



ACODE 70 BUSINESS AND NETWORKING MEETING Minutes

Please Note This meeting will follow on directly from the AGM at 9.00am

8.30 - 12.30.00pm, Friday 18th March 2016
Charles Sturt University Orange Campus NSW
Building 1001 Room 211

* **PART A: PRELIMINARY BUSINESS**

1.0 Welcome from President – Helen Carter handing over to Stephen Marshall

A warm welcome to first time attendees, Glen Jackson, Gina Saliba, Val Ruffle, Jenny Pizzica. Jenny McDonald

Helen Carter gave a moving farewell and hand over to Stephen Marshall and hopes that the wise supportive and generous nature of ACODE continues and that we continue to support each other in the harsh environment that we work in.

Stephen Marshall then thanked Helen for her support of ACODE and for handing over an organization that is in good shape.

2.0 Attendance and apologies

Attendees:

Mark Northover	Auckland University of Technology
Veronica Hendriks	Australian Catholic University
Deborah West	Charles Darwin University
Philip Uys	Charles Sturt University
Greg Faller	Flinders University
Val Ruffle	James Cook Univer
Sheila McCarthy	Grffith University
Helen Carter	Macquarie University
Garry Allen	RMIT
Glen Jackson	Swinburne University
Cathy Gunn	University of Auckland
Steve Leichtweis	University of Auckland
Karen Halley	University of Canberra
Shane Nuessler	University of Canberra
Deb Jones	University of Melbourne
Jenny McDonald	University of Otago
Dhiraj Bhartu	University of the South Pacific
Michael Sankey	University of Southern Queensland

Ian Wright
Colin Lowe
Gerry Kregor
Jenny Pizzica
Nigel Robertson
Stephen Marshall
Carol Russell
Gina Saliba

University of the Sunshine Coast
University of Sydney Apologies
University of Tasmania
University of Technology Sydney
University of Waikato
Victoria University Wellington
Western Sydney University
Western Sydney University

Apologies:

Stanley Frielick
Greg Faller
Travis Cox
Marcus O'Donnell

Auckland University of Technology
Flinders University
University of Adelaide
University of Wollongong

3.0 Minutes of previous meeting

Moved – Nigel Robertson..... Seconded – Michael Sankey.....

4.0 Identification of unstarred items for discussion

5.0 Adoption of items not starred for discussion

MOTION: That all items on the Agenda not starred for discussion be noted and where recommendations have been made, that these be adopted as resolutions of the ACODE Business and Networking Meeting.

Adopted moved from Chair Stephen Marshall

6.0 Matters arising from previous Business & Networking Meeting

7.0 Executive officer report

8.0 Financial Statements

*** PART B: ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION**

9.0 ACODE Executive Report – Helen Carter/Stephen Marshall

9.1 Babson Survey Funding

As you are aware we have be trying to secure funding from OLT to be able to fund this survey for the South Pacific region. Ako Aoeteroa have committed to \$10k but we need a further \$40k. We have decided to apply for a seed grant.

We will need to have impact and credibility for the lead on this project.

Gergor Kennedy's name has been put forward for this role.

ACTION: President to contact Prof Kennedy to see if he is interested.

9.2 Pearson TEL Award

As some members will be aware ACODE and Pearson have signed an MOU for the ACODE/Pearson TEL Award. This award is for \$20k.

As discussed at the Executive meeting on Wednesday 16th March we need to set up a set of criteria for the award. Sheila McCarthy will be the lead on this criteria writing. If anyone is interested in participating in this project please contact Sheila. Sheila.mccarthy@griffith.edu.au

10.0 Benchmarking 2016 – Michael Sankey

Michael Sankey displayed the benchmarking tool that he has been working on with developers.

The tool is a self assessment tool and as a separate there is an institutional profile as well.

The tool is expected to be completed and available in early April.

Michael has put out a call for participating organisations to choose the benchmarks that they will assess prior to the event in June.

11.0 Liaison with other Organisations

12.0 ACODE looking forward

The attraction of the senior colleagues from Charles Sturt yesterday at the meeting was where we should be aiming for attendance at all meetings. A hosting institution should be putting forward invitations to senior staff to attend the workshop.

With the changes to Ako Aoteroa in New Zealand and OLT here in Australia may offer ACODE more opportunity to take a lead role in leadership.

13.0 HOT TOPICS

- Shirley Alexander has tweeted this morning about the complete demise of OLT

ACODE to draft a letter to the Minister for Education in support of OLT once the announcement is made the letter will be distributed to members before it is sent.

Suggestion this also should go to the Productivity Commission in New Zealand.

- others how this impacts on the use of content within the LMS (Blackboard Learn in our case), lecturer experiences, change management, etc. - Mark Northover AUT- NOT MINUTED
- Institution's LMS plans for 2016-2017, eg: considering change, upgrading to Blackboard Ultra- Colin Lowe USyd

Colin- ili Ultra is a breakaway form Ultra in th USA. University of Sydney is moving from premise to the cloud.

Travis- University of Adelaide has an implantation process underway and moving to CANVAS

Garry- RMIT BlackboardLearn for the next three years as no clarity on the recommendation for Ultra for larger organisations.

Deborah West- Charles Darwin University have met with Blackboard and they are behind in the development of BB moodle portals –moodle rooms etc.

Mark Northover AUT are looking at what they want from an LMS or do they really need an LMS 3 years down the track.

Shane Nuessler- UC procurement process is underway

Ian Wright USC –on premise- to be fully intergrated this year. It seems BB Ultra is only available on a SASS platform so not keen to go with Ultra.

Sheila McCarthy- Griffith are always under review and have a 3 year rotation.

Gerry Kregor- UTas- e portfolio system as D2L is not meeting expectations

Suggestions: a 2017 workshop topic on transistioning to a new LMS

A Joint meeting with CAUDIT may be of value.

Instead of chaning the LMS we need to look at the involvement of add ins

- Accessibility is currently a topic under discussion at Waikato. What policies and approaches do institutions have a Universal Design for Learning (UDL) approach? Is accessibility the responsibility of individual academics, faculties, access teams, no-one? Nigel Robertson Waikato.

Nigel Accessibilty is legislated in the USA and Great Britain

Western Sydney University: Accessibility Reference Group – Funding is required to take this forward. It is addressed inLMS and Teaching and Development program

UTas are proactive in this space, rather than reactive. Disanility staff not interested in interaction. Light touch review in Quality Matters which helped to upskill staff and raise awareness.

USQ- Media site allows transcribing

LaTrobe- dedicated team working with disability officers, partially funded by the Government however resources are being stretched as more disability students are engaging in Higher Ed.

Macquarie- closed down the accessibility unit and made core business. More apps available for students to do themselves. Inclusive design is good design. UDL included in all development work.

USC- Disability action plan: considered for all work. Line added in the LMS must be accessible to all students.

Griffith- Digital Basics site resources for do it yourself, but still requests from staff and students alike for help.

- Key activities/responsibilities associated within our position descriptions. Who is responsible for what at their institutions and to what level do we get to have a say in these decisions that are being made by our institutions? Kind of informal benchmarking around what people like us to get up to and what type of influence this affords us. Michael Sankey USQ.

Gerry Kregor and Michael to collaborate. Gerry will draft something in the next 2 weeks.

PART C: ITEMS FOR NOTING

14.0 Future workshops and meetings

- Benchmarking Summit ACODE 71
University of Canberra, 27-29 June 2016
Convenor :Michael Sankey
- ACODE 72 University of Sydney 17-18 November 2016 Topic TBA
Convenor: Colin Lowe
- ACODE 73 possibly USQ To be Confirmed
- ACODE 74 Otago University NZ- Confirmed

Meeting closed 11.35am

Stephen Marshall
President, ACODE

EXPLANATION

Note that the Agenda for this Business and Networking Meeting follows that proposed by the Executive in June 2003. Unstarred items on the Agenda will not be discussed, but any recommendations they contain will be covered by a single motion covering all unstarred items.

Any unstarred item may be identified for discussion by request to the President at any time up to item 4 on this agenda.

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