UNIVERSITY INTERNATIONALISATION COMMITTEE

Minutes of the (1/2008) meeting of the University Internationalisation Committee held at 09:30am on Thursday 13 March 2008 Room 36.303

Present: Prof Rob Castle (Chair)
Ms Robin Buckham
Dr David Christie
Dr Bill Damachis (left 11:10 am)
A/Prof Di Kelly
Mr Paul O'Halloran
A/Prof David Vance
Prof John Patterson

In Attendance: Mr Dominic Riordan (Senior Manager, Policy & Governance)
Ms Claudia Perry-Beltrame (Executive Officer)

Apologies: Prof Lee Astheimer, Prof Rob Whelan

Ms Jing Zhang (Student representative) has left the committee

PART A – PRELIMINARY BUSINESS

A1 Apologies and Welcome

Apologies were received from Prof Astheimer and Prof Whelan. The Chair welcomed Mr Riordan, Senior Manager Policy and Governance. Additionally, the Chair advised that a new Student Representative needs nominating.

A2 Minutes of the Previous Meeting

A/Prof Di Kelly advised an amendment of her title from Professor to Associate Professor.

Resolved 01/2008

That subject to the amendment the minutes of the University Internationalisation Committee meeting on 18 October 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 the university had a 10 percent increase of international student enrolments for Autumn Session 2008. Particularly the Graduate School of Business experienced an influx. Student numbers from Saudi Arabia have increased and are expected to rise further over the next 12 months, while Chinese student enrolments have stabilised for this session.

The Chair also alerted the Committee members to the discussion about the International Studies Minor, which he would raise in “Other Business” at this meeting.

PART B – BUSINESS FROM THE SUB-COMMITTEES

B1  International Alliances Committee

In the absence of the International Alliances Committee (IAC) Chair, the IAC Executive Officer briefly reported that the Committee had been working on the Work Plan 2008 over the summer break and at its first meeting in February. The structure of the Work Plan would feed into the Performance Monitoring Framework, which underpinned the Strategic Plans objectives and key strategies. Action items were looked after by individual members or work groups, who would report back to IAC throughout the year.

Resolved 02/2008

That University Internationalisation Committee approve the International Alliances Committee Work Plan for 2008

B2  International Student Experience Committee

The Chair of the International Student Experience Committee (ISEC) reported that a group of good spirited ISEC members met to discuss the Work Plan and integrate the Performance Monitoring Framework into its Committee business. The Work Plan would be submitted at the next UIC meeting.

The Chair of UIC reported that he will be appointing a joint officer to coordinate ICIS and the Momentum Program. The officer would report to a delegate of the Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Academic and International). Currently there was still some debate between undergraduate and postgraduate student unions on where the officer was to be officially located.
PART C – GENERAL BUSINESS

C1  Country Analysis – India

Dr Damachis presented the analysis on India and tabled the presentation slides. Some questions were raised in relation to the path forward, student support at UOW and the pending trade agreement with India. More information is available in the Confidential Minutes.

C2  Strategic Plan 2008-2012 – Performance Monitoring Framework

The Executive Officer tabled a document on “Measuring student engagement with an international experience” which refers to the Performance Monitoring Framework Target on measuring the international focus of subjects. It was requested that the Committee provide input into the type of question asked in the Subject Evaluations for Autumn session 2008.

Agreement existed to use the Draft question 1 on understanding of international issues in the field of study. It was suggested to hold focus groups of students to identify any issues with internationalisation in subjects once the data is received.

C3  Strategic Plan 2005-2007 – Core Function Reports

The Chair advised the Committee that the Reports are for information purpose to create awareness of other Committees achievements.

C4  Government Policy and issues impacting on Higher Education

Mr Paul O'Halloran spoke to the Agenda Paper. He state that he was monitoring the impact of the General Skilled Migration (GSM), changes in the market place and the need for international students to gain work experience. He requested for UIC members to contact him if GSM became an issue for Graduate Certificate course students. It was advised that for Chinese students there could be a problem, whilst other students usually articulated into another course.

Mr O'Halloran also drew attention to the fact that professional years within courses would be an option to gain practical experience and that this option had not been taken up widely at any providers.

And lastly it was reported that UOW would join AusList. It was expected that full implementation was by the end of this year. Wollongong College Australia would have to be included in the process.

Resolved 03/2008

That University Internationalisation Committee note the report on government policy and issues impacting on international education.
C5  Other Business
The Chair stated that an International Week Coordinator was selected and he suggested that ISEC could be involved. The Chair would discuss this with the Chair of ISEC.

The Chair explained that the name of the new Faculty of Arts International Studies Major would potentially conflict with the University’s International Studies Minor applicable to all Faculties. He wanted to raise the issue as this could potentially cause confusion for students and staff. The Chair suggested changing the name for the International Studies Minor to an International Studies at Home Minor. The Committee formed no resolution and the issue was open for further discussion with stakeholders.

C6  Meetings
12 June  9:30 am – 11 am  Room 36.303
28 August 9:30 am – 11 am  Room 36.303
16 October  9:30 am – 11 am  Room 36.303

Business arising from this meeting

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There being no further business, the meeting closed at 11:15am.

Claudia Perry-Beltrame
Executive Officer
University Internationalisation Committee

Signed:       Date:

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Chair UIC