



Indigenous Education Strategic Development Working Group

10.00p.m. – 11.00p.m. Thursday 8th June 2006

Western Tower Room

Membership:

Professor Judyth Sachs (Chair), Pro Vice-Chancellor (Learning & Teaching)
Assoc. Professor Bruce Sutton, Chair Academic Board
Ms Sally Farrington, Deputy Head, Yooroang Garang
Professor Barbara Fawcett, Head of School, Faculty of Education & Social Work
Mr Colin L. James, Director I.B. Fell Housing Research Centre
Dr Nerida Jarkey, Director of First Year Teaching and Learning, Faculty of Arts
Ms Janet Mooney, Director Koori Centre
Ms Sue Page, Coordinator for U/G Programs, Yooroang Garang
Dr Michael Paton, Teaching Quality Fellow, Faculty of Economics and Business
Ms Anne Scahill, Director Staff and Student Equal Opportunity Unit

Corresponding Members:

Ms Ros Field, Director Indigenous Education, DEST
Prof John Lester, Director of Aboriginal Education & Training, DET
Mr Kevin Lowe, Inspector, Aboriginal Education, Office of Board of Studies
Ms Sharon Lyons-Sequeira, Indigenous Education, DEST
Professor Don Nutbeam, Provost and Deputy Vice-Chancellor

Apologies:

Assoc. Professor Diana Day, Principal Research Fellow, Koori Centre
Mr Shane Hearn, Lecturer, Grad Dip Indigenous Health Promotion
Ms Shona Kennedy, Indigenous Employment Policy Officer
Ms Jeni Lee, student representative

Minutes

The Chair welcomed Assoc Prof Bruce Sutton, Chair Academic Board, to his first meeting of the Working Group.

1. Minutes of 18th April 2006

Adopted

In relation to Indigenous Priorities 2006, Dr Jarkey informed the Working Group that the First Year Experience Working Group does not itself undertake tutor training, however many First Year Experience programs include tutor training.

Business Arising

- **Indigenous Marketing Strategic Plan 2006-2010**

On the 7th July the former Marketing Committees of the Koori Centre and Yooroang Garang will meet to form a combined Marketing Committee to work on joint approaches to Careers Markets and transition programs with schools and TAFE.

- **Indigenous Education Statement**

Ms Mooney tabled the Draft Statement, noting the Objectives remain the same as for the previous triennium. The Income and Expenditure figures will be added prior to sending this document to DEST.

- **“What Health Science students learn about Indigenous Health” (the Clapham Report)**
The previous College of Health Sciences funded this audit into its current offerings in Indigenous Health. Its recommendations align with and will be relevant additions to the Learning and Teaching Plan and the work of the Cultural Diversity Working Group.

The methodology included a literature review, focus groups and a questionnaire. The Working Group saw this as an effective model, worthy of replication in other parts of the University.

- **Indigenous Priorities 2006**
The Provost is keen to appoint an Assoc Prof or Professor of Indigenous Studies. Recruitment will commence in the second half of the year.

With the disestablishment of the Colleges it was noted that the Indigenous Education Strategic Development Working Group is the only forum left across the University specifically dealing with Indigenous matters. This has implications for its Terms of Reference and its status – with a need to become a formal committee of the University. The Chair recommended that amended Terms of Reference be brought to the next meeting.

Adopted

- **Klub Koori Mentoring Program DVD**
The technology failed and it was agreed that the next meeting be held in the Koori Centre to allow the DVD to be screened, along with the Marketing DVD. **Adopted**
- **Disestablishment of the Colleges – implications for management and funding**
Prof Sachs and Ms Mooney will bring recommendations to the next meeting of the Working Group. **Adopted**
- **Cessation of compulsory student unionism – implications for funding**
Student fees used to provide funding (all or partial) for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Week, Carnivale, Reconciliation Week and Sorry Day.

It was recommended that Ms Mooney write to the CFO, with a cc. to Prof Benrimoj and Ms Lambourne asking about alternative sources of revenue. **Adopted**

2. **Launch of the Reconciliation Statement, 12.00 noon 1st June 2006**

The Chair thanked Ms Kennedy for her coordination of the very successful launch; she also thanked Mr James for his design/graphics for the Statement and Ms Mumbulla for her liaison with the community. She undertook to write to the Principal of the Erskineville Public School to thank them for the performance by the school’s Aboriginal Dance Group. **Adopted**

The *Building Bridges* artwork used on the invitation, is currently on display in Fisher Library. It was recommended that the Library take an archival quality photograph of the work as its format was not judged to have longevity. **Adopted**

3. **Any Other Business**

Ms Scahill reported that she has been liaising with ICT to develop a policy such as that of the University of New South Wales, whereby working but obsolete technology can be directed to the Settlement without the necessity of making special arrangements.

4. **Next meeting: Thursday 7th September 2006**