**Women’s Caucus Meeting**

**12:00pm 26th September 2012**

**APSA Conference Meeting**

**In attendance:**

Melissa Lovell, Sarah Cameron, Ryl Harrison, Birte Ahlhaus, Jane Cannon, Adele Garnier, Tracey Arklay, Stephanie Brookes, Caroline Hughes, Andrea Carson, Sophie Reid, Olivia Monaghan, Danielle Miller, Rebecca Shaw, Constance Duncombe, Amy Nethery, Mary Crawford, Verity Burgman, Li-Yi Huang, Ainsley Elbra, Gorana Grgic, Linda Hancock, Betsi Beem, Courtney Webber, Megan Alessandri, Sarah Maddison, Joan Staples, Kath Gelber, Lindy Edwards

**Apologies:** Marian Sawer, Mhairi Cowden, Jacqui True, Louise Chappell

**Proceedings:**

1. **Last year’s minutes to be approved.**

Approved.

1. **APSA Executive Report**

Lindy Edwards brought to women’s attention

* The Women in Political Science Report
* Women in Political Science Blog

<http://womeninpoliticalscience.wordpress.com>

* New APSA Women’s Caucus Facebook page – please ‘Like’ to receive regular updates and connect with senior women in profession.
* <https://www.facebook.com/ApsaWomensCaucus>
* Entry level job opportunity at Newcastle, where there is a strong push to appoint a woman. Position to be advertised this weekend.

1. **Proposal to have Special Study Group of Gender Studies within APSA (Marian Sawer)**

Key proponents of this proposal were not present. Overwhelming majority of women present did not identify as specializing on gender and feminist scholarship. Decision made to refer this issue back to the proponents and that women specializing in this area develop up a proposal for a special studies group. The process is outlined on the APSA website and can be put directly to the APSA Executive.

1. **Proposal to Develop Role Description Sheets to be Posted on New APSA Website on**
   1. Role of Women’s Caucus Representative
   2. Ongoing Responsibilities for Response to Women in Political Science Report
   3. Form Committee on Women and Politics Prize

Action: Agreed.

1. **APSA Response to Women in Political Science Report (Lindy Edwards)**
2. **Criteria for Carol Pateman Prize –** Criteria were agreed as attached below and Carole has agreed to our naming the prize in her honour.
3. **Criteria for Leadership Prize –** Criteria was agreed as attached below.
4. **Mentoring Scheme –** Ran out of time to discuss this issue.
5. **WAPSA Workshops –** Ran out of time to discuss this issue.
6. **Proposal to seek more APSA funding for Research in reasons why women leave the profession –** Ran out of time to discuss this issue.

Lindy Edwards committed to establishing another process to enable the remaining issues to be discussed.

1. **Election of 2013 Women’s Caucus Representative**

Linda Hancock from Deakin University elected.

1. **Other Business**

It was requested that we have discussion about the President’s Address on the importance of political theory to the role of women in the profession. We did not have time to come back to this discussion.

Meeting Ended 1pm

Carole Pateman Book Prize for Politics and Gender

1. May be awarded to a man or woman
2. That is a member of APSA

For a book that:

1. Incorporates gender or feminist perspectives into political science
2. Demonstrates excellence in writing and communication
3. Exhibits scholarly innovation and rigour
4. Must published in the preceding four years, but may only be submitted for the prize once

Prize for Academic Leadership

This prize is open to a man or a woman at any level in the profession that is a member of APSA and exhibits inclusive leadership.

The person will need to be nominated by one of their colleagues for this award.

Their nomination will be supported by statements by three colleagues or mentees (including at least one woman) about how they exhibit the values of inclusive and collaborative academic leadership.

The nominations for the Award will be assessed by sub committee of the APSA executive with regards to leadership that:

* + 1. Supports academic pluralism and the value of diverse approaches to the discipline.
    2. Encourages academic rigour through constructive feedback about how research can be strengthened
    3. Mentors and champions both colleagues and emerging scholars
    4. Demonstrates awareness of the unique challenges confronted by female academics
    5. Builds research communities and collaborative academic opportunities

**Minutes of Women’s Caucus Meeting**

**1:00pm 26th September 2011**

**Private Dining Room, Old Parliament House**

**APSA Conference Meeting**

Apologies: Joan Staples, Pippa Norris, Katherine Curchin,

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| Attendance:  Bronwyn | McDonald | Newcastle | | Fiona | Allen | ANU |  |
| Hawzhin | Azeez | Newcastle | | Mhairi | Cowden | ANU |  |
| Amy | Nethery | Deakin University | | Katherine | Smith | ANU |  |
| Judy | Betts | Sydney University | | Jo | Lau | ANU |  |
| Meryl | Kenny | UNSW |  | Kate | Mcmillan | Victoria University | |
| Louise | Chappell | UNSW |  | Vicky | Mason | ANU |  |
| Jennifer | Curtin | Auckland University | | Moira | Byrne | ANU |  |
| Lisa | Hill | Adelaide University | | Robin | Hollander | Griffith University | |
| Kath | Gelber | UQ |  | Ana | Gilling | VUW |  |
| Kim | Rubenstein | ANU |  | Stephanie | Lawson | Macquarie University | |
| Gwenda | Tavan | Latrobe University | | Marian | Sawer | ANU |  |
| Kate | Gleeson | Macquarie University | | Katrina | Lee-Koo | ANU |  |
| Sheila | Jeffreys | Melbourne Uni | | Kirsty | McLaren | ANU |  |
| Heni | Pancaningtyas | ANU |  | Merrindahl | Andrews | ANU |  |
| Bushra | Chowdhury | ANU |  | Kcasey | McLoughlin | Newcastle University | |
| Monica | Costa | UniSA/ANU | |  |  |  |  |

**Agenda**

1. **Last years minutes to be approved.**

Approved with minor amendment to number of submissions to essay prize.

1. **Report from APSA executive meeting by Women’s Caucus Rep (Lindy Edwards)**
   1. APSA office moving to Melbourne
   2. APSA conferences at 2012 UTAS, 2013 Murdoch University, 2014 Uni Sydney
   3. Key Issues have been
      1. Lobbying the ARC regarding ERA rankings and funding success rates
      2. Proposal to change constitution to give IR Standing Group representation on the Executive
   4. Opportunity – APSA Workshop funding is available and women encouraged to apply
2. **Report on ‘Women’s Advancement in Political Science’ Workshop**

Marian Sawer reported that having successfully won funding for the workshop from APSA and the ANU Gender Institute 40 women would be attending the workshop on Thursday. Some fascinating research has been produced for the workshop and a professional facilitator had been employed to guide the creation of a clear action agenda coming out of the workshop. The findings would be turned into a report for the APSA executive, and Heads of Depts.

1. **Pippa Norris Laureate & Potential Funding for Workshop Initiatives**

Professor Pippa Norris has been the inaugural winner of the Kathleen Fitpatrick Laureate for women researchers in humanities and the social sciences. Part of Pippa’s proposal for the $2.6 million ARC prize was that she would fund activities to mentor and develop young female academics and encourage them to stay in academia. She has contacted the Women’s Caucus to discuss the best way to spend the funds. We have discussed that her money may be able to be used to fund proposals coming out of the Women’s Workshop on Thursday.

1. **Women in Political Science Blog**

Mhairi Cowden reported that as part of the Women’s Workshop a blog had also been established as a place for debating and discussing issues of relevance to women in the discipline. The Web address is:

<http://womeninpoliticalscience.wordpress.com>

Everyone was encouraged to sign up and contribute to the blog**.**

1. **Form Committee for Women and Politics Prize**

Lisa Hill undertook to chair a committee to judge the women in politics prize.

1. **Proposal to Extend Women’s Caucus Representatives Tenure**

It was agreed to extend the tenure of the Women’s Caucus representative to two years to enable time for the rep to familiarize themselves with the role.

1. **Election of 2012 Women’s Caucus Representative**

Lindy Edwards agreed to continue her position for an additional year in line with the new tenure rules.

1. **Other Business**

Marian Sawer reminded women about the upcoming IPSA Congress in Madrid. It is expected to have a strong Australian contingent and a very strong women’s stream. People were encouraged to ensure they got abstracts in by the deadline.

1. **Women’s Caucus Photo**

A Photo was taken of the 2011 Women’s Caucus on the steps of Old Parliament House using Marian Sawer’s camera**.**

Meeting closed.