

**Minutes of the October 2011 AAAPC Committee Meeting**  
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1. Present
  - Dimity, Ellen, Tina, Liz, Michael Yelland, Danielle, Richard, Tania, Kitty
2. Apologies
  - Natasha, Michelle, Marie , Jon, Marjan

Michael Yelland was invited to speak re issues that the AAAPC might like to lobby for as an Organisation

- Severance Pay and PHCRED funding
  - A number of Units have been going for a number of years and hence staff will be entitled to severance pay
  - Included as Line Item in April Budget
  - Were told in June that this would not be accepted as a Line Item but that redundancies would be considered in October
  - Initially the Uni saw it as a Project, severance pay would not be considered
  - Later the Uni relented and said that the Health Faculty would agree to cover severance pay
  - (Michael) was to approach the AAAPC to have severance pay included as a Line Item
  - Newcastle does make allowance for severance pay from their own funds
  - Many Universities are not making allowance for severance pay
  - If Universities do not make allowance for this, severance pay can be rolled into budgets
  - Issue may be that PHCRED may be asked to pick up severance pay for many years if the person has been employed for many years in a number of jobs

**ACTION**

*AAAPC to write 'General' letter on the subject as there are some precedents and the University would have some responsibility*

- The Numbered Funds and the Final report that is due in March 2012
  - (Michael) understands that funds are not allowed to be spent after Dec 31<sup>st</sup> yet there are expenses (e.g. auditing / paying the final costs / some salaries / insurance / journal submission fees / etc) that will need to be done in Jan and Feb 2012
  - Can approval be granted to cover these costs
  - Many speakers commented on how they bill costs for a year that do not actually become due until early the next year

**ACTION**

*Michael to will again with his Uni (Accrual Accounting process) and will get back to the group if there are still issues.*

*AAAPC happy to write a letter if Michael is not able to resolve the issue with his Uni*

### 3. Minutes of the Meeting

#### 4. Business Arising

##### 4.1 Ausdoc are yet to reply to Dimity's correspondence

###### ACTION

*Kitty to ring and inform them that Dimity is back*

##### 4.2 PIP issue

- This has been not been progressed with the Department
- To be discussed later

##### 4.3 Clinical Trials Registry people did contact Dimity

- Jon Emery raised issue / he is across the issues

###### ACTION

*Kitty to contact Jon*

###### ACTION

*Hold off further discussions until 2012 when Jon returns*

##### 4.4 Travelling Fellowship applications for the 2011 travelling fellowship. and the process for assessing the applications received with a view to awarding the fellowship to one of the AAAPC,s financial members.

- There were 3 applications
  - Simon French – Melb Uni
  - Phyllis Lau – Melb Uni
  - Tania Janamian from Qld Uni
- Committee to review will be Dimity, Jon & Ellen

###### ACTION

*Kitty to send to members of the Committee relevant information and the applications*

- Comments re the Travelling Fellowship
  - Need to write some guidelines
  - The restriction of travel within Australia limiting applications

###### ACTION

*Tania asked to write a paragraph discussion for the next meeting arguing that the Fellowship be open to International travel*

- NB – This will mean rewrite of the Aims

##### 4.5 QA&CPD lobbying

- Raised the issue at the College fellowship in Hobart that there should be more QA&CPD points for GP Supervisors taking on Medical students, on the grounds that this is a CPD experience and that supervisors learn a lot from their students - this motion was passed

- They will report back in 12 months. This will not affect this triennium.
- At the moment the points are minimal – GP supervisors can self report 10 hours they can get 2 points per hour and only 10 hours in the triennium are allowed
- Danielle & Dimity put a motion to involve Registrars more in research, having a research question in the College exam and allowing Masters & PhD's to be intercalated into the Registrar training. This was narrowly lost
  - We need to lobby and continue to pressure Council and continue the discussion.

**ACTION**

*Discussion / Position paper to Council*

- Marie Dimity Danielle to have a teleconference to look at NSCRs agenda

**ACTION**

*Kitty to organise*

**4.6 Special Meeting on HWA**

- Had a meeting re a long list of difficulties
- Dimity to write a letter

**ACTION**

*Kitty to email Dimity to remind her*

**4.7 Supporting medical placements in a more coordinated way.**

- Simon Willock has agreed to help support and would ensure that the letter that AAAPC will write will be raised at the HWA Board meeting.
- Need for a more integrated approach to placements
  - PIP payments
  - PGPPP placements are actually pushing students away from GP
  - National Summit was proposed with financial and logistic support from GPET
    - All training discussed and looking at integration of nurses and the inadequacy of the PIP payment. A summit should be held in 2012 .
  - There should be an issues paper coming out of it with specific lobbying points for the Commonwealth, including
    - Increase in the PIPS
    - Possible mechanisms to improve integration
- The idea is AAAPC initiative (but because we do not have any money) GPET will help fund it.
- AAAPC concerned about some of GPET's agenda (GPET taking over the Curriculum)
- If at the Summit it was decided that RTP's would handle all placements, this may not be favoured by all Universities

- Dimity's personal position is that individual states and individual areas develop their own solutions to the integration issue
- Summit needs to include more than GPET & AAAPC
- Danielle advocated that Medicare Locals, PRT and HWA be part of the Organising Committee if we want all groups to buy into the process
- Invite Medical teams
- Need to be aware that we could be facilitating a process that hurts some of our members
- A Forum for how different areas approach this issue would be valuable / learn from others / model an approach on successes
- Be wary of a 'one model fits all' as there are local solutions and regional differences

**ACTION –**

*AAAPC to host a project officer to prepare a discussion paper on options*

*GPET has asked AAAPC to prepare a position description for a Project Officer that they (GPET) will fund to do a discussion paper on options around Vertical Integration*

*Discussion with Erich Janssen re possible models for the Project Officer position*

*Could be a consultant / based in a variety of locations / answer to a Board or Group that is made up of members of various organisations*

*Kitty to set up a teleconference between Danielle, Dimity and Erich*

**Liz spoke to (and tabled) the document from Mark Harris on concerns around APHCRI CRE Funding**

- They asked for up to 7 CREs to be funded, only 2 out of 27 CRE's were funded (others were deemed to be un-fundable)
- Seeking greater clarity around briefing and explanatory material if such a significant number of the applications were not able to understand what they wanted
  - 93% got it wrong and we don't want it to happen again
- The Review Process was not equal for all applicants
  - Some allowed to clarify on the information they provided and others were not
  - Processes need to be more transparent
- Verbal feedback was given to Mark but written feedback would be more appropriate

**ACTION**

*AAAPC to write to the Research Advisory Board re concerns*

*Dimity to draft and send to all for 'tweaking'*

**Next Meeting**

- 18<sup>th</sup> October meeting cancelled
- Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> November

**ACTION**

*Kitty to confirm availability of members for a meeting on the 15<sup>th</sup> November and circulate*