

# MINUTES

MEETING      **RSHA Executive**

MEET No.      **13, 2016**

DATE/TIME     Friday 21 October 2016, 2pm

VENUE         Lady Wilson Seminar Room, Sir Roland Wilson Building (120)

## **ITEM 1.          Attendance**

Professor Christie (Chair), Associate Professor Dennis (for Professor Smith), Professor Ennis (for Associate Professor Ferris), Professor Gillies and Professor Travis. Associate Professor Ferris, Ms Knight and Professor Smith were apologies. In attendance Mrs Shepherd (Minute taking).

## **ITEM 2.          Minutes of Previous Meeting**

The minutes for the previous meeting were confirmed with the following amendments.

Under item 3.1 RSHA strategic direction statement – final feedback the fourth sentence in the paragraph should be revised to “Once the statement is refined it will be a good document to help frame the shape of the new ANU/CASS Strategic Plan”.

Under item 3.2 ANU Car share another couple of sentences need to be added at the end of the paragraph. These are below.

“All staff must get Head of School approval. Professor Christie will raise these concerns with the CASS Executive”.

## **ITEM 3.          Matters Arising and Action Items**

### **3.1      RSHA strategic direction statement – final feedback**

Associate Professor Dennis reported that she had asked members of the School of Archaeology and Anthropology if they had any further feedback but they did not. There was no further feedback from Schools.

### **3.2      Ms Kerrie Wilde, Head, ANU College will attend RSHA Exec on 18 November.**

Noted.

### **3.3      Centre for Digital Humanities Research laboratory proposal**

See item 6.

### **3.4      RSHA feedback sent to ITS – Network recharging services**

Professor Christie reported that collated feedback had been sent to Ms Hill on this proposal. The CASS Executive acknowledged that it will be very difficult for the Research School if the

proposal goes ahead. Professor Christie noted that it would be extremely difficult for the School of Art, the School of Archaeology and Anthropology and the School of Music. Professor Ennis reported that the workshops in the School of Art do not have any network access.

### 3.5 Proposed WHS Committee structure feedback to CASS Exec

The proposed WHS Committee structure was discussed. In the formal proposed Committee structure the School of Art does not have its own Committee which is not ideal. After some discussion it was agreed that the School should raise this issue at the next central University WHS Committee to see if it is possible for the School to continue with its formal Committee. The other suggestion was that the School of Art keep its Committee and it can then report to the new RSHA Committee who can then report to the new Humanities and Social Sciences Committee. A Chair for the new RSHA Committee needs to be organised.

### 3.6 Update on DVC-A meeting with AD Hope staff, 4.30pm, Tuesday 22 November – which venue?

The Committee agreed it would be good if the meeting could be held in the Gordon Childe room (G28) in the AD Hope building. Ms Knight will contact Ms Materne in the School of Archaeology and Anthropology to see if this venue is available and if so book it. Professor Travis agreed to Chair the session as Professor Christie is unavailable.

**ACTION:** Ms Knight to contact Ms Materne about the Gordon Childe room.

### ITEM 4. Confidential items

No confidential items were discussed.

### ITEM 5. Acting Director's Report

Professor Christie noted that Professor Rae Frances will be the new Dean and that she will be commencing in June 2017. Professor Pickering will continue as acting Dean to June 2017. The question Professor Christie raised was who would be acting Director from January to June during 2017. Committee members thought that Professor Christie was doing a great job as acting Director and that it was important for continuity for him to continue in the role if he was willing to do so. Professor Christie agreed to think about this.

Professor Christie reported that at the last CASS Executive meeting members were briefed on the ANU International Strategy. A summary of his comments are below.

- At the moment ANU has less diversity in its students. The ANU is looking to increase the diversity in its students country wise and discipline wise.
- The largest category of international students currently come from China
- The ANU is targeting specific areas in countries such as India
- The ANU is the least represented in the overseas University market

The ANU budget has been approved by Council. There is a move afoot to use central and not College funds to cover long service leave and maternity leave in the future. Heads of School are keen to receive the sessional budgets as soon as possible.

The idea of a Digital Humanities laboratory was well received at the CASS Executive meeting. Professor Christie reported that the College is thinking of holding mandatory training sessions for casual sessionals as there is a belief that they do not currently receive

enough training on rules, procedures and policies. Heads of School were not aware of any issues as they have good induction programs within each School.

#### **ITEM 6. Centre for Digital Humanities Research laboratory proposal**

Dr Roe has listed what items will be bought as part of the proposal which is going ahead.

#### **ITEM 7. Relocation of HRC and ANDC**

Professor Christie reported that the HRC and ANDC will be relocating as a result of the Union Court redevelopment work. The HRC will be moving to the Sir Roland Wilson building.

#### **ITEM 8. Education matters**

8.1 CASS PhD Publication Prize applications are due this weekend

Noted.

8.2 Masters Advanced: Change to Supervisors Approval Process

Schools supported the change to the supervisory approval process.

#### **ITEM 9. Research matters**

9.1 RSHA Cross-College Grant Scheme 2017

After some discussion around the RSSS Cross-College Grant Scheme it was agreed that Professor Christie would develop a potential similar proposal for RSHA to be considered at a future RSHA Executive meeting.

**ACTION:** Professor Christie to develop a potential RSHA proposal to be considered by the RSHA Executive at a future meeting.

9.2 Technology Transfer Office: Upcoming skills development

This item was noted. The training could be fantastic for some people in RSHA.

#### **ITEM 10. Workplace Health and Safety**

Associate Professor Dennis reported that no heaters in the School of Archaeology and Anthropology had exploded over the last week.

#### **ITEM 11. Next meeting (with School Managers)**

The next meeting (with School Managers) will be held on Friday 18 November from 10am to 12pm.

**ITEM 12. Any Other Business**

## 12.1 Nominations for Alumni of the Year – request for nominee information

Committee members and any staff who have any relevant nominee information should forward the information to Ms Klugar direct as she is putting the nominations together.

**ACTION:** Any relevant information to be forwarded to Ms Klugar.

## 12.2 ANU IP Policy and Procedures

Committee members thought it would be very helpful if a track changes version had been circulated. It would then be clear what amendments had been made from the previous version. Professor Christie will follow this up with Dr Evans to see what the RSHA Executive should focus on at its next meeting.

**ACTION:** Professor Christie to ask Dr Evans for advice on what to focus on.

**ITEM 13. Any other business**

Professor Gillies noted that the University Research Committee is very interested in the links between industry and the Professoriate. Professor Christie noted that ANU is hiring people as Entrepreneurial Professors and he is interpreting industry very broadly so it covers all the Schools in RSHA.

A summary of further comments about Entrepreneurial Professorships is below.

1. Very good idea for Art History and Art Theory
2. Could be good in creative writing and translation
3. Potentially exciting for the School of Art and the School of Music
4. This could be a good vehicle for the School of Music in its interactions with the music industry
5. It is important that any Entrepreneurial Professors value and welcome teaching as part of their role. Ideally a course would be built around them.
6. The source of funding for these roles needs to be clarified

The meeting closed at 3.27pm.