PART A – PRELIMINARY BUSINESS

A1 Apologies and Welcome

Apologies were received from Ms Robin Buckham, Mr Damachis and Prof Astheimer.

The Chair welcomed A/Prof Di Kelly, Academic Senate member, and Ms Jing Zhang, Student Representative.

A2 Minutes of the Previous Meeting

Resolved 04/2007

That the minutes of the University Internationalisation Committee meeting on 5 July 2007 be confirmed as a true record of the proceedings of that meeting.

A3 Business Arising from the previous Minutes

There was no business to discuss.

A4 Arrangement of the Agenda

i) All items were starred for discussion
A5 Chair’s Report

The Chair reported that due to the illness of the current Chair, a new Chair for the International Student Experience Committee (ISEC) would need appointing. Members were encouraged to make suggestions to the Chair of UIC.

Additionally, the Chair reported that the Department of Immigration and Citizenship (DIAC, formerly DIMA) will downgrade India from a risk level assessment from AL3 to AL4. Also, electronic visa assessments were now being processed in Adelaide to cope with the quantity of applications.

And lastly the Victoria Policy had reported several incidences against international students. This highlighted the need for UOW to continue raising personal safety awareness with its international students.

PART B – BUSINESS FROM THE SUB-COMMITTEES

B1 International Alliances Committee

The Chair of the International Alliances Committee (IAC) reported that it was streamlining its members’ reports to receive information on international activities across all faculties. This would assist with the identification of the types of linkages in the past but also support a future outlook. He reported that one of the main challenges was to build a culture where members would report IAC activities at the faculty level. To assist this process the Chair of IAC was talking about IAC initiatives at the Deans’ Breakfast.

The Chair of UIC stated that there were many Memorandum of Understanding’s being developed at the faculty level.

Resolution was not moved.

B2 International Student Experience Committee

No report was made due to the absence of the current Chair.

PART C – GENERAL BUSINESS

C1 International Linkages Policy and associated Procedures

The Chair reported that the International Linkages Policy, the International Linkages Agreements Procedure and the UIC International Link Grants Guidelines were passed by Senate Standing Committee and would move to the Academic Senate upon approval at UIC.

Two minor amendments were requested:

1. Flowchart 1 states to move to Flowchart 2, but not where to. It was requested to add the point of entry to Flowchart 2.
2. It was agreed between UniAdvice and the Transnational Programs Unit that advance standing would be coordinated from the Transnational Programs Unit. This process change would change the current roles and responsibilities.

**Resolved 05/2007:**

*That, subject to minor amendments, the University Internationalisation Committee*

1. endorse the
   - *i)* International Linkages Policy,
   - *ii)* the International Linkages Agreements Procedure and
   - *iii)* the UIC International Link Grants Guidelines, and

2. forward the documents to the Academic Senate for endorsement, and to the University Council for approval.

**C2 Country Analysis**


Discussion to the slides included:

1. International linkages in China should be made with 211 and 985 project universities. These universities receive more funding.
2. VET Sector included the Diploma and Certificate level courses offered by Higher Education providers.
3. Nursing had the potential for growth once the courses were revised.
4. Growth will be in two year courses to support General Skills Migration.
5. Chinese students were predominantly from the East coast
6. Potential for growth in the Study Abroad and Student Exchange market
7. Adaptation of Study Abroad model of half year study to twinning arrangements

The Chair thanked Mr Day and Mr Bill Damachis for their time preparing the presentation. He stated that in the past, there was caution required in setting up operations in China. With the new trends UOW should encourage students to go to China and Japan.

**C3 Government Policy and Issues Impacting on International Education Report**

Mr Paul O'Halloran spoke to the report provided in the agenda. Discussion was held about the Global Workplace Practice course on offer since Spring 2007. It was stated that India was very receptive and a high take on from this student cohort was expected. Also, it was anticipated that there would be no equivalent course available in Australia for another 12 months.

Additionally, Mr O'Halloran expressed a ‘Thank you’ to all stakeholder involved with the National Code. Mr Day stated that UOW was one of the most organised universities in implementing the Code.
The Committee discussed the trend charts and Indonesia and Vietnam were of particular interest, with the latter being an area for growth and having scholarship potential.

C4 Strategic Plan- Performance Monitoring Framework (PMF)

The Chair reported that the work group was established and that he will be involved in the process.

C5 Other Business

Mr Stephen Lowe tabled a discussion paper for Wollongong International Coursework Scholarships (WICS). He spoke to the paper advising that WICS was abandoned and recommended that a new model should be established by a working party. His recommendation was accepted and it was suggested to include staff from ARD and UniAdvice and the Deans of the Faculty of Engineering and Health Behavioural Sciences in the working party.

The Chair suggested that the working party would consider criteria, which could be maintained by students to ensure quality of student intakes, as well as the appropriate scholarship size.

Mr Day stated that Dutch scholarships were available of $28,000 and that it would be of benefit to seek Study Abroad arrangements with Dutch universities either through any current partnerships or the Utrecht Network. The Chair stated that he would discuss strategies with the Manager, International Relations.

C6 Meetings

Meeting dates for four meetings would be established for 2008.

The format was still to be determined and suggestions from UIC members were welcome. It was commented that the country analysis was really useful and a request to distribute the slides was made.

The Chair also requested that Prof John Patterson be co-opted to the meeting in the future.

Business arising from this meeting

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There being no further business, the meeting closed at 11:20am.

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