



Standing Committee of Convocation

in collaboration with the Alumni Relations Office

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STANDING COMMITTEE OF CONVOCATION

STRATEGIC PLANNING WORKSHOP OUTCOMES- FINAL REPORT

Saturday 25 March 2006
Venue: St Andrew's College

Mission

As the peak alumni body of the University, play a central role in building a life-long partnership between the University and its alumni*, commencing as undergraduates, that seeks to reach, engage and represent them in the life and work of the University.

* *As defined in the University Act under the term Convocation*

Role

1. To provide a direct reporting line and interface for two way communications between Alumni Associations/Chapters and the University
 2. To nurture and support University Alumni Associations/Chapters and promote the sharing of ideas, information and initiatives
 3. To provide high level advice and support to a properly resourced Alumni Relations Office
 4. To promote student/alumni engagement
 5. To provide a representative and independent voice of alumni on the University Senate, through its alumni members and Standing Committee of Convocation reporting mechanisms
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2006-07 Priorities

1. Annual Graduate Dinner and Awards

- Review structure/format of event
- Review search and selection processes and criteria for awards:
 - o Convocation Medal
 - o Alumni Awards for Community Achievement

2. Lost Alumni

- Review strategies used by Alumni Associations/Chapters and assist the Alumni Relations Office in 'finding' lost alumni

3. Relationship with Alumni Associations/Chapters

- Promote the Standing Committee of Convocation as the peak alumni body
- Promote consistency of alumni communication messages and provide support (eg guidelines re Constitutions, finances etc)
- Work to strengthen underperforming associations
- Enhance liaison with and synergies between associations
- Regional associations- establish one new association this year

4. Student Engagement

- Work with student associations to strengthen their role and support the beginning of life-long University connections
- Shift the thinking in Faculties using Association/Chapters networks –become inclusive
- Invite representatives from student associations to sit on their respective alumni chapters and associations

5. SCC Name and Visibility

- Pursue the use of an alternative name, including a short-term operating name and a change in the Act to this name
- Build the Standing Committee of Convocation image and internal profile
- Recapture the lead alumni role and work with the ARO in the further development and re-invigoration of Alumni Forums

Sub-Committees

1. Student engagement/ student associations
Mr Dennis deKantzow (chair), Mr Robert Smithies, Mr David Turner, Dr Michael Thomas, A/Professor Norton Duckmanton
 2. Alumni chapters, including regional initiatives
Mr Ross Brown AM (chair), Mr John McLenaghan, Mr Steve Rawling AM
 3. Annual Graduate Dinner and Awards
Mr Grahame Cox (chair), Ms Leonie Day, Mr Adam Spencer, Dr Jennifer Alison
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4. Lost Alumni

Mr David Turner (chair), Dr Jennifer Alison, Dr Cidi Olujie

Executive Committee

To take on driving the SCC name and visibility; re-invigoration of the Alumni Forums; and other ongoing business.

Notes:

- The President, Vice President and Director Alumni Relations will be ex-officio members of all Sub-Committees
- Sub-Committee Chairs are co-opted to the Executive Committee





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PARTICIPANT LIST

Dr Jennifer Alison	<i>Arts</i>
Ms Tracey Beck	<i>Acting Director, Alumni Relations Office</i>
Ms Debbie Bowman	<i>Executive Officer</i>
Mr Ross Brown AM	<i>Alumni nominee (Pharmacy)</i>
Dr Barry Catchlove	<i>Medicine</i>
Mr Grahame Cox	<i>Pharmacy</i>
Mr Dennis de Kantzow	<i>Agriculture</i>
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Emeritus Professor Angus Martin	<i>Arts</i>
Dr Cidi Olujie	<i>Arts</i>
Mr Frank Perry	<i>Economics</i>
Mrs Helga Pettitt	<i>Health Sciences</i>
Mr Steven Rawling AM	<i>Arts</i>
Emeritus Professor Ann Sefton AO	<i>Senate Fellow (Medicine)</i>
Mr David Turner	<i>Alumni nominee (Architecture)</i>
