

## MINUTES

MEETING      **RSHA Executive**

MEET No.      **10, 2015**

DATE/TIME     Friday 23 October 2015, 2pm

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

### **ITEM 1.            Welcome to Professor Catherine Waldby**

Associate Professor Message welcomed Professor Waldby, who has recently commenced as new RSSS Director and has a humanities background. She comes to ANU from the University of Sydney, and has research interests including social studies of biomedicine, medical imaging, HIV, tissue and organ donation etc.

Professor Waldby is interested in exploring links with Schools and researchers in RSHA in regard to areas such as medical anthropology, gender and sexuality, and digital humanities (Masters program), and she is creating links between the HASS and STEM sectors and across CASS and the University that will support endeavours such as joint strategic appointments.

Professor Waldby was invited to the meeting to learn about the RSHA and to meet our Heads of Schools. Each RSHA Head of School introduced themselves and provided an overview of their School.

Professor Waldby reported on current areas of strategic interest in RSSS, including building philanthropic resources through better use of College resources, and the progress being made in regard to NCA approval for the new RSSS building. She has asked RSSS Heads of Schools to map collaborations with external researchers. Professor Pickering would like this to be done for RSHA as well.

**Action:** Associate Professor Message and Ms Knight to meet with Ms Gonsalvez to discuss philanthropy funds in RSHA.

**Action:** Mrs Shepherd to request that the issue of a Philanthropy Development Officer be added to the CASS Executive Committee agenda for discussion.

### **ITEM 2.            Attendance**

Associate Professor Kylie Message (Chair), Professor Will Christie, Associate Professor Denise Ferris, Dr Royston Gustavson, Ms Suzanne Knight, Dr Kate Mitchell, Professor Laurajane Smith, , Professor Catherine Waldby (left at 4pm), Mrs Rosemary Shepherd (minute officer)

**Apologies:** Professor Catherine Travis

### **ITEM 3. Minutes of Previous Meeting**

The minutes were accepted.

### **ITEM 4. Matters Arising and Action Items**

#### 4.1 Honorary degree nominations

Andrew Sayers has sadly died prior to his nomination being received by the Honorary Degrees Committee. The committee does not accept posthumous nominations. The draft nomination for Ian Donaldson is now with Professor Pickering. The deadline for the proposal is 12 November 2015. Two SOM applications submitted to a previous round were unsuccessful.

#### 4.2 Echo360 in RSHA teaching spaces

Dr Gustavson reported that 92 rooms will have Echo360 in them covering 93% of the courses taught at the University. Committee members asked if venues in the Sir Roland Wilson building and the Baldessin Precinct building will be covered. Dr Gustavson will find out about these spaces and report back to the RSHA Executive Committee on this.

**Action:** Dr Gustavson will find out about the spaces in the Sir Roland Wilson building and Baldessin Precinct building and report back to the RSHA Executive Committee.

#### 4.3 RSHA Response to Reimagine our ANU

Associate Professor Message thanked everyone for their feedback on the proposal and reported that the RSHA response was sent to Professor Hughes-Warrington prior to the Council meeting. ANU Council (2 Oct) postponed approval of the proposal.

Professor Hughes-Warrington will attend the RSHA Executive meeting on 20 November to discuss RSHA's questions and suggestions about the redevelopment project. These include the need to include the relocation of AD Hope staff and facilities (Classics Museum, Archaeology labs and storage, etc) in any primary plans if AD Hope is to be demolished. Associate Professor Message reminded Heads of the importance to attend this meeting.

Associate Professor Ferris noted the current plan for the SOA/SOM Library to be amalgamated into the larger Library space envisaged in the Union Court redevelopment project. A SOA Library working party has been set up to look into this matter.

#### 4.4 Research quality measures for HASS disciplines

Associate Professor Message reported that the RSHA response had been sent to Dr Ann Evans and to the DVC(R).

### **ITEM 5. Confidential Items**

No confidential items were noted.

### **ITEM 6. Director's Report**

Associate Professor Message reported that each School will be reviewed as per the requirement of the new Academic Colleges, Schools and Departments Policy (reported at Academic Board 2/2015 item 36):

1. School of Archaeology and Anthropology –2016
2. School of Art – 2017
3. School of Literature, Languages and Linguistics – 2018
4. School of Music – 2019

Associate Professor Ferris reported on the CASS Executive Committee meeting she attended while Associate Professor Message on leave. Key items:

- International Recruitment (see Item 7)
- Internships: An Internships Project Management Group has been established to develop a University-wide internships program (which may not be for credit). CASS has sent a list of providers for the ANIP internship program and Professor Pickering will write to the committee.
- Blended and online learning and teaching: Staff can apply for teaching enhancement grants to support blended learning, which is a time consuming and costly delivery method that has been developed in ad hoc ways across the university (note the success of CAIS's online Persian courses). Needs to be further discussion about how to establish uniform expectations of teaching standards for this kind of delivery.
- CASS Minimum Standards document: needs to be updated/revised in light of new SAA system and changes to expectations around activities (HDR supervision in Research not Education).
- CASS HR Report to College Executive (confidential) discussed. Key points reported on: academic recruitment status; promotion; new staff induction processes; business process improvements, workplace health and safety.
- Repatriation of Human Remains project will be co-funded by CASS and CAP (CASS contact is Tim Denham).

**Action:** Ms Knight to request the report and circulate it to Heads of Schools.

## **ITEM 7. Review of International Student Recruitment and Admissions Final Report 2015**

An independent review into the ANU's international student recruitment and admissions processes has been finalized. The report recommends establishing a new system based on CBE's model, and shifting the focus of our activities from some of our target regions (eg China) to India. CASS has requested a response from the Research Schools that outlines where our priorities should be. The committee discussed resourcing for recruitment and the role of academics in recruitment trips.

Associate Professor Ferris reported that the School of Art has had a long standing association with the Beijing Film Academy in China and has 16 exchange programs which have been developed over a long period of time in a targeted way. The language barrier often makes exchanges difficult and sometimes it has been difficult in getting exchanges happening in both directions. The School would like to target India in the future partly as English is spoken there.

Associate Professor Message has asked Heads of Schools to provide feedback on the following questions:

1. Who do we currently target and why are these the key markets - who do we want to focus on in the future?
2. What are the current administrative process for dealing with international student recruitment?

3. Where should our priorities be - both country, regions and UG vs PGC or HDR programs?
4. What resources do we need to target specific markets and where should this support be located - at College level or at discipline/school level? (We do not have any resources for this at the moment.)
5. Do we want to target Universities rather than countries/areas?
6. Do we want this model, driven by CBE, adopted as the University model?

#### **ITEM 8. ERA questions – RSHA Response**

Associate Professor Message thanked everyone for their contributions to the final RSHA response which has been sent to Professor Margaret Harding.

#### **ITEM 9. Academic Leave**

Academics will no longer be automatically rostered on leave. Supervisors will be responsible for making sure all academics take leave.

#### **ITEM 10. Alumni awards**

It was noted that nominations for the VC alumni awards are needed. Nominations close on 31 October.

#### **ITEM 11. Humanities Research Centre presentation**

Professor Christie gave a presentation on current activities and priorities for the Humanities Research Centre. He tabled information sheets about:

- “Humanities Research Centre: Activities and Events 2015”
- “2015 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> Semester Seminar Program”
- “HRC Events 2016” and “HRC Visiting Fellow 2016”

Developing priorities: The theme for 2015 is Global Languages and the theme for 2016 is “Forms of Authority”. Professor Christie encouraged all Committee members to identify people to apply for the HRC Visiting Fellows program, including past visitors. The committee discussed the interaction between HRC Fellows and other areas of RSHA. Ideas include developing a secondment program for staff close to finishing their books. Professor Christie noted that he would like to archive all visitor reports on the web site as well as make available recordings of seminars presented by Fellows.

Report on activities: Professor Christie attended the large Consortium of Humanities Centers and Institutes conference held earlier in the year in America. ANU is a member of the consortium which is mainly funded by the Mellon Foundation. Professor Christie noted that the HRC started in 1972 and that many other humanities centers across the world have been modelled on the HRC. Professor Christie would like to identify and establish useful collaborations with Centres in Australia and overseas. He will be going to Auckland in a month’s time as New Zealand leads the Australian Consortium of Humanities Research Centres.

Professor Christie has established an HRC Advisory Board. Members include: Professor Iain McCalman, Anne-Marie Schwirtlich (Director, National Library of Australia), Angus Trumble (Director, National Portrait Gallery), Dr Tony Goldsby-Smith, Professor Paul Pickering and Professor Jacqueline Lo. He has also set up the Friends of the HRC for past Visiting Fellows.

**Action:** Ms Knight to request access for Professor Christie to the HRC archive.

**ITEM 12. Education matters**

12.1 2016 UAC Preferences Report

This item is for noting. The double flexible degrees are looking good.

12.2 HASS and STEM load by EFTSL load

This preliminary data is for information. More work will be done on this.

12.3 Length of semesters

Dr Gustavson reported that Academic Board had agreed that semesters will be shortened from 13 weeks to 12 weeks starting in 2017. As a result all courses will need to be amended.

**ITEM 13. Research matters**

No further research matters were discussed.

**ITEM 14. Workplace Health and Safety**

No WHS issues were reported.

**ITEM 15. Any other business**

No items were raised.

**ITEM 16. Date of next meeting**

The next meeting is scheduled for Friday 6 November 2015 at 2pm.

The meeting closed at 4.10pm.