Minutes of CPACS Council Meeting – Tuesday, 14 September 2010, 6pm

AGENDA

PREAMBLE AND WELCOME

1. APOLOGIES, ATTENDANCE

Present: Ken Macnab (Chair), Jake Lynch, Peggy Craddock, Coral Hauenstein, Greg Ashton, George Varughese, Chris Hamer, Andrew Greig, Yvonne Walsh, Roger Wescombe, Frank Hutchinson, Lindsay Mell, Juliet Bennett

Apologies: Raja Jayaraman, Stuart Rees, Ale Quadan, Jenny McNaughton, Erik Paul, Laurie Craddock, Bernadette, Peter Herborn.

2. MINUTES OF LAST COUNCIL MEETING 3 August 2010

3. REPORTS TO COUNCIL

3.1 PRESIDENT’S REPORT – Ken Macnab
   a) Stella congratulated. Thanks to Neven for minutes.

3.2 DIRECTOR OF CPACS – Jake Lynch
   a) IPRA – commission papers are being collected for publication
   b) Restructure of the university has not been anticipated in the flow through of finances.
   c) CPACS logo has not been accepted – its use should be restricted. Voted on using this historical logo as a museum piece to keep it alive until the fashion changes.

3.3 CPACS FINANCES – Treasurer
   a) Finances are doing swimmingly – we are keeping our head above water.

3.4 SYDNEY PEACE FOUNDATION – Stuart Rees/Abe Quadan
   a) SPF has retained its logo.
   b) Youth Peace Initiative – Susy Lee’s paper – to look at publishing as a CPACS occasional paper and distribute to council members.
c) Sydney Peace Prize – 4th November 730pm, $350. CPAC council members receive a concession price, as do volunteers.

3.5 TEACHING – Jake Lynch
a) Frank said it’s a joy to teach here.
b) Summer/winter school subjects were a great success.
c) Peace Education discussion:
   a. Yvonne Walsh asked: Would there be an opportunity for a special peace program for year 10/11/12 students, similar to the program for gifted children at the university of NSW?
   b. Discussion about getting Peace Education in schools, consideration given to how peace approach can be incorporated into History, Geography, Business, Legal Studies, Indigenous Studies. Could a proposal for the addition of a Human Rights subject be submitted to the Board of Studies? Could Peace Journalism and Conflict Resolution be added to the English curriculum?
   c. Option of a “Peace Fair” was considered; lobbying to Peter Garrett; and the short falls of the NSW curriculum. Teachers need to be provided with peace studies resources that supplement their current curriculum.
   d. The discussion returned to the Youth Peace Initiative and to Susy Lee’s article.
   e. Ken suggested a small working group to be set up.
   f. This will be an agenda item for our next meeting. Ken apologised that he will not be at this next meeting.

3.6 RESEARCH – Jake Lynch
a) IPRA – positive feedback from academics in international consortia. Sydney University? should be financing the production of four books of approximately 60000 words similar to Ending War Building Peace.

3.7 MEMBERSHIP SECRETARY
a) There is no Membership Secretary at the moment.

3.8 LIBRARIAN – Peggy Craddock
a) Purchased eleven books for $10. Ken suggested a need for archiving old books, and the possibility of listing these books for Masters dissertation topics eg Anti-war and Nuclear Disarmament.
3.9  PUBLICATIONS – Admin Assistants
a) PeaceWrites – a big issue in editing progress that will be distributed by mid-October.
b) IPRA books (already discussed)
c) Susy Lee’s article (already discussed)

3.10 SEMINARS/ TALKS
a) Turkish-Armenian human rights lawyer and author, Fethiye Çetin, spoke through an interpreter at last Thursday’s lunchtime seminar. An inspiring talk about national identity, and the common politically driven taint of official histories.
b) Received an email request from Lauren Jones – national public affairs of David Monashery who will be visiting Sydney mid-September. Monashery is an expert speaker on modern Iran from a fairly Orthodox perspective. It was noted that this would be good for students to engage with alternative views, and that CPACS hosting events doesn’t mean they endorse their views. However the decision was made to forward this email to government relations, mainly because it is too short notice to organise an event for mid-September.
c) Zetty break? – Burma campaign Thursday evening 23rd September – they need a place but they are organising
d) Jake asked if it would be possible for quick decisions on these type of matters to be made via email, with a brief event proposal request for a yes/no vote. The council agreed this would be a good system.

3.11  MEMBERS’ MATTERS and FORESHADOWED MATTERS:
(a) Organizing an event to commemorate Burton’s work?
   a. This will be passed back to Wendy to consider pulling together an edited collection of Burton’s work similar to *Conversations with Elise Boulding*.

(b) Nature of future conferences that CPACS should be involved in.
   a. Possibly to consider that next year is the 50th anniversary of IPRA.
   b. Australia is now one of the top ten global arms spenders.
   c. Do we have the resources to have an annual/biannual conference with publication? Following the framework of Iraq Never Again.
   d. A committee to be set up next council meeting to decide on topics and follow this through.
(c) Jake requested to clarify the relation between IPRA and CPACS.
   a. Jake announced that he will be organising an internship for an IPRA assistant 1-2 days per week, to draft and send an e-newsletters and do a research project on What is Peace Research?
   b. Next conference is in Japan, location in Japan has not been confirmed.

(d) relationship between Council and staff re decisions and strategies affecting CPACS
   a. This relationship is managed as required. Meetings of both are open for council/staff to communicate specific topics.
   b. Possibility of a strategy meeting in near future where they may revisit the constitution.
   c. Erik Paul’s kitchen cabinet has council members on it.

(e) Involvement of CPACS Council members in CPACS
   a. (ongoing)

4. OTHER BUSINESS
   a) Ken mentioned that 1.5% of poker machine income is donated to community development. Doolies in Auburn, a Catholic social club, has donated $11500 to the Refugee program, alongside another 49 grants to similar.
   b) Two new life-time members – certificates to be presented at the council meeting in December/ Christmas Party.

5. AGENDA ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING
   a) Set up a small working group to look at integrating Peace Education into schools.
   b) Decide on a conference committee that will look at a conference for Semester 2, 2011.

Next CPACS Council meeting Tuesday 26 October – 6pm

The meeting finished at 7.15 pm.

Minutes taken by Juliet Bennett