Bundoora Campus Manager
Staff Address

30 June 2009

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Role of Bundoora Campus Manager

• Understand issues specific to the Bundoora Campus
• Key VCE contact for Bundoora Campus issues
• Communicate with Bundoora staff, receiving information from and reporting to staff on University and Bundoora specific issues
2009 Bundoora Focus Meetings

Bundoora Focus meetings are scheduled for 30 June & 8 December

Meetings will focus on:

- **RMIT:**
  - strategic direction
  - activities
  - future planning and how these relate to the Bundoora Campus
- Bundoora specific issues
Bundoora Campus Advisory Committee (BCAC)

Membership
- Bundoora Campus Manager
- Heads of Schools represented on Bundoora campus
- Head of Bundoora Research Institutes
- PVC R&I or nominee
- PVC Students or nominee
- Executive Director (Property Services) or nominee
- Director RMIT Library or nominee
- Director Regional Partnerships (DSC)

Quarterly Meetings
Providing advice to Campus Manager regarding:
- Space allocation and reallocation
- Additional space needs
- Prioritisation of capital projects and minor works
- Strategies to ensure suitable services for students, research industry and community are provided on campus
- Strategies to improve compliance with facilities related OH&S issues
The Changing Environment

The tertiary education environment is changing due to:

• Skills Victoria - TAFE contestability
• Bradley Report – Review of HE
• Cutler Report – Focus on innovation
• Federal Government’s response to the above
• RMIT University’s response
• Global financial crisis
Skills Victoria Reform

Overview

• Training guarantee for students
  – < 20 years of age
  – > 20 years of age for foundation skills (i.e. literacy & numeracy) and higher qualifications than already awarded

• Expanded choice of provider

• Accreditation of providers using AQTF

• Skills for growth
  – Support for small/medium business to up-skill workforce

• Government funding initiatives to TAFE institutes
  – Broadband access
  – Workforce – broadening skills & encouraging industry experts
  – Facilities
Overview

• Criteria for title of university and for right to offer research degrees will be tightened
• Funding will follow students
• Proportion of funds allocated will be based on performance
• Increased funding for teaching recommended – Budget dependant
• Research funding increased to reflect costs and increased RTS places
• Tertiary entitlements progressively extended to the VET sector
Cutler Report – Focus on Innovation

Overview

• Accelerated pathways to address skill shortages
• Full funding of research activities
• Funding distributed through Excellence in Research for Australia (ERA) and RTS and APA scheme funded on ERA rankings
• Build concentrations of excellence and encourage collaboration within and outside Australia
• Incentives for industry research and research around national challenges e.g. water, climate change, carbon emissions
• Facilitation of favourable conditions for development and use of new and emerging technologies
Government’s Response

Deputy Prime Minister Julia Gillard has announced that:

• 40% of Australian 25-34 year olds will have a bachelor level or above qualification by 2025

• Universities will be funded on the basis of student demand from 2012

• From 2010, the current cap on over enrolment will be raised from 5 to 10% and removed completely in 2012

• Establishment of a national regulatory and quality agency for higher education

• Australian Qualifications Framework Council to improve articulation and connectivity between the university and VET sectors

• Formation of a single tertiary education sector ministerial council, with representatives from the Commonwealth, states and territories

• By 2020, 20% of higher education enrolments at undergraduate level should be from low socio-economic backgrounds

• Improve higher education access and outcomes for Indigenous Australians
Impact on RMIT Learning and Teaching and Research

These changes to the tertiary education environment will mean that it is:

• Important for RMIT to know:
  – Who we are
  – What it is we offer
  – What it is we are good at

• Becoming more ‘focussed’ on:
  – High impact programs (high quality and high viability – or niche programs)
  – Program platforms (underpinning high impact programs)

• Opportunities for growth in our ‘high impact’ programs and reduced profile for poor performing programs

• Focus resources in areas of strength
Hence the Importance of Quality Assurance

Internal Reviews

• Program Annual Reviews
• Organisational Reviews

External Reviews

• AUQA
• AQTF
Excellence in Research Australia

• ERA will be an important tool for research allocation
• ERA will guarantee research standards and performance
• Research funding will be strategically targeted and sustainable and will be based on demonstrated excellence and clear priorities around national need, individual curiosity, institutional capabilities and resources available
• Funding must build critical mass and return on investment
• Resources will be concentrated on areas Universities do best
• Will move toward funding full cost of research
RMIT Health Innovations Research Institute (RMIT HIRi)

• An integrated approach to address key health issues facing the Australian community in the 21st century
• Research programs focussing on understanding how the human body functions at a molecular and cellular level
• Primary goal of the institute is to translate basic science discoveries into effective, safe therapeutic outcomes
• Four research programs:
  – ion channels and transporters as therapeutic targets
  – metabolism, exercise and disease
  – traditional and complementary medicine
  – electromagnetism: biophysical modulators
Campus Master Plan

• Allows for projected growth of student numbers to 10,000 by year 2028

• Improved interconnection with both Plenty Rd and McKimmies Rd

• Campus designated precincts
Major Projects Underway – Bundoora Campus

• Bundoora East
  – Strategic document to consolidate aviation delivery at Bundoora East has been approved by VCEM

• Bundoora West
  – Lecture theatre - final design stages underway, construction to begin 3rd quarter, completion December 2010
  – New artificial surface playing field - final schematic design stages
  – Upgrade to infrastructure - Building 201 - final schematic design stages underway
  – Student services building project redevelopment – construction of Building 204 underway complete last quarter 2009
  – Relocation of archives to Bundoora West campus – construction underway in basement of Building 202 – complete last quarter 2009
  – Development of Campus entrance from Plenty Rd
  – Wireless access across all area of the University
  – Works related to back up generator to begin 3rd quarter 2009
Aviation Delivery on Bundoora East

- Consolidation of aviation delivery
- Relocation of Wackett Centre to Bundoora East from Fishermans Bend
- Relocation of TAFE aviation delivery from Essendon Airport and City
- Establishment of Virtual Maintenance Trainer on the Bundoora East Campus
- Establishment of practical area for delivery maintenance training
- EASA / CASA accreditation undertaken
Lecture Theatre

• 350 seat lecture theatre to be developed on the Bundoora West Campus with two additional flexible learning spaces

• To be developed with video conference capacity and fully interactive IT/AV capabilities

• To be suitable for a range of other functions – awards nights, conferences and community

• To be designed to allow for reuse in the future if required
Location
Design
Internal Design Ground Floor
Internal Design First Floor
Artificial Playing Surface

• To consist of two full size FIFA accredited soccer pitches
• One track to have four lane running track around perimeter
• Small dedicated tutorial space to be developed
• Design to allow for future expansion pending discussion with Whittlesea Council
Proposed Design
Upgrade to Buildings 201 & 204

Building 201
• A feasibility study has been conducted to investigate the improvement of the vertical movement of students in this building. The recommended option to be:
  – Replacement of current escalators, with heavy duty industrial escalators over Christmas break 2009-2010

Building 204 - New home for Student Union & RMIT Union
• Development of a Student Amenities Centre that will accommodate
  – Light recreational space
  – Lounge area
  – Meeting areas
  – Post graduate room
  – Office and administrative space for Student union and RMIT Union
  – Womyn’s room
  – Queer room
Design Concepts Building 204
Major Projects Under Development – 3-5 yr timeframe

- Clinic expansion for Health Sciences
- Redevelopment of Nursing laboratories
- Health Institute expansion
- Food Pilot plant relocation to Bundoora West
- Redevelopment of school office and chiropractic staff and teaching accommodation
- Redevelopment of teaching laboratories in Building 201
- Consolidation of computer laboratories into one location
- Commercial Chinese Medicine Clinic
- Consolidation of Bundoora East onto Bundoora West (>5 yrs)
minor projects update - bundoora campus

- works related to the establishment of the health institute to begin mid june for completion mid august
- air conditioning upgrade to mezzanine building 201 to begin 3rd quarter 2009
- development of specialised pc2 research lab building 211 to support clean water project - completed
- establishment of confucius museum building 202 – completed
- regulatory upgrade to existing animal house including establishment of a animal quarantine facility adjacent to existing animal facility in building 201 to be established by year end
- digital laboratory in building 223 for semester 1, 2010
- computer labs – building 220 – under construction
- specialist engineering laboratories developed on bundoora east
Major Projects Update - City Campus

- Revamping of Building 10, Level 9 for SECE
- Building 56, Level 4 - computer labs completed for start of HE semester 1, 2010
- Building 14 project, Applied Sciences - with construction tender for start of works by mid year
- Swanston A‘Beckett - design work continuing
- Design Hub - design work continuing, has EIF funding
- Centre for Advanced Manufacturing (Building 55) - design work continuing - State Gov’t funding
- Two additional floors on Building 9
- Emily McPherson, Building 13 upgrade
- Dental Hospital, Level 2 upgrade – State & Fed Gov’t funding
- Full list is available on the Property Services web site
City Projects Images
Contacting the Bundoora Campus Manager

Your feedback, issues and suggested meeting topics are welcome via email direct to:

‘Bundoora Focus’ through Groupwise with a cc to Eileen Lane (EA to PVC(SET))

Bundoora Focus is a Groupwise account which is monitored by the EA to PVC (SET)

Not on the contact list?

Email ‘Bundoora Focus’ or contact Eileen Lane via email or on 59518
Questions

This presentation and a summary of the question and answer session will be available on the SET Intranet at:

www.rmit.edu.au/set/pvc-forums

University Infrastructure plan can be downloaded from the property service home page

http://www.rmit.edu.au/PROPERTYSERVICES

Updates on Capital Works projects being conducted across the University is available at: http://www.rmit.edu.au/capitalworks