

‘Melbourne Experience’ Working Group

The 2005 Deans and Heads Conference and Council Planning Conference both highlighted the need to re-examine what we understand as the ‘Melbourne Experience’ and to consider ways it could be enriched in the context of changing student needs and expectations, and the introduction of ‘voluntary student unionism’. Apart from the intrinsic educational worth of so doing, other objectives would be to improve student retention and outcomes on the Course Experience Questionnaire.

The Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Academic) will convene a working group to propose actions on these matters, comprising representatives of all key groups responsible for the quality of the ‘Melbourne Experience’.

Draft Terms of Reference

The working group will report to the Vice-Chancellor on:

1. the meanings of the ‘Melbourne Experience’ in the light of current research on the needs and expectations of a diverse student body;
2. optimal ways of providing for student needs in the provision of learning resources and working spaces;
3. the efficacy of current structural arrangements for the provision of student support services; and
4. any other non-academic initiatives apt to improve outcomes on student surveys, and in particular the *Course Experience Questionnaire*, the *Postgraduate Research Experience Questionnaire*, and the *Quality of Administrative and Support Services* survey.

Suggested Membership

Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Academic) (Chair)
President of the Academic Board or nominee
Assistant Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Graduate Studies) or nominee
Representative of Deans
Vice-Principal (Information Division) or nominee
Vice-Principal (Property and Buildings) or nominee
Acting Director, Centre for the Study of Higher Education
Director, Student Program Advisory Services
Representative of Faculty General Managers
Chief Executive Officer, Melbourne University Student Union Ltd
President of the Interim Student Representation Council
President of the University of Melbourne Postgraduate Association
President of Melbourne University Overseas Students Services
Representative of Heads of Colleges

The working group may co-opt.

The working group subsumes the Planning and Budget Committee Student IT Working Group.