

AGENDA – Education Council (EDC) 6 2023

Wednesday, 27 September 2023

Graneek room and zoom – 6:15pm

Join Zoom Meeting

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Item 1: Meeting Open and Apologies

Meeting opens at 6:18pm

1. Acknowledgement of Country

Ben gave an acknowledgement of country.

2. Apologies

3. Passing of previous meetings minutes

- a. Will happen next meeting as there is no quorum

Item 2: Executive Reports

2.1 President's Report (B. Yates) [Reference A]

Not a lot to draw attention to, in the academic realm we're going to do some work to give the CR team a chance to interrogate what's happening in the Undergraduate Curriculum Review and its implementation. It's effectively in substance the framework itself is neutral but the

implementation is what we need to be watching - lots we should be watching. Looking to try to make sure we can zero in on what's happening in your college so we can heatmap the issues w implementation.

Drawing people's attention to things like tokenistic engagement w Indigenous Knowledges, especially low quality tick a box courses. Equally, draw attention to fulfillment of transdisciplinarity attribute which is not materially addressing transdisciplinary but two disciplines vaguely near each other. Will be in touch soon. Happy to take questions.

2.2 Vice President's Report (G. King) [Reference B]

2.3 General Secretary's Report (P. O'Neill) [Reference C]

2.4 Education Officer's Report (B. Tucker) [Reference D]

Taking report as read, same as SRC. Main thing to note was the section on AQAC - vote on nuclear minor for CoS. Voted against it as anti-AUKUS and SRC gave quite good motion. Bea and I have been offered a meeting at CoS. Bring it to EDC or EWAG and decide how to proceed.

Item 3: College Representative Reports

3.1 College of Engineering, Computing, and Cybernetics [Reference E]

HO: Mostly taking as read, not too many major announcements, couldn't attend CEC during times of meetings. 25 courses reviewed per year, looking to select these in 5yr intervals, changes in course learning outcomes for popular first year courses. Bc of accreditation they have to review every course. Cybersecurity major and systems & Architecture not achievable due to course disestablishments, trying to fix. School of ENG trying to work out less numbers.

3.2 College of Arts and Social Sciences [Reference F]

Lara: CEC meeting not student based, about staff consult for anthro master, issue regarding consultation w Indigenous major.

Mickey: nothing to add, not much.

3.3 College of Law [Reference G]

Absent.

3.4 College of Sciences, Health and Medicine [Reference H]

Absent.

3.5 College of Business and Economics [Reference I]

Absent.

3.6 College of Asia Pacific [Reference J]

SW: Incredibly new to the position so haven't attended any previous meetings but v happy to be here and contribute on an ongoing basis. I'm CAP rep for HDR group!

BY: happy to meet, v good space to discuss what's happening in uni and to your students.

Item 4: Discussion Items

BY: one thing to mention, had a meeting yesterday, WG on reforming accreditation programs, a policy which is mostly material on staff end rather than student. One thing did come up about student membership on program reviews. ANU has to review all programs every 4 or 5 years, a very arduous process. They discussed if there should be a student member on review panels. My position is that there shouldn't be because it would mean we're doing the work of reviewing, instead stakeholders are consulted and see output and allowed to comment. More consistent with our job. BA program review is 3mo FT work. Not students' job to do bureaucratic work. If ppl have diff view happy to hear that

MT: what do they review

BY: compliance exercise. The one I was most familiar with, added an outcome to the whole program about Indigenous knowledges and added one compulsory course. Most of it is if they're meeting AQSF standards and that stuff, all professional body standards if it's accredited.

Exception I could think of is degrees that are quite unusual in style or where we know it's going to very substantially change programs, like PhD or Rnd degree, niche programs with specific rules where small changes could be very impactful, small programs makes participating in a review more manageable.

Item: 5: Other Business

Item 6: Meeting Close

Expected close of meeting 7:30pm

Meeting closed at 6:28pm

Reference A

See SRC report.

Reference B

See SRC report.

Reference C

See SRC report.

Reference D

See SRC report.

Reference E

Undergraduate CECC EDC 6

Harrison Oates and Punit Deshwal

This report shares updates from the agenda items of the recent CDC meeting for SOEN and SOCO. Unfortunately, we couldn't attend these due to time clashes.

There weren't any major announcements. Some key takeaways were:

- 1) The college has to review 25 courses per year according to ANU policy. They are looking at ways to select these courses in a timespan of 5 years.
- 2) There were discussions to change learning outcomes on the P&C website for some of the major courses like comp1100.
- 3) ANU accreditation procedures are currently underway as well which means college has to review every course. They will have a "light review" for courses with less enrolments.
- 4) The cyber security major and systems and architecture specialisation aren't achievable due to course destabishments. Although cyber security is fixed, systems is still pending.
- 5) Due to introduction to application fees for international applications, SOEN is expecting less enrolments next year and they will keep an eye on how this affects the overall numbers.

Reference F

CRC Report 5 – College of Arts and Social Science

Mickey Throssell and Lara Johnson

1. Introduction

Hi everyone! With a new term, students are super busy with assessments and course work, so we hope everyone is doing well and a reminder that we are both here to help with any troubles that arise with courses.

2. CASS CEC Meeting

Lara attended the CASS College Education Meeting. The key points from the CEC were:

- Further discussions on the compulsory minor, specifically the transdisciplinary and Indigenous course elements.
- Brief conversation on the online, recorded, short Postgraduate courses.
- The meeting was primarily about staff and consultations for new master course.

3. Issues with Courses

We have received an email with concerns about an exam commencing at 7pm and it going for two hours long.

4. ANUSA Events

- Mickey and Lara both attended the relevant ANUSA meetings
- Mickey attended the EAG meetings

Reference G

Reference H

Reference I

CBE rep report:

Mid sem exams - Some issues with automatic marking of multiple choice questions, issues with students not correctly filling out the boxes or not listing names. So far most of this seems to have been resolved but will keep an eye on it.

Marvin (Director of Students and Learning) is stepping down from his role, Marvin has been really helpful with issues coming from students so will be very interested to see how succeeds him.

Feedback sessions have been and are continuing to go on, seems like we are getting good engagement.

Was actually asked at the CBEEC if I wanted to provide a report to the committee (nice to be included), while providing feedback on specific points is good this presents as a good opportunity to get to put issues front and center within the College, hopefully more to come on this.

Not much else to report besides general student issues which we have been dealing with :)

Reference J