

Members of the Committee

Twelve individuals sit on the Committee. They are a mix of those in career (six) and retired (six) from the private sector (five), the public sector (five), Non-Profit (two). Their professional experiences include journalism, management, parliamentary education, public service, college dean, psychologist, school education executive, chief of staff to a federal minister, and law. Four bring international perspectives to the table. Six of the twelve have Sydney degrees. There are nine women and three men.

In addition, the Chair of the Department takes part in all Committee activities. The President of the Politics Society is invited to all meetings. Members of the Department are welcome to attend any meeting, and so do.

<p>Annie Corlett</p> 	<p>Annie graduated in 1980 with a Bachelor of Economics, majoring in government and economics and for much of the 1980s was an executive director of two publicly listed mining companies. She has had a long-time involvement and active engagement in supporting groups in the not-for-profit sector as a volunteer. Annie served as President of the University's Alumni Council (2013-April 2017). Annie is a member of the Alumni Council Volunteer Management Committee and a member of the Division of Alumni and Development International Engagement Committee. In 2016 she became a member (AM) in the General Division of the Order of Australia for significant service to the community.</p>
<p>Jeannie Douglass</p> 	<p>Jeannie is Manager of Parliamentary Education at the State Parliament on Macquarie Street in Sydney, where some of her work is with school students. She was a major contributor to the public exhibition 'Twenty-five: Stories from Australia's First Parliament' at Parliament House. Between 2006 and 2011 she served as manager of education for the History Houses Trust of New South Wales. She has also been a senior education officer for the Australian Maritime Museum (1995-2006). She has a Master of Arts (Applied history) from the University of Technology, Sydney. She grew up in the Hunter Valley.</p>
<p>Rosie Giddings</p> 	<p>She is the Dean of Students at the University of Sydney Foundation Program, a one-year academic course for International students. Rosie has a Master of Science. After living in Bangkok with school age children, she developed an interest in international education. She earned a Masters of Education and went to work in the Foundation Program. Her aim is to help students achieve their potential in a foreign environment. Part of that is coming to terms with intercultural understanding which is a lifelong asset. She has worked with many international students who have gained entry to and successfully completed degrees at the University of Sydney. She is a founding member of the Committee.</p>

<p>Ross Gittins, AM</p> 	<p>He is Economics Editor of <u>The Sydney Morning Herald</u> and also an economic columnist for <u>The Age</u>, Melbourne. He was awarded an honorary doctorate by the University of Sydney in 2012. His journalistic experience includes editorial writing and stints in the parliamentary press galleries in Sydney and Canberra. In 2008 he was made a member of the Order of Australia for service to journalism as a commentator on economics. Ross is author of <u>Gittins' Guide to Economics</u>, <u>The Happy Economist</u> and co-author with Rodney Tiffen of <u>How Australia Compares</u> (2d ed) (Cambridge University Press).</p>
<p>John Gore</p> 	<p>He is a retired chief education officer in the NSW Department of Education where he received a Director-General Award for excellence in public education. He is a past president, honorary member and recipient of the Peter Brice award from the Pacific Circle Consortium an international organisation of education systems and universities from countries in and around the Pacific Ocean. He has a long-standing interest in values education, financial literacy and civics and citizenship education and contributed to the Civics Centre at the University of Sydney. He has recently been involved with an emerging school system in India.</p>
<p>Kate Harrison</p> 	<p>Kate is a partner at Gilbert + Tobin's group. One of her specialties is intellectual property. She was a Ministerial Adviser, first as Chief of Staff to Minister John Faulkner (Cabinet Secretary/Special Minister of State and Defence Minister), and subsequently as a Senior Adviser to Prime Minister Julia Gillard. Kate did Honours in Government at the University of Sydney, as well as a PhD. She also has an LLB (UNSW) and an LLM from Columbia University in New York City, where she practiced law for a time. Kate is listed as a leading lawyer in Chambers Asia Pacific 2015 and Best Lawyers 2015. She is recommended in dispute resolution by Legal 500 Asia Pacific 2016.</p>
<p>Ann Hoban</p> 	<p>Ann is Director City Life at the City of Sydney, she has supported and delivered creative spaces for artists, affordable work space for entrepreneurs, incentives to improve the city's environmental performance, technology to make the city accessible and welcoming, She has built partnerships with government, peak business and community organisations, communities and individuals. She was a member of the Sydney Festival Board, having taught arts administration at National Music Camp; been Company Manager at Fox Studios backlot; and merged the Queensland Symphony and Philharmonic Orchestras. She has an MBA in entrepreneurship from the University of Technology, Sydney.</p>

<p>Michael Neylan</p> 	<p>Michael is a partner at K & L Gates, Attorneys, where he specialises in transport and infrastructure projects. Much of this work involves advising clients about the regulatory and policy environments of Governments. He has an LL.M. from Columbia University and an LL. B. and a Bachelor of Arts both with Honours (Government), University of Sydney. He also holds a Graduate Diploma in Applied Finance and Investment from the Securities Institute of Australia. He was a Visiting Fellow in the Macquarie University Applied Finance Centre and taught in the Masters program there from 2009 to 2011. He is a Senior Fellow of the Financial Services Institute of Australasia. Michael is an habitu� of the Sydney Writers Festival.</p>
<p>Denise North</p> 	<p>Denise North is a director, consultant and executive coach. She has a Certificate in Corporate Governance from INSEAD in 2013 after an MBA at the Australian Graduate School of Management. She completed Honours in Government in a Bachelor of Economics at the University of Sydney. She was Chair of the Council of International House at the University of Sydney and became an Honorary Fellow of the University of Sydney in 2014. She chairs Streetwise Communications, working with young people on social issues. Denise was a Commissioner of the Australian Fisheries Management Authority (2007-2014). In executive roles, she was most recently Director Corporate at the NSW Public Service Commission, and previously Chief Executive of the Insolvency Practitioners Association of Australia. She commenced her career as a policy analyst and ministerial advisor with the Australian Government.</p>
<p>Alice Arnott Oppen, OAM</p> 	<p>Alice holds degrees in Arts (literature) from Smith College, the University of Chicago, the University of Sydney, is a Fellow of the Australian Institute of Company Directors. After a first career in teaching, writing and feminism, her second career has been serving on boards of listed and not for profit organisations, particularly Arnotts Ltd. and ChildFund Australia, Family Planning NSW, SH&FPA (Family Planning Australia and its International Advisory Committee) and the NSW Cancer Council Ethics Committee. Alice is founder and Chair of Women’s Plans Foundation, raising funds for the integration of a family planning component in overseas programs, to enable women’s development and global sustainability.</p>

<p>Emily Scanlan</p> 	<p>Her career spans foreign affairs and psychology. Emily worked as an ABC radio and television journalist and later as an Executive Level Officer with the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade in Canberra. She is now a registered psychologist with a private practice in Sydney CBD specializing in mood disorders. Her has a Bachelor Economics and Social Sciences with Honours in Government with a major in Psychology, Master of Arts in International Law at Sydney, a Master of Arts Journalism (UTS), a Post-Graduate Diploma (Psychology), and AMAPS. During her undergraduate degree she was awarded the Mayer Prize for Best Student in Political Theory and competed at the World Debating Championships in Manila, The Philippines.</p>
<p>Soo Jin Yoon</p> 	<p>Soo Jin is a Director in the Legal Department of United Banks of Switzerland Investment Bank, having started at Mallesons Stephen Jaques. She has a First Class Honours and a PhD in Government and International Relations as well as First Class Honours in Law from the University of Sydney. She is an experienced capital markets and corporate lawyer with particular expertise in capital raisings and corporate advisory, regulatory management, risk management and compliance.</p>

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