Fashion and Textiles staff session 22nd August
Questions and Answers

Question: The introductory memo which has been circulated in the city campus this week has mentioned plans for a move by Textile Design HE into Building 515/516. How do we intend to plan for this and will there be a resource manager involved to assist in the planning?
Answer: Yes, it is critical to have a manager in this job. Part of the ‘Expression Of Interest’ is to recruit a school manager. The capital submission plans don’t have any relocation for Textile Design but it’s certainly an option which has been considered. The memo may have been a dated section, but it cannot be guaranteed that these plans won’t surface at a later date.

Question: Will Keith be the Head of School or is there another for plan for the HOS?
Answer: The HOS positions are currently being negotiated and discussed and more will be advised in the short term.

Question: In Design Futures paperwork to date there is a large emphasis on HE position titles/ descriptions referring particularly to the course co coordinator role from the WASSL document. Will this be reviewed with the strong VET focus that the School of Fashion and Textiles have?
Answer: We have engaged with DVC academic, Geoff Crisp is reviewing this and proper position descriptions have been re submitted in the VET stream. John Barnes is also involved in the review.

Question: At an admin level, will there be any reshuffles?
Answer: The school Exec will be in position hopefully by OCT 1st with the governance being confirmed first. After this, the impact on the broader school structure will be reviewed. The impact to the teaching staff should be minimal in all program areas and there may be some changes in the AO area. Technicians is an area that may also be impacted. By Nov/Dec 2012 the planned approach for 2012 should be in place.

Question: What is the DSC view on the submitted new building proposal? What is the possibility of this becoming a reality and the timeline?
Answer: It is a very exciting proposal and ongoing conversations are taking place with property services at the moment to drive towards a model that is much more industry like and open plan. The college has endorsed the plan and it is in their upper level of the colleges priorities.

Question: Do the future proposals envisage more lecture/auditorium space?
Answer: No new lecture spaces are planned. New informal learning spaces are proposed with a drive towards simple, elegant and sophisticated multipurpose environments. The new school set up will involve a move to a cultural transition between the two campuses which will allow access for the use of large lecture theatres in the city if required.

Question: The changes could be an opportunity to brand this campus, are we able to have more visual Marketing/ Signage on the Brunswick school campus?
Answer: This is in our hands.