



The University of Sydney

Indigenous Education Advisory Committee

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NOTICE OF MEETING

A meeting of the **Indigenous Education Advisory Committee** will be held at **2.00pm** on **22 October 2008** in **Kevin Lees Room, A14**.

Members who are unable to attend are asked to notify Sally Paynter at the above address. Enquiries concerning this meeting may also be directed to Sally.

Sally Paynter
20 October 2008

Members

Prof Derrick Armstrong, Acting Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Education) (Chair)
Professor Bruce Sutton, Chair Academic Board
Ms Janet Mooney, Director Koori Centre
Ms Michelle Blanchard, Deputy Director, Koori Centre
Ms Sally Farrington, Head, Yooroang Garang
Dr Christine Asmar, Senior Lecturer, Institute of Teaching and Learning
Dr Ann Cheryl Armstrong, Director Professional Learning, Faculty of Education and Social Work
Dr Lilon Bandler, Indigenous Health Education, Faculty of Medicine
Dr Margaret Edmond, Director, Student Administration and Support
Dr Maree Murray, Assistant Director Staff and Student Equal Opportunity Unit
Dr Stuart Rosewarne, NTEU Indigenous Members Caucus
Dr Manjula Sharma, Sydney University Physics Education Research Group
Ms Vicki Bradford, Faculty of Nursing and Midwifery
Mr John Evans, Postgraduate student representative
Mr David Guest, Undergraduate student representative
Mr Shane Hearn, Senior Lecturer, School of Public Health
Mr Colin L. James, Director I.B. Fell Housing Research Centre
Ms Lynette Riley, Academic Coordinator, Koori Centre
Ms Lulu Stewart, Co- President of SUPRA
Mr Clark Webb, Undergraduate Student Representative
Mr Vladimir Williams, Indigenous Employment Coordinator/Policy Officer, SydneyPeople 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
Professor Don Nutbeam, Provost and Deputy Vice-Chancellor

Agenda

1. Apologies

Apologies have been received from: Professor Bruce Sutton and Dr Christine Asmar.

2. Minutes of previous meeting

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Recommendation

That the Indigenous Education Advisory Committee adopt the minutes of the previous meeting held on 20 October 2008 as a true record.

3. Matters arising from Minutes (not dealt with elsewhere in the Agenda)

4. Report of the Chair

4.1 **Indigenous Education Review 2008**

As members would be aware a review panel had been established to examine the current provision for Indigenous education and educational support services within the University.

The Panel members were

Professor Michael McDaniel, Dean, Indigenous Education, The University of Western Sydney (Chair)

Professor Boni Robertson, Professor of Indigenous Policy, Griffith University

Professor Wendy Brabham, Director, The Koori Institute, Deakin University

Prior to the two day review which was held on the 8th and 9th of October an invitation to submit written comment was made to deans, students associations, members of the Indigenous Education Advisory Committee and various other representatives from the University Community. The Panel was presented with this information and other relevant background documents to help them to gain a clear understanding of the University's current policies and processes in relation to Indigenous education.

During their two day visit the Panel met with the Director of the Koori Centre and Head of Yooroang Garang, students, general staff and academic staff from the Koori Centre and Yooroang Garang, the Provost, the Dean of the Faculty of Health Sciences and the President of SUPRA.

The Panel felt that the initial two day meeting was not enough time to be able to finalise any recommendations about the support and structure of Indigenous education at the University and an additional two day meeting is being arranged for the coming months. The Panel plan to meet with the Chancellor, Vice-Chancellor and staff and students. They will also make a trip out to Yooroang Garang and tour the Koori Centre.

Recommendation

That the Indigenous Education Advisory Committee note the report of the Chair and approve the terms of reference for the Indigenous Education Review 2008.

5. Report from the Koori Centre

Ms Janet Mooney to provide a general report.

Recommendation

That the Indigenous Education Advisory Committee note the report.

6. Report from Yooroang Garang

Ms Sally Farrington to provide a general report.

Recommendation

That the Indigenous Education Advisory Committee note the report.

7. Meeting dates 2009

Members are asked to note that the meeting dates for 2009, as attached.

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8. Any other business**9. Next meeting**

The next meeting of the Indigenous Education Advisory Committee will be held on 18 February 2009 in the Western Tower Room, Quadrangle Building.

Agenda item 2**Draft Minutes of the Indigenous Education Advisory Committee held on Wednesday 20 August 2008**

There were present: The Chair of the Indigenous Education Advisory Committee, Professor Derrick Armstrong, Acting Deputy Provost (Learning and Teaching) and Pro Vice-Chancellor presiding, Professor Bruce Sutton, Chair, Academic Board, Ms Janet Money, Director, Koori Centre, Ms Sally Farrington, Head, Yooroang Garang, Dr Ann Cheryl Armstrong, Director Professional Learning, Faculty of Education and Social Work, Dr Lilon Bandler, Indigenous Health Education, Faculty of Medicine, Dr Margaret Edmond, Director, Student Administration and Support, Dr Maree Murray, Assistant Director, SydneyPeople, Staff and Student Equal Opportunity Unit, Dr Manju Sharma, Sydney University Physics Education Research Group, Ms Kate Barnsley, Co-President of SUPRA, Mr Colin L James, Director I.B Fell Housing Research Council. Ms Sally Paynter was in attendance.

1. Apologies

Apologies were received from: Dr Christine Asmar, Dr Stuart Rosewarne, Ms Michelle Blanchard, Ms Vicki Bradford, Mr John Evans, Mr David Guest, Mr Shane Hearn, Ms Lynette Riley and Mr Vladimir Williams.

2. Minutes of the previous meeting**Resolution 12/08**

The Indigenous Education Advisory Committee adopted the amended minutes of the previous meeting held on 10 June 2008 as a true record.

3. Matters arising from Minutes (not dealt with elsewhere in the Agenda)**4. Report of the Chair****4.1 Indigenous Education Review 2008**

The Chair reported that the membership of the Panel to conduct the Indigenous Education Review to be held on 8th and 9th October 2008 had been finalised and would consist of Professor Michael McDaniel (Chair) Dean, Indigenous Education, The University of Western Sydney; Professor Boni Robertson, Professor of Indigenous Policy, GUMURRI Centre, Griffith University and Professor Wendy Brabham, Director, The Koori Institute, Deakin University.

The Chair advised that as part of the two day review the Panel will be discussing Indigenous Education with various staff and students including the Vice-Chancellor, Provost, Deputy Provost, Director of Koori Centre and Head, Yooroang Garang. A call for written submissions to the review would be circulated to all Deans of the faculties of suggesting that they may wish to ask members of their faculties if they wish to contribute to the submission. Academic and administrative staff at Koori Centre and Yooroang Garang, SRC and SUPRA presidents, Indigenous Students, both postgraduate and undergraduate and members of the Indigenous Education Advisory Committee would also be invited to contribute their ideas, impressions, suggestions on Indigenous support at the University in writing.

Resolution 13/08

The Indigenous Education Advisory Committee noted the report of the Chair and approved the terms of reference for the Indigenous Education Review 2008.

4.2 Indigenous Support Allocation funding

Members noted that the Indigenous Support Allocation funding had been used to support projects and scholarships for Indigenous students and that there was a

percentage of funding remaining. The Chair advised that in future years some of the funding used for scholarships would now be covered by Commonwealth funding and that there would be a larger amount remaining and a fair and equitable method of distributing this funding amongst faculties needed to be established.

The Chair suggested that the remaining funding (after the allocation of scholarships and contribution to annual Indigenous events) be split with 75% being distributed to faculties based on their Indigenous student load and 25% would be used to fund programs already running and/or provide financial support for developing new programs to address relevant issues effecting Indigenous students. The Chair added that the funding to faculties would be linked in with the development of faculty specific Indigenous education strategy with specific targets that would be reported on annually.

In response to a question raised about the source of the funding in the Indigenous Support Allocation, the Chair advised that it was a complex funding model and that contributions were made from the Commonwealth and the rest the University contributes. The funding is then distributed based on an internal funding model and allocations are made to the Koori Centre, Yooroang Garang and to the Pro Vice-Chancellor's (Learning and Teaching) budget, adding that the funding model needed to be reviewed.

Members agreed to support the Chair's proposal that a percentage of the funding would be allocated to scholarships to those Indigenous students in need and the rest divided 75% to faculties and 25% to support projects that encourage and support Indigenous students. The Chair advised that he would flag the proposal with deans with a view towards finalising a proposal in consultation with Ms Mooney and would circulate to the IEAC for final approval.

Resolution 14/08

The Indigenous Education Advisory Committee endorsed in principle the proposal that a percentage of the Indigenous Support Allocation funding would be set aside for scholarships to those Indigenous students in need and the rest divided 75% to faculties based on their Indigenous student load and linked in with the development of faculty specific Indigenous education strategy with specific targets that would be reported on annually and 25% to support projects that encourage and support Indigenous students.

4.3 AIME

The Chair updated the Committee on the negotiations between the University and AIME, advising that concerns had been addresses and a contract was being amended by the University Solicitors and that a final agreement between the two bodies was imminent. He added that the suggestion that the AIME program at the University of Sydney be overseen by an advisory committee comprising key internal members was well received by AIME and had been agreed to.

Resolution 15/08

The Indigenous Education Advisory Committee noted the update on AIME.

5. Report from the Koori Centre

Ms Janet Mooney provided a general report on the activities of the Koori Centre and members noted the following:

- Ms Sarina Solar had taken up the position of Marketing and Schools and Community Liaison Officer and would be working with Professor Dianna Day to write a report on best practice in student support;
- The University is considering the acquisition of the North Eveleigh site and may be a great opportunity to develop a outreach centre for the Indigenous community;

- An events committee is being established to help organise reconciliation and ATSI weeks at the University with the first meeting planned for October. More University involvement is encouraged and all University community members would be welcome to participate; and
- Ms Mooney attended the IHEAC meeting workshop where the submission to the Bradley report had been finalised in Canberra and the National Indigenous Representative Body Consultation Workshop had been held in Sydney and both Ms Mooney and Ms Riley had attended.

Resolution 16/08

The Indigenous Education Advisory Committee noted the update from the Koori Centre.

6. Report from Yooroang Garang

Ms Sally Farrington spoke to the report from Yooroang Garang highlighting the recent separation of the Indigenous student recruitment and support activities from the teaching of Indigenous Health. The Yooroang Garang Indigenous Student Support Unit is responsible for the recruitment and support of Indigenous students and for liaison with high schools and the community. A Management Committee has been established, with external and internal stakeholders as members and will provide advice on the design of student recruitment programs, support programs, fostering links between Yooroang Garang and Indigenous communities and devise a strategic plan for Yooroang Garang.

The Chair thanked Ms Farrington for her report and congratulated the Faculty of Health Sciences for its ongoing support for Indigenous students. He advised that the Review of Indigenous Education in October would look towards combining the two support services into one new entity but that there would continue to be outreach beyond these services, particularly in respect of satellite campuses.

Resolution 17/08

The Indigenous Education Advisory Committee noted the report.

7. Any other business

There was no other business.

8. Next meeting

The Committee noted that the next meeting of the Indigenous Education Advisory Committee would be held on 22 October 2008 in the Western Tower Room, Quadrangle Building.



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Indigenous Education Advisory Committee Meeting dates and close-off dates for submissions 2009

Venue: Western Tower Room
Time: 2.00 – 3.30 pm

Meeting Date
Wednesday
18 February
15 April
3 June
12 August
21 October