

Minutes of AAAPC Committee Held 30 November 2010

1. **Attendance:** Danielle, Ellen, Dimity, Sarah, Tania and Kitty

2. **Apologies:** Joachim, Marjan, Jon, Faline, Deb and Marie

3. **The Minutes of Last Meeting**, held 19 October 2010, approved.

4. **Business Arising:**

4.1 The Journal Ranking Group: it has not yet been possible to find a meeting date, but Monday 13 December 2010, 1pm is a possible time

4.2 The Travelling Fellowship: Carolyn Laurence from Adelaide Uni has been awarded the Travelling Fellowship for the 2010, she plans to go to Melbourne Uni. She has offered to write a short article for the Newsletter. The application is to come to the Department of General Practice to explore potential research collaborations and bringing them to the next stage of development. It will focus on GP super clinics, and the opportunity to develop joint projects.

4.3 The AAAPC Tasmanian Representative: Tania was welcomed as the Tasmanian representative, she will cover whilst Faline is on 'maternity leave'.

4.4 The Sydney HoDs meeting, held on 23 November 2010, was well attended and productive. (Kitty is to send the minutes of the meeting to all executive committee members) The morning session focussed on problems and in the afternoon the focus was on solutions. The outcomes: the HoDs are to:

- ask for the PIP payments to be doubled, using Carolyn Lawrence's data
- for GPs to be paid for two students at a time, and
- feedback all the problems with the form that GPs have to complete.

Dimity has written to Michelle Clewitt at DOHA requesting a meeting. Comments on the minutes of the meeting, including from Jan Radford, are coming in and will be circulated in an updated summary of the meeting.

5. **The December 2010 Newsletter**: Out in December . Dimity to write a piece on capacity building, Ellen offered to write a piece on next year's conference. Sarah advised: Joan Henderson to submit a piece from NAPGRG ,book pieces from Michael Yelland and Danielle. Louise Stone has written a piece on the concurrent research week that GPET ran with the conference in Darwin. There will be a report of grants awarded in the primary care field. Ellen and Danielle will analyse the data and may publish an article on this issue.

6. General Business

6.1 Membership

6.1.1 New members:

- Tracy Elizabeth Cheffins James Cook University

Ellen mentioned that in June were three new members from PHCRIS whose names were not mentioned: Petra Bywood Sandra Muecke Eleanor Jackson Bowers Cecilia Moretti

6.1.2 Finances: No update available.

6.2 Communications to President

6.2.1 The Academic Career Working Group: This is a meeting organised by GPET for 20 December 2010. The idea is to address the career development needs of early career researchers and educators in general practice. GPET has also circulated a discussion paper on this project. Dimity is attending this meeting and will feed back to the next meeting.

7. **Academic Registrars and the GPET**: A number of points were raised that Dimity will take to the GPET Working Group, the points focus on the difficulties in the recruitment and the application process for academic registrars:

- an applicant recently came to Danielle's department for assistance with the academic registrar's application. It seems that the process requires that the applicant delineate her research project, her method, the budget, the aim and objectives etc, all before the applicant had even set foot in an academic department. If the idea is to get registrars to take up academic posts the procedure needs to be simplified.
- candidates find the application process too daunting, even with considerable assistance, and
- the registrar seemed to be required to put enormous focus on research rather than learning about teaching and medical education. There seemed to be little flexibility, the registrar was expected to decide on the learning outcomes without much knowledge of the sector.

8. **The PHCRED Funding Model**. Dimity has an appointment to see Vicky Murphy on Monday. The PIP group came up with the following:

- it supports the Department's focus on chronic disease management
- it believes it is important to support primary care research
- it is vital to support funding for PhDs and post Doctorate research as there is a need for academic readers
- it is also vital to support research networks which can foster GP led research, and
- it suggests that the next round of CREs has a broader scope, including capacity building.

9. **Next Year's Conference**: The Conference Advisory Committee has decided upon the following:

- the dates are 13 – 15 July 2011

- the theme will be: *Inspirations, Collaborations and Solutions*
- workshops will run for 90 minutes rather than 3 hours
- symposia or seminars have been reduced 60 minutes
- the plenary session will run for 90 minutes only and it will be held earlier in the conference, rather than on the last day.

It was agreed that the key note speaker and the two distinguished papers should be allocated only twenty minutes each. The key note speaker will not be asked to comment on the distinguished papers so allowing more time for discussion.

Possible key note speakers: The Conference has invited Jeanie Haggerty from Canada. Possible AAAPC speakers canvassed were:

- Jane Farmer, the new head of the Royal Clinical School
- Danielle mentioned an inspirational speaker from Norway who talked about managing chronic disease in General Practice, and
- Michael Weingarten, head of the Department of General Practice at Tel Aviv uni, who gave a talk on the role of the General Practitioner as being more than a translator of evidence but the engagement that is necessary between patients and GPs.

Any ideas, please forward them to Ellen.

10. Next Meeting: 15 February 2011

11. Other Business: None

ALLOCATED ACTIONS

Dimity is to:

- circulate an updated summary of the Sydney HoDs meeting, including comments received, and
- report back on the GPET sponsored meeting: the Academic Career Working Group.

All Committee Members are to:

- forward suggestions for the AAAPC key note speaker to Ellen.