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CHAIR'S REPORT

Dear all,

Not too much to report at this stage of the year. Planning is well advanced for the NZACE 2010 annual conference. Thanks to Andy Martin, Jenny Fleming and Sally Rae for their help so far. The call for papers has gone out and we look forward to your expressions of interest. It promises to be a good event.

I had the privilege of travelling the country with Phil Gardner from Michigan State university who as most of you will know was in NZ on a Fulbright Senior Scholar Award to provide a keynote address at the 2009 conference. Phil thoroughly enjoyed his tour and provided stimulating talks across the country. One outcome of this was a TLRI proposal that was cobbled together at very short notice, largely thanks to Kathrin Hoskyn's tremendous efforts at getting the team together. The Expression of Interest was very favourable received; receiving the maximum scores in all assessment criteria. However, as I write I have just received the response to the full proposal. Unfortunately, we were unsuccessful, for reasons that remain unclear. Rather oddly, the criteria we were rated highly for in the Expression of Interest, we were not marked highly for in the final proposal! Thanks to Katharine for her help and to all of those who provided CV and other material at such short notice.

On a more positive note TLRI have accepted our final report for our first project on integration of work-integrated learning, and a full paper has just been published in the *Journal of Cooperative Education & Internships*. I also have been asked to present this work at a special symposium at Griffith University in November 2009.

Dave Hodges, many of you will know, is in the final stages of the write up for his PhD. The end of long journey for Dave and I am sure all NZACE members and friends wish him well for the examination.

Richard K. Coll

Chairperson, NZACE

WACE 16TH WORLD CONFERENCE- AN INTERNATIONAL DIALOGUE IN VANCOUVER

Over the past few years I have attended eight NZACE conferences, two Asia Pacific Cooperative Education conferences and so I was really looking forward to a World Association for Cooperative Education conference and I was not at all disappointed. WACE 2009 hosted by the Association for Cooperative Education BC/Yukon and Simon Fraser University, was based at the Sheraton Hotel, in Downtown Vancouver, Canada.

The programme was “huge”. The keynote speakers covered a diverse range of topics that all related to WIL in different ways. Ms Dianne Francis opened the conference by giving us a really good insight into what had caused the recession in the US and how WIL provides an excellent strategy for education in uncertain times. Dr Milton Bennett entertained us well with his presentation on “Integrating Intercultural Learning into WIL” and his humour kept us all awake after a long morning of presentations. Kim Campbell, the Director of Human Resources for the 2010 Winter Olympics and Paralympics games to be hosted in Vancouver, provided a great luncheon speech. Three plenary panels covered the students voice, the corporate opinion on “Why work integrated learning programs survive the economic crisis” and the Presidents and VC’s comments on “WIL: the ultimate teaching & learning strategy”.

The challenge for the 430 delegates was to choose from the total of 165 concurrent sessions, which included paper sessions, workshops, roundtable discussions, international dialogue sessions, and poster presentations. There were certainly some tough decisions as to what to go to. There were 21 different countries represented and the NZACE members put NZ on the map with paper presentations by Sue McCurdy (University of Waikato), Andy Martin (Massey University), Cindy Wiersma and myself (AUT University). We met up with three other New Zealanders at conference and hope to see them at future NZACE events.

As always happens at conferences, the networking opportunities were great. I attended a meeting of council/ executive members from other Cooperative Education/WIL associations from around the world. Hopefully we will be able to improve communication between associations and this may create more opportunities for international delegates to attend our own NZACE conference in the future. I really enjoyed the “World” experience but had little to compare it to. So the final comment comes from Andy Martin who said to me, “Vancouver was by far the best WACE conference (of the 3) he had been to”.

Jenny Fleming



The proud NZ contingency at the 2009 WACE conference, Vancouver.

NEWS FROM THE REGIONS

A bit of news from the Deep South

Here at the Otago Polytechnic we are embracing the applied nature of our management degree. Event Management students are placed once a week with Event Managers in various areas. Some are with a large function event centre, others are with the Dunedin City Council festival and event manager and yet another with a sport event manager. We are recruiting a number of German students who specifically come for the 3rd year of our Applied Management Degree in particular Tourism Management. These students are proving wonderful ambassadors for our programme and country, as they too complete cooperative education placement and 3rd year tourism papers. Another 10 are arriving next semester in 2010. The cooperative education placement programme remains the capstone for our Applied Management Degree and with more and more graduates coming through with exceptional experiences out in industry, it is evident that this can only benefit the programme and the institution.

Sharleen Howison

From across The Ditch

The start of 2009 has been a busy time for ACEN as we moved to become an incorporated entity and have elected a new national executive. The new national director is Judie Kay from Victoria University, with Carol-Joy Patrick continuing on the national executive as secretary. At the recent WACE conference the Australian contingent was well represented with 44 attendees (the third largest at the conference). Just prior to the conference ACEN hosted a dinner for the Australian attendees which was well attended and a good night had by all.

ACEN continues to advance the National Portal Project that will provide a link between industry, universities, and communities making it easier to access placements and future career options. While the state based groups continue to support the ongoing development of WIL amongst their members. The NSW Chapter is hosting a forum responding the recent Bradley Review into Higher Education and its impact on cooperative education, while SA is hosting a symposium on alternatives to work placements. Finally, preparations are well underway for the ACEN Conference to be held in Perth, WA, on the 29th September to 1st October, 2010, abstract submissions will be open later in the year, but place this date in your diary for a very worthwhile gathering whose focus is Work Integrated Learning: Responding to Challenges.

Matthew Campbell

Developments at Wintec - Waikato

The Diploma in Technology (Science) students at Wintec are gearing up to go out on work placement. Companies in and around Hamilton take the students for 3 weeks and expose them to life in the laboratory. The aim of the work placement is to give the students a taste of what it is like working in a laboratory and also to learn how to communicate with the science community in the form of a formal report and a poster presentation. Some students are lucky enough to work on a research project, however, the majority learn to master at least one analytical technique and often are able to carry out the technique independently by the end of their placement.

Companies that support the work placement include Hill Laboratories, Fonterra, NZ Laboratories, Plant Protection and Waikato Hospital to name a few. Their continuing support is much appreciated. Students generally come back extremely excited from their placement (until it is report time).

The Science tutorial staff are starting to plan for the second year of the Bachelor of Technology which is being offered this year for the first time. This programme is a very practical one and again the students will be involved in work-based-learning, in their third year, in the form of a two paper research project based in industry.

Shelly Wilson

MASSEYTalk for ACETalk

Professor Phil Gardner's (Michigan State University), Fulbright Travel Award presented an opportunity to promote NZACE at Massey University in Palmerston North (I have been Massey's only NZACE member since the last conference there in 2005!). His presentation at the end of April, "Finding work in a competitive environment... the value of cooperative education and internship", attracted interest from a number of staff at Massey, including social work, vet, engineering, museum studies, and sport management and coaching who already have strong traditions of field work experiences, as part of their courses. Massey also has work place experiences as part of teaching, nursing and midwifery, communication, and aviation studies.

Some of my current practicum students were surprised how easily they fell into the categories that Phil discussed of US tertiary graduates – clueless, aimless, and directionless! Phil expressed a strong desire to make enduring links with New Zealand TEPs for the purpose of establishing a major international research program. This is currently being pursued with a cross university proposal for TLRI funding being developed & lead by Richard Coll.

In conjunction with Phil's talk, I presented with Helen Hughes the resources, How to make the most of work integrated learning that we had developed with an Ako Aotearoa grant (www.ako.aotearoa.ac.nz<<http://www.ako.aotearoa.ac.nz/>>). The use of e-portfolios in WIL was then reviewed at a follow up meeting of interested staff at the end of May. Hopefully there will also be some further positive flow on effects for NZACE, particularly the interest shown by a number of staff in the 2010 conference 14-16 April, at Massey's Institute of Sport & Rugby in Palmerston North.

Following my presentations to WACE 2009 in Vancouver in June, I will be visiting Liverpool John Moores University (UK) early in September to discuss further collaboration with Professor Sue Thompson. Sue presented in Vancouver about "Engaging employers" and "Closing the gap in stakeholder perceptions of student employability" and has similar research interests to Jenny Fleming and myself. I will also present the above Ako Aotearoa/WIL resources at the European Conference on Sport Management in Amsterdam a couple of weeks later.

Andy Martin

Unitec developments

Unitec remains fully committed to Practice Based Learning. To further our teaching and learning practice to support PBL we have recently created a social network using Ning. Those teachers who have an interest have joined up and we now have a place to share resources, collaborate on shared interests, notify each other of key events, and blog our achievements. This new tool is slowly taking off and we look forward to seeing more staff join up in the future.

Shiu Ram

Wet Waikato Winter

As winter has mostly passed by, we're still 'enjoying' the wet Waikato weather. End of last year, most co-op staff shifted offices and we are now all in the same building. The co-op unit has been very busy, as we are in the thick of placing students at the moment. This year, we have about 170 science and engineering students going placement and it is fair to say there are a few frazzled placement coordinators running round! We're finding a real mixture of responses from employers, with some companies clearly still operating in survival mode and cautious about 'extra' spending such as student employment.

The placement programme is also getting a bit of an overhaul next year, with the placement preparation and selection process becoming formalised and run as an actual paper which then leads up to the work experience. There will be a fair bit of work involved setting this up, however, it will give the unit an opportunity to implement some of our research findings and, once completed, it will significantly improve the student learning experience.

Karsten Zegwaard

2010 NZACE ANNUAL CONFERENCE!!

Theme: *Providing a Competitive Advantage*
Massey University, Sport & Rugby Institute, Palmerston North
14 – 16 April, 2010



Conference Aims

- A forum for practitioners, academics, researchers, employers and coordinators in student internships, workplace experience, practicum, work integrated learning, sandwich programs and cooperative education
- Report on best practice and innovative features
- Debate topical issues
- Report research in cooperative education
- Help NZACE members and other colleagues/attendees enhance their research capability

Venue and Accommodation – Sport & Rugby Institute, Massey University

Abstracts – Submissions close 30th November 2009

Proceedings – Submissions close 28th February 2010

- Abstract, paper and submission instructions are given on http://www.nzace.ac.nz/2010_conference.shtml

Registrations – Close 14th March 2010

- Conference registration is NZ\$300 per person
- Includes two nights accommodation, lunches, tea/coffee and finger food for breaks, and the conference dinner

Transport

- Direct flights to Palmerston North from Auckland and Wellington – sponsored for overseas presenters
- Shuttle buses from Wellington to Palmerston North – sponsored for overseas presenters
- Pick up from Palmerston North airport or bus depot on prior arrangement

For Further Information, Submissions and Registration:

Conference	Jenny Fleming jenny.fleming@aut.ac.nz	NZACE	http://www.nzace.ac.nz
Abstracts and papers	Richard Coll r.coll@waikato.ac.nz	Palmerston North	http://www.manawatunz.co.nz
Registration	Katharine Hoskyn katharine.hoskyn@aut.ac.nz	Massey University	http://www.massey.ac.nz
Venue	Andy Martin a.j.martin@massey.ac.nz	Sport and Rugby Institute	http://www.sportandrugbyinstitute.co.nz

NEW JOURNAL ON GRADUATE EMPLOYABILITY

The Journal for Teaching and Learning for Graduate Employability (JTLGE) is a new journal that we plan to launch from Curtin by the end of 2009. It is a scholarly forum for the dissemination of research and exemplary evidence-based practice in higher education teaching and learning for graduate employability. Contributions are welcome in relation to any aspect of higher education teaching and learning which relates to the broad topic of graduate employability. For more information please visit:

http://otl.curtin.edu.au/scholarship_teaching_learning/jtlge.cfm

Please feel free to send an expression of interest to me (b.oliver@curtin.edu.au), to the Editor Prof. Robyn Quin (r.quin@curtin.edu.au), or to Dr Helen Flavell (h.flavell@curtin.edu.au).

We are planning to make this a robust publication and, knowing that many of you are working in related areas and projects (employability, attributes, e-portfolios, career development learning and so on), we welcome your contributions.

Professor Beverley Oliver, Director of Teaching and Learning,
Curtin University of Technology

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BLOGGING ON THE AKO CO-OP SITE

Ako Aotearoa (National Centre of Tertiary Excellence) hosts a webpage specially dedicated to Cooperative Education and Work Integrated Learning (<http://akooteaoroa.ac.nz/communities/cooperative-education-work-integrated-learning>). This site was set-up by NZACE as a way to further communicate cooperative education and allow topical discussions by way of blogging. NZACE members are encouraged to visit the site and join in on the discussions (<http://akooteaoroa.ac.nz/communities/cooperative-education-work-integrated-learning/blog>).

Getting started: The site can be visited without being a member, but to participate in blogging and contribute information you must register. To create an account, click on <http://akooteaoroa.ac.nz/user/register> and follow instructions. To join the Co-op site (after registering), click on <http://akooteaoroa.ac.nz/communities/cooperative-education-work-integrated-learning> and then click the 'Join' tab. If you have any questions or difficulties, first try the 'Help' function, otherwise contact David Whyte (david@zestos.co.nz).

What is a Blog? A blog is like an online diary or a personalised newspaper. Commonly, blogs are used to provide information with a personal slant on event that the writer, and hopefully reader, find interesting. The Ako Coop blog at this stage focuses on coop in the news. Hopefully you find this interesting. The Ako site is designed so that if you do not find it interesting you can add items/articles/writing that you and others would find interesting.

UPCOMING NATIONAL AND INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCES

ATN Assessment Conference

Assessment in Difference Dimensions
RMIT University, Melbourne, Australia
19-20 Nov, 2009
<http://emedia.rmit.edu.au/atnassessment09/>

CAFCE 2010 Conference

Canadian Association for Co-operative Education Conference: Planting Seeds and Watching Them Grow!
Charlottetown, Prince Edwards Island, Canada.
June 20-23, 2010
Paper submission due date: 1st of October, 2009!
All queries and submissions to Anne Marie Coolen (amc@dal.ca)

ACEN 2010 National Conference

Work Integrated Learning (WIL): Responding to Challenges
Curtin University of Technology, Perth, Western Australia
29 Sep – 1 Oct 2010
http://www.acen.edu.au/index.php?option=com_content&view=category&layout=blog&id=39&Itemid=63

International Conference on Work Integrated Learning (WACE)

University-Industry Collaboration for Real Life Education
Hong Kong Polytechnic University, Hong Kong
3-5th of Feb, 2010
Abstract submission due date: 30th of October, 2009
<http://www.waceinc.org/hongkong/index.htm>

2010 NZACE Annual Conference

Massey University, Sport and Rugby Institute, Palmerston North
14th – 16th of April, 2010
Abstracts due: 30th of Nov, 2009 to r.coll@waikato.ac.nz
Proceedings due 28th of Feb, 2010.

MEMBERSHIP FEES

Individual membership: \$50 a person

Corporate membership: \$150 for four nominated persons from one institute, with \$30 for every additional person

Institutional membership: \$500 per institution, with an unlimited number of nominated persons from that institution

Contact Katharine Hoskyn, Auckland University of Technology 09 921 9999 ext 5349, for details about renewing membership or becoming a new member. Alternatively access the NZACE webpage for more details (www.nzace.ac.nz).

NZACE AWARD RECIPIENTS

Allister McLay Best Paper Award

2007 *Dave Hodges and Diana Ayling*
2008 *Neil Haigh*
2009 *Matthew Campbell*

Honorary Life Memberships

Chris Kirk (2007)
Chris Eames (2007)

EXPERIENCE: FUNNY QUOTES

Experience is the name everyone gives to their mistakes.

Education is when you read the fine print. Experience is what you get if you don't.

Experience is a great advantage. The problem is that when you get the experience, you're too damned old to do anything about it.

Human beings, who are almost unique in having the ability to learn from the experience of others, are also remarkable for their apparent disinclination to do so.

A proof that experience is of no use, is that the ending of one love does not prevent us from beginning another.

You should make a point of trying every experience once, excepting incest and folk dancing.