



Indigenous Education Strategic Development Working Group

9.30a.m. – 10.30a.m.
Thursday 29th September 2005
Western Tower Room

Membership:

Professor Judyth Sachs (Chair), Acting Pro Vice-Chancellor (Teaching & Learning)
Professor John Carter, Chair Academic Board
Ms Lucille Coward, HR Director
Associate Professor Diana G Day, Koori Centre
Mr Colin L. James, I.B. Fell Housing Research Centre
Ms Jeni Lee, SUPRA
Ms Janet Mooney, Director Koori Centre
Ms Sue Page, Yooroang Garang School of Indigenous Health Studies

Corresponding Members:

Ms Ros Field, Director Indigenous Education NSW DEST, or Ms Sharon Lyons-Sequeira
Ms Lynette Riley-Mundine, Manager, Aboriginal Programs Unit, NSW DET

Apologies:

Professor Bruce Armstrong, for Pro Vice-Chancellor, College of Health Sciences
Ms Sally Farrington, Deputy Head, Yooroang Garang School of Indigenous Health Studies
Professor Barbara Fawcett, Head of School Social Work and Policy Studies
Professor John Hearn, Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Academic)
Mr Shane Hearn, Lecturer, Grad Dip Indigenous Health Promotion
Ms Shona Kennedy, Indigenous Employment Policy Officer
Dr Freidoon Khavarpour, Yooroang Garang School of Indigenous Health Studies
Mr Kevin Lowe, Inspector, Aboriginal Education, Office of Board of Studies
Associate Professor Peter McCallum, for Pro Vice-Chancellor, College of Humanities and Social Sciences
Dr Michael Paton, Faculty of Economics and Business
Ms Anne Scahill, Director, Staff and Student Equal Opportunity

In Attendance:

Professor Jian Chu, Zhejiang University, Hangzhou, China
Professor Jun Feng, Renmin University of China, Beijing, China
Mr Charlie Forsyth, Manager Web Services
Dr Paul Hopwood, Sub-Dean Undergraduate, Faculty of Veterinary Science
Ms Sara Morton, Production Manager, Web Services

Minutes

The Chair welcomed Ms Coward and Ms Lee to their first meeting and announced that Professor Armstrong would be stepping down and thanked him for his active contribution to the Working Group. The Chair informed the Working Group that Ms Kennedy was in hospital and sent her best wishes.

- 1. Minutes of 31st May 2005 & Business Arising:** **Adopted**
 - Corrections to Any Other Business – Architecture students were working on the College of the Spirit for the Tharawal Aboriginal Land Council (adjacent to Dharawal State Conservation Area).

- 2. Launch of University of Sydney Reconciliation Statement**
 - The University Reconciliation Statement was adopted by Senate on Mon 19th September. The Staff and Student Equal Opportunity Unit suggested process for the launch of the Reconciliation Statement was approved. Ms Mooney agreed to select a significant date with which to link the Launch. It was recommended that Prof Sachs, Ms Mooney, Mr James and Ms Lee be delegated to plan the Launch of the Statement.**Adopted**

- 3. Indigenous presence on the University website**
 - Ms Sara Morton gave a presentation on the progress to date on establishing an Indigenous Student presence on the University Website. The Project will establish Indigenous content into the Future Students website (ready for student marketing) and will create an Indigenous profile for the MyUni Portal by 1st Semester 2006 (for current students).
 - This Project was established in the context of the stretch target of Indigenous students becoming 5% of the local student intake. Ms Mooney will bring the Koori Centre Marketing Plan and the new marketing brochure to the next meeting of the Working Group. Ms Mooney will also bring the history she is writing of the Koori Centre to the next meeting of the Working Group.**Adopted**

- 4. Recruitment and Retention of Indigenous Students in Veterinary Science**
 - Dr Paul Hopwood addressed the Working Group on the Faculty of Veterinary Science's practice to allocate 3.5 of their 70 HECs positions to Cadigal students and a further 3.5 to Broadway Scheme students.
 - For these students the Faculty allows no change in academic standard or assessment. In this environment flexible entry (with appropriate screening) and support is crucial for these students to succeed.
 - The Koori Centre selects all the Cadigal students on criteria other than the UAI.
 - Cadigal students are allowed to undertake a part-load and receive Koori Centre/ITAS tutorial support.
 - Prof Sachs informed the Working Group of ITL's Working Group on Diversity (international and indigenous)

- 5. Appointment of Professor of Indigenous Studies**
 - Senate approved the panel's selection for the Professor of Indigenous Studies. The successful applicant has yet to formally accept the position.

- 6. Next Meeting**
 - Thurs 3rd November at 9.30-10.30a.m. in the Western Tower Room