UNIVERSITY INTERNATIONALISATION COMMITTEE

Minutes of the (3/2005) meeting of the University Internationalisation Committee held at 3.00pm on Thursday 24 November 2005 in room 67.202.

Present: Mr J Langridge (Chair)
Prof R Whelan
Prof J Morrison
Mr P O’Halloran
Mr P Day
Ms R Buckham
A/Prof J Curtis
A/Prof G Williams
Prof J Bern
Ms F McGregor
Ms S Hughes
Prof P Kitley
A/Prof S Tanner
Mr M Smith
A/Prof B Derewianka
Prof J Bremner

In Attendance: Ms J Hutchinson (Committee Executive Officer), Paola Ciccarelli

Unable to attend: Prof M Sheil, Prof R Castle, Prof D Griffiths, Ms M Bell, Dr D Christie, Mr M Ngui, Ms N Peters, Prof J Glynn, A/Prof J McQuilton, A/Prof T Chandra, Mr D MacKinnon, A/Prof S Dolnicar.

PART A - PRELIMINARY BUSINESS

A1 Apologies and Welcome

Apologies were received from Prof Rob Castle, Prof Margaret Sheil, Dr David Christie, A/Prof S Dolnicar and Prof D Griffiths.

The Chair welcomed new members to UIC – A/Prof Stephen Tanner from the Faculty of Creative Arts and Mr P Kitley from the Faculty of Arts who was elected as a representative by Senate.

The Chair also welcomed Dr B Derewianka back from leave and Ms P Ciccarelli from Secretariat.
A2 Minutes of the Previous Meeting

Resolved 12/05

That, subject to a minor amendment, the minutes of UIC's meeting on 23 June 2005 be confirmed as a true record of the proceedings of that meeting.

Resolved 13/05

That the reference to Prof Rob Whelan under the first point at Item C7 of the minutes be changed to A/Prof Greg Hampton.

PART B - BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

The Chair reported that all Actions Arising from UIC’s meeting of 23 June had been followed up including:

- Key Performance Indicator Working Party review of Key Performance Indicators contained in the Internationalisation Strategic Plan.
- Updated Terms of Reference to reflect membership of University Research Committee representatives and nominee of Prof Margaret Sheil.

PART C - GENERAL BUSINESS

C1 Chair's Report

Mr James Langridge reported that he met recently with Chairs of UIC subcommittees to discuss achievements and obstacles in 2005, as well as priorities for 2006. He noted that there is already a busy agenda for 2006.

Increasing the number of students who are incorporating an international experience in their degree will continue to be an important goal, as the University is still striving to have 10% of graduating students incorporating this in their degree by 2010.

He noted that UOW is currently considering options to pursue membership of an international university network.

IDP is currently being restructured. This should increase its ability to compete internationally.

AVCC International Committee now meets with DIMIA and DEST senior officials regarding issues relevant to the sector. This is an effective means of communicating issues to government without the clutter of other sectors, which was the case with Australian Education peak bodies.
**C2  Government Policy including DIMIA issues**

Mr Paul O’Halloran spoke to his tabled report. He noted that DIMIA is currently working with the peak bodies to review the Assessment Level methodology and will be holding workshops in February 2006 on this matter. Understanding of standards are considered to be improving.

The eVisa trial has resulted in a particularly positive reduction in visa processing times from China and India. It has now been extended to Indonesia and will be rolled out in other countries.

DEST has published its response to the consultant’s report (KPA Consulting) on the implementation and impact of the ESOS Act and underlying National Code.

A national working group has been considering the definition and accreditation processes for undergraduate entry foundation programs. DEST is currently in the process of appointing a consultant to develop draft national standards to bring back to the working party in the first quarter of 2006.

One of the innovations of the ESOS Act was the explicit linkage of the international student program to the skilled migration program, so that international students are now the largest sources of migrants to Australia. There has been a recent relaxation of some of the visa conditions to facilitate immigration and other outcomes.

**C3  Report from UniAdvice**

Mr Peter Day, Manager International Student Recruitment, spoke to the report.

**Enrolment data**

Mr Day advised the Committee that enrolments of onshore international students stood at 3879 at the end of September 2005, almost unchanged from the same day in 2004 (3904). In addition the numbers of study abroad and exchange students remain similar to 2004 figures (252 compared to 284 in 2004).

Offers for international students are up by 14% on 2004. Demand for Undergraduate Commerce is up by 40% (based on offers made). Demand is also increasing for Health and Behavioural Sciences and Postgraduate Engineering. Growth continues to come from China.

A targeted media campaign was funded by the Vice Chancellor following the announcement of the teaching performance outcomes of DEST data, used as a ranking by *the Australian* newspaper, in which UOW was ranked number 1 in Australia in August.

**2006**

Following meetings between UniAdvice, Deans and Faculty International Managers, Faculty Internationalisation plans have been developed for implementation in 2006, together with UniAdvice country recruitment plans.
These will be provided to faculties soon. A mission planner for 2006 will be available by the end of November 2006.

**AusAID**

UOW is participating in two AusAID scholarship schemes – the Australian Partnership scholarship program and a limited number of scholarships under the Australian Development Scholarship (ADS) program.

It is also anticipated that the ADS program, limited at the present time to 17 receiving Australian universities, will be opened to all universities next year, for commencing students in 2007. The meeting discussed the benefits of these scholarships for UOW and suggested that these be publicised across the University in order to raise awareness. UniAdvice agreed to hold a launch for this.

**C4 Reports from Senior Executive members**

No reports were made as Senior Executive members were unable to attend the meeting.

**C5 Report from UOW Dubai**

The Chair spoke to the report tabled at the meeting summarising various activities at UOW Dubai. Annual growth for 2004-2005 was 23%. Dubai Business School courses will be accredited by September 2006. There is also the possibility of geographic diversification of UOWD. Possible sites include Sharjah, Doha, Abu Dhabi, Tehran, India and/or Jordan.

**C6 Sub-Committee Report – International Studies and Alliances**

Prof Rob Whelan, Chair of the International Studies and Alliances Committee (ISAAC) spoke to ISAAC’s report on progress against the Internationalisation Strategic Plan (included at item C13), which highlights key achievements throughout 2005. In particular he noted:

- The new process for the University Links Grants was successful and there is intent to use a similar process in 2006. Applicants are required to indicate why their linkage is useful for UOW as a whole.
- A Working Party has commenced to develop a more credible international studies minor. The current minor as structured needs significant improvement. It would be useful if someone were willing to champion this project. This champion could be supported by ISAAC.
C7 Sub-Committee Report – Language and International Student Support

Mr Martin Smith, Acting Chair of the Language and International Student Support Committee (LISSC), spoke to his tabled report. He noted:

- The student experience survey has had a few international student focused questions added. This survey will be available online soon.
- LISSC has received positive feedback regarding this year’s International Week. There was a good amount of cross institutional support and involvement in the event, with engagement of students and a good array of activities.

C8 Sub-Committee Report – Marketing and Recruitment

Ms Robin Buckham reported on behalf of Professor John Glynn, Chair of the Marketing and Recruitment Committee (MARC). She noted the attached report from MARC and highlighted that there has been an increase in the level of activity of the international alumni chapters.

C9 Faculty briefs

The Chair noted the attached faculty briefs summarising current international activities.

Resolved 14/05:

That UIC note current internationalisation activities being undertaken by faculties, as outlined in the attached faculty briefs.

C10 Review of Strategic Plan Key Performance Indicators

The Committee noted the reviewed Internationalisation Strategic Plan Key Performance Indicator’s (KPIs) and agreed that the KPIs would continue to be carefully considered to ensure their relevance and usefulness in evaluating University achievements.

Resolved 15/05:

That UIC note the reviewed Key Performance Indicators of the Internationalisation Strategic Plan as attached.

C11 Transnational Education

The Chair noted that there needs to be consideration given to where UOW wishes to position itself with regards to transnational education. This issue arose from Executive
planning activities this year, and the absence of a UOW policy on transnational education was noted by AUQA.

The Chair and DCV (Academic) are presently discussing various issues relating to Transnational Education at UOW including AUQA comments, the Quality and Strategic positioning of offshore teaching and management of teaching contracts. Implications of these discussions will be noted at the next UIC meeting in early 2006.

**Resolved 16/05:**

*That UIC note that discussions are being held between the UIC Chair and DCV (Academic) relating to Transnational Education at UOW, further details of which will be provided to UIC at its next meeting in early 2006.*

**C12 International Week 2006**

Mr Martin Smith, acting Chair of LISSC, noted that LISSC would be happy to once again coordinate International Week in 2006. The Committee agreed with Mr Smith’s recommendation that the event be held the week commencing 7 August 2006 (being Week Four of Spring session). No other significant/clashing activities are currently planned for this date.

**Resolved 17/05:**

*That UIC agree that International Week 2006 be coordinated by the Learning and International Student Support Subcommittee and held the week commencing 7 August 2006.*

**C13 Annual Report against Strategic Plan Objectives**

The Committee noted the three attached reports developed by UIC Subcommittees outlining progress against UOW Internationalisation Strategic Plan objectives throughout 2005. These will be used to develop the UIC report.

The Chair thanked all Subcommittees for their work this year.

**Resolved 18/05:**

*That UIC note the prepared subcommittee reports outlining progress against UOW Internationalisation Strategic Plan objectives, as attached.*
C14 UIC Terms of Reference

The Committee endorsed changes to the UIC Terms of Reference to reflect new membership of a University Research Committee representative and a nominee of the Deputy Vice Chancellor (Research).

The Committee noted that there were errors with the attached Subcommittee Terms of Reference and agreed that this document be updated.

**Resolved 19/05:**

*That UIC endorse changes made to the Terms of Reference to allow for membership of URC and DVC (Research) representatives.*

C15 Self Evaluation review

Members were reminded to complete the self-evaluation survey, which is also being undertaken by members of UIC’s three subcommittees (MARC, LISSC, ISAAC) will also be undertaking the survey. Surveys are to be returned to Julia Hutchinson, UIC Executive Officer.

C16 Work Plans

The UIC and Subcommittee Work Plans for 2005 were noted by the Committee.

**Resolved 20/05:**

*That UIC note the contents of the UIC and Subcommittee Work Plans for 2005.*

**PART D - OTHER BUSINESS FOR NOTING**

D1 Other business

There was no other business

D2 2006 Meeting Dates

The Committee noted that meeting dates for 2006 as follows:

- 30 March
- 22 June
- 12 October

Meetings will continue to be held at 9.30am on Thursdays.
There being no further business, the meeting closed at 4.30pm.

Julia Hutchinson  
Executive Officer  
University Internationalisation Committee