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Professor Alan Gilbert
Vice-Chancellor
The University of Melbourne

Dear Professor Gilbert,

Re-naming of Centre for Human Resource Development and Training

The Faculty of Education seeks approval to re-name the Centre for Human Resource Development and Training (CHRDT) following the appointment in 2002 of Professor Richard Teese to the Chair in Post-Compulsory Education and Training. Professor Teese has served as director for more than a decade of the Educational Outcomes Research Unit (EORU). It is proposed to integrate the work of the two units to create the Centre for Post-Compulsory Education and Lifelong Learning (CPELL).

It is proposed that CPELL remain in the Department of Education Policy and Management and that Professor Teese serve as Director.

Yours sincerely,

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Dean, Faculty of Education

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PROPOSAL TO CHANGE THE NAME AND SCOPE OF THE CENTRE FOR HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT AND TRAINING IN THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION POLICY AND MANAGEMENT

Background

Professor Richard Teese took up the Chair in Post-Compulsory Education and Training towards the end of 2002, and is currently the Director of the Educational Outcomes Research Unit (EORU) of the Department of Education Policy and Management. The EORU is a major centre for national research into upper secondary education, VET, transition to tertiary education, and adult and community education. It also provides the core research staff of the ANTA-funded Centre for Post-Compulsory Education and Training, which is shared with RMIT University.

Alongside this research structure is the Centre for Human Resource Development and Training (CHRDT), an institutional Centre of The University of Melbourne in the Department of Education Policy and Management, formerly the Department of Vocational Education and Training (when it was located at Hawthorn). CHRDT offers award courses in vocational training, human resource development and lifelong learning. These include fee-for-service workplace training and assessment modules and programs offered by a Training Services and Development Unit, which is a Registered Training Organization (RTO). The research strengths of CHRDT lie in vocational education and training and lifelong learning.

The University makes a substantial contribution to Post-Compulsory Education and Training through research activities in youth pathways, assessment, rural vocational education, and health and related fields, many of these activities being located within the Faculty of Education. In an international policy area increasingly shaped by life-long learning, it is timely to bring at least some of these activities into sharper focus, hence the proposal for a change in the name and scope of CHRDT.

Proposal

To strengthen and broaden the research and teaching capacity of CHRDT and to provide a focus for the EORU, it is proposed:

- That the research and administrative staff of the EORU join the teaching and research staff of CHRDT,
- That CHRDT be renamed as the Centre for Post-Compulsory Education and Lifelong Learning (CPELL), and
- that Professor Richard Teese be appointed Director of the Centre for Post-Compulsory Education and Lifelong Learning.

CPELL will have the largest concentration of researchers in Post-Compulsory Education and Lifelong Learning in an Australian university, and be well placed to continue and expand its research and teaching in this strategically significant area.

The facility will be located in refurbished space on level 3 of the Doug McDonnell Building, relocating from separate rooms in the Alice Hoy Building. Funds for the refurbishment and plans for the project have been approved.