 2009 and 2008 peace prize events.

- (b) Stuart also reported that SPF was approached by a PR company who are offering their service pro bono with a 5-years contract to organize and coordinate peace prize events. The company will appoint one of their staff members to the SPF Executive. SPF has also created a committee of Stuart, Beth Jackson and two postgraduate students to discuss and coordinate with the company.
- (c) Jenny inquired about the venue of the peace prize lecture and whether the Opera House is still the best venue. The options are Town Hall and Opera House. The concern is over the location in terms of public transport and the restriction of holding the peace lecture at 8.00pm only if it is held at the Opera House. The council agreed to discuss this further during following meetings.

3.5 TEACHING — Jake Lynch

- a) Jake reported that the summer school courses are fully subscribed.
- b) Two new units of study will be introduced next year, one per semester
- c) Two outstanding students have received the two prizes offered by CPACS: Suzy Lee Deck received the Gordon Rodley Prize and Erin Tunks received the Cheryl Minks Prize.

3.6 RESEARCH — Jake Lynch

- (a) The Sydney University Press has accepted the proposal submitted by IPRA Peace Journalism Commission. The book will be titled *Expanding Peace Journalism*. Other proposals are still in progress.
- (b) Jake reported on the numeric system of measuring research performance HERDC – CPACS will return a score of more than 40 for 2010 (where five points are awarded for a book, two points each for journal article, book chapter and successful grant application). On a ‘per capita’ basis (since CPACS has only three members of permanent staff) this is a substantial achievement.

3.7 MEMBERSHIP

- (c) Neven reported that since the last council meeting CPACS received one membership and one donation.
- (d) Two life members (Angelo Gatzastaras and Penelope Jelley) were to receive their life membership certificate in this meeting but they could not make it.

3.8 LIBRARIAN –Peggy Craddock

- (a) Peggy reported that more books have been donated by Garry Trompf. He will take those irrelevant to units taught at CPACS to Fisher Library.
- (b) Ken suggested that books be made available to students at CPACS to choose from before they are taken to Fisher.

3.9 PUBLICATIONS No new publications to announce

3.10 SEMINARS/TALKS--Jake

- (a) A joint event was held on Nov. 17th with the National Democratic Front of the Philippines (NDFP). The nature of the event was discussed in the previous meeting.
- (b) One public forum and photo exhibition was also organized by the West Papua Project at CPACS on Nov. 29th. The main goal was to discuss the latest situation in Papua from a human rights perspective with the Australian audience.

3.11 MEMBERS’ MATTERS

4. OTHER BUSINESS

- (a) AGM date: The council agreed that the AGM will take place on March 1st 2011.

The meeting finished at 6.45pm.

Minutes taken by Neven Bondokji