Terms of Reference

Duties of the Carrick Advisory Board

The key objectives of the Carrick Advisory Board (CAB) are to provide input and feedback on the direction of the project, to act as an advisory panel at key decision points or if the project direction needs to change, to act as a monitor on progress with the project, and to help disseminate the outcomes of the project.

Role of the Research Team

The research team is responsible for developing research design and implementing the research project including designing the research instrument, collecting data, performing data analysis and writing up the research report. The expected research outcomes for the project are:

- The research team will develop a model for determining equivalency of student learning through assessment, mapped against CPA’s generic skills requirements. This model will reflect the contextual factors that impact student learning identified through application of Ramsden’s (1992) model and provide a valuable resource for academic accountants and accrediting bodies operating in Australian higher education.

- The project will result in improved understanding of the links between generic skills and the measurement of their attainment. It will also lead to greater confidence in the use of different assessment tools to achieve agreed student learning outcomes.

How the Research Team Communicates with CAB Members

At the first meeting of the Advisory Board, the team leaders will provide members an abbreviated copy of the approved project application, which outlines the aims, objectives, a proposed methodology, the timelines, milestones, and the intended outputs. The project team leaders plan to convene either a face-to-face meeting or a teleconference with members of the CAB once per quarter. An agenda and a short briefing paper will be circulated by email to CAB members prior to each meeting. Brief minutes or reports will be emailed to CAB members following each meeting.

The Research Team and the Carrick Advisory Board Members

Carrick Advisory Board
- RMIT - Professor Margaret Jackson, Associate Professor Eveline Falishaw, Dr Kim Watty
- CPA - Anne Johns, Lorena Mitrione, Margaret Webb
- SIM - Chia Soo Chin
- HKMA - Philip Lo
- External - Professor Alan Farley, Associate Professor Irene Temone

Team Leaders
- Professor Margaret Jackson
- Dr Kim Watty

Project Team
- Margaret Jackson, Kim Watty, Lynn Yu, Lillian Lowe

Consultative Group
- Academics
- Students
- Employers