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CHAIRS' REPORT

Dear All

Welcome to the first post-conference ACETalk for 2007. I hope all who attended the conference found it as stimulating and enjoyable as I did. Once again the congenial atmosphere was my favourite memory. We were treated to a very interesting keynote from Janice Orrell from the Carrick Institute and many interesting papers. The workshops, although modest in attendance also seemed to be of value to attendees. Memories of the haka and poi dance at the dinner will linger on for some time!

All papers submitted for publication in the proceedings have now been reviewed and reports sent to authors. We expect to get the final proceedings published in a few weeks time and posted on the web site.

As I mentioned last time, Council endorsed two proposals for a nationwide, cross-subject, and cross-institution collaborative research projects. I am pleased to announce that a team from NZACE members has now submitted application to the Ministry of Education's Teaching & Learning Research Initiative (TLRI) for funding for next year. The timeframe reduced our capacity to seek expressions of interest and our plan is, if successful, to use this project as a trial run for bigger things. The topic was 'An Exploration of the Pedagogies Employed to Integrate Knowledge in Work-integrated Learning in New Zealand Tertiary Educational Institutions'. The research team is: Richard K. Coll (Team leader), Chris Eames, Levinia Paku and Mark Lay (Waikato University); Diana Ayling, Dave Hodges, Shiu Ram, Ravi Bhat (Unitec); Jenny Fleming, Lesley Ferkins, Andrew Martin and Cindy Wiersma (AUT University). Our application has been noted, and we will hear if we make the first cut by Friday 29 July 2007.

I am pleased to announce that Dave Hodges and Diana Ayling of Unitec have been awarded the NZACE Best Paper Award for 2007, awarded annually to the author or authors who in the judgment of the review panel contributed significantly to the advancement of cooperative education in New Zealand. The work was to do with developing a model for assessment of work-integrated learning, and is entitled 'A Portfolio Model of Learning: Reframing Assessment Practices in a Business Cooperative Education Course'. Dave, along with James Cannan and Karsten Zegwaard, will be attending the Singapore WACE conference where Dave will also be presenting parts of his research work on assessment issues in co-op.

The 2007 conference also hosted the AGM and at this a new council was elected. Details are included below. The new council met on the 07 June 2007 to plan the upcoming year, and I will report to you again about this meeting soon.

Richard K. Coll

Chairperson, NZACE

ROTORUA CONFERENCE - 2007

The annual NZACE conference was held at Kingsgate Hotel, Rotorua, on the 19th and 20th of April. The format for the conference was a bit different this year:

- Start on Wednesday evening with pre-conference mixer
- Welcome and opening and keynote address on Thursday
- Parallel sessions
- Lunch
- More parallel sessions
- NZACE AGM
- Dinner and cultural show
- More sessions on Friday
- Workshops for research and publishing
- Concluding with an informal lunch

The pre-conference mixer and Friday workshops were innovations for this conference. The pre-conference mixer gave attendees a chance to meet and talk informally with the keynote speaker, Janice Orrell.

Janice is a charming and knowledgeable Australian academic, her current role being Director of Carrick Institute for Learning and Teaching in Higher Education in Australia. Her wide background includes teaching in a range of schools in Australia, including very remote schools, the International School in India, lecturing in an indigenous teacher education programme, lecturing in nursing; research in assessment in higher education and work-integrated learning, quality assurance, innovation, clinical education and induction of academics. In 2001 she won the Australian Universities National Award of Excellence for the Flinders Foundation of University Teaching programme she devised for newly appointed academics. Janice presented a thought-provoking and thoroughly interesting keynote address. Janice's contribution to the conference went far beyond her keynote address. She readily engaged in conversation with conference attendees and attended many of the sessions held over the two days.

Friday workshops were each attended by a small group of people who were required to pre-register and undertake some preparation for the sessions. They were practical sessions that inspired attendees and gave specific pointers on the way forward in the two areas of research and publishing. The workshops were led by Chris Eames and Richard Coll.

The conference dinner as always provided a great opportunity for attendees to 'let their hair down'. This year was no exception with entertainment from a Maori cultural group which encouraged audience participation in the poi dance and haka. The proof of the enjoyment is in the photos!

This year a highlight of the dinner was the announcement that two members had been awarded Honorary Life Membership of NZACE: Chris Kirk and Chris Eames. Chris Kirk was a pivotal driving force in the early days of NZACE and also represented New Zealand on WACE Council and at overseas events. Chris Eames has also been a key player in NZACE through most of 'life' and had been the organiser of many conferences including the international Asia-Pacific Conference. His contribution in undertaking and encouraging others in research is significant.

The parallel sessions, as always, covered a wide range of topical issues (see below). The ensuing animated private discussions are testimony to the extent to which they stimulated and inspired others in debate about the issues raised.

Katharine Hoskyn

Papers Presented

Keynote Address Working to learn and learning to work: what is the difference

Janice Orrell

Job vocabulary: issues for teachers, students and employers arising from a corpus of job seeking texts

T. Pascal Brown, Adon Kumar

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The changing role of the lecturer in industry-orientated education

Ziming Qi, James Cannan

Unitec New Zealand

Ethical challenges from the real world: student experiences in cooperative education placements

Diana Ayling

Unitec New Zealand

Distance learning and teaching in cooperative education

Gwyn Claxton, Katharine Hoskyn

AUT University

End-user computing: experiences of IT-literate graduates in a variety of organizational contexts: a research proposal

Roanne R. Birch

AUT University

What benefits are there in using an online program to coordinate cooperative education students on placement?

Sharleen Howison

Otago Polytechnic

Addressing the weak link: enhancing the support for the sponsors of student placements in cooperative education

Keryn McDermott

AUT University

IBL and variable standards in workplace assessment

Shiu Ram

Unitec New Zealand

Improving coop placement processes with technology Part I: a review of international practice

Levinia Paku, Mark Lay

University of Waikato

A portfolio model of learning: reframing assessment practices in a business co-operative education course

Dave Hodges, Diana Ayling

Unitec New Zealand

Improving coop placement processes with technology Part II: investigating students' preferred communication means

Levinia Paku, Mark Lay

University of Waikato

Students' reflective learning journeys in sport cooperative education

Jenny Fleming, Andy Martin

AUT University, Massey University

Teamwork skills for the workplace: are employers getting what they need?

Jill Clark, Trish Baker, Marbeth Isaac

Whitireia Community Polytechnic

An investigation into the use of artifacts during supervised work-based learning experiences in early childhood education

Jenny Walker, Tom Stehlik

Rangi Ruru Early Childhood College

University of South Australia

Faculty perspective on co-op benefits

Susan McCurdy, Karsten Zegwaard, Mark Lay

University of Waikato

Are we on the move? Projects versus internships

Allister McLay, David Skelton

Eastern Institute of Technology

Faculty views on the influence of work placements on students' ability to do graduate studies

Karsten. Zegwaard, Susan McCurdy, Levinia Paku

University of Waikato

Work-integrated learning: combining workplace learning and distance education

Katie Foster, Richard K Coll

University of Surrey, United Kingdom

Photos: The Presentations and New Council



Opening address: Assoc Prof Richard K Coll



Keynote address: Assoc Prof Janice Orrell



Riveting presentations



People conscientiously listening



The new council (missing Alan Cadwallader, Eve Kawana-Brown)

Photos: The People



Great company



Great food



Lots of eating



Lots of talking



Much drinking



Even more talking



Dr Chris Eames receiving his Honorary Life Membership

Photos: The Culture Show



Picking up fern on behalf of 'Ngati NZACE'



Poi dance – fabulous performance on behalf of NZACE



The Haka –shocking performance on behalf of NZACE



...anyone know what to do...??



Posing for pictures to show back home



Perhaps our chairperson is not of Irish descent after all...



The late night boozers

THE SAD LOSS OF A COLLEAGUE

It is with great sadness that we heard that two of our members were involved in an accident on the way to the NZACE conference. John Nelson was taken to Rotorua Hospital and Allister McLay to Waikato Hospital, where he later passed away. Katharine Hoskyn attended Allister's funeral in Taradale on behalf of the NZACE Council

Allister and John worked at the Faculty of Business and Computing at EIT and will be known to members having attended conferences and presented papers at NZACE in the past few years.

Allister was 35 years old. Prior to the funeral, a slide show of Allister's life was displayed - with a number of photos of his wife and two young daughters who were clearly the focus of his life.

Wonderful eulogies from close friends and work colleagues told the story of Allister's life. His career had been varied with academic qualifications in tourism, finance, and then computing. He was popular and well-respected by both staff and students. His teaching style clearly engaged students and he was extremely approachable. He was respected for his contribution to the faculty through programme development, research and as a friend and colleague.

His sense of humour was shown in many of the anecdotes about his adventures and also his well-loved and unique attributes. Several speakers commented with affection and some mirth about Allister's desire to achieve a perfect lawn, his expertise in this area and desire to advise others on this matter as well.

Our sympathy and prayers go to his family – to his wife, daughters, parents and extended family and also to his colleagues at EIT.

John Nelson was discharged from Rotorua hospital after a few days and returned home for a long period of convalescence. He has since returned to work part-time. Our thoughts and prayers are very much with him and his family as he still recovers from injuries and the loss of a friend.

INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCES

The following World Association for Cooperative Education (WACE) conferences are scheduled for the near future:

- **World WACE Conference - 2007**
Singapore,
Conference dates, 26-29 June, 2007
Abstracts due by 15th of February, 2007
(*extended date*)
Web address: www.wace2007.org
- **Asia-Pacific Regional WACE Conference – 2008**
Likely to be Australia
- **World WACE Conference - 2009**
Likely to be Canada
- **Effective Teaching and Learning Conference - 2007**
Queensland University of Technology, Brisbane
Conference dates: 1-2 November, 2007
Abstracts Due by 25th of June 2007.
Web address: www.etl2007@qut.edu.au
- **New Zealand Association for Research in Education National Conference 2007**
University of Canterbury, Christchurch
Conference dates: 4 - 7 December 2007
Abstracts due by 1st of July, 2007
Web address: www.nzare.org.nz

THE NEW COUNCIL

- Richard K. Coll
Chair
- I have been involved with NZACE in one form or another for 11 years since joining Waikato's co-op team. I started life as a chemist and have a PhD in chemistry from the University of Canterbury. After my chemistry PhD I worked in the Pacific and Caribbean as a chemistry lecturer before returning to NZ and taking up the post of placement coordinator in the School of Science & Technology (now Science & Engineering). I became interested in science education research, and so completed a Doctor of Science Education from Curtin University of Technology. I am currently Director of Cooperative Education, but hold a joint post with Waikato's Centre for Science & Technology Education Research. I am a member of the World Association for Cooperative Education and am on the WACE Board of Governors, with particular responsibility for research. I found, and am Editor-in-Chief of, the *Asia-Pacific Journal of Cooperative Education* and recipient of the Tyler and MacLaren awards, for research into co-op and internationalisation of co-op respectively.
- Jenny Fleming
Deputy Chair
- Jenny is a senior lecturer and the Cooperative Education Coordinator in the Division of Sport and Recreation at AUT University. She was responsible for setting up and developing the cooperative education programmes at AUT for the Bachelor of Sport and Recreation (in 1998) and Bachelor of Dance (in 2005). Her research focus areas are related to the learning experiences of students undertaking cooperative education in sport and recreation. Jenny is an Editorial Board member of the *Asia-Pacific Journal of Co-operative Education* and is on the review panel for the *Journal of Cooperative Education and Internships*.
- Alan Cadwallader
Secretary
- Alan is the Head of the Business School at UCOL in Palmerston North and is responsible for the successful implementation of Bachelor of Applied Business Studies degree programme. This programme incorporates cooperative education as a key component of the students' learning experiences as well as creating an imperative for lecturing staff to engage in research. NZACE offers opportunities in both of these areas. His career straddles both industry involvement and academic pursuit and this has naturally lead to an interest in cooperative education.
- Katharine Hoskyn
Treasurer
- Katharine holds a BA and is a member of the Market Research Society of New Zealand and the UK equivalent. Katharine is a Senior Lecturer in Marketing and Advertising in the Bachelor of Business at Auckland University of Technology. She has supervised Co-op students in a wide range of setting both in New Zealand and overseas and also students undertaking conjoint degrees. She has undertaken considerable experience in programme development and programme management in Co-op. Research interests currently focus on distance learning and the development of critical thinking.
- Karsten Zegwaard
ACETalk Editor
- Karsten holds a BSc, MSc(Tech), and PhD in science from the University of Waikato. He is based at Waikato University as a lecturer and work placement coordinator in the Cooperative Education Unit. Karsten is a member of WACE, NZSSS, and various editorial boards. Recent research in co-op include developing further understanding of tertiary science students' self-efficacy, practical science skill identification, and perceptions of key co-op stakeholders of graduate competencies. Current research undertakings include the application of socio-cultural learning theories to the enculturation of co-op students and graduates into academia, assessment practices of co-op placements, and how work placements effect students' decisions to undertake graduate studies.
- James Cannan
- James is Head of the Electrotechnology Department at Unitec New Zealand and is responsible for developing and operating the department with programmes and courses in Electrical and Electronics. James holds a DipEd, BEd, and a MEd and has a background in the automotive engineering industry. Current research interests include industry oriented learning in the Bachelor of Applied Technology and co-operative education with students project work in the final year of their degree.
- Terry Fulljames
- Terry is currently the Director Academic at Bay of Plenty Polytechnic and has a doctorate in Education through the University of New England in NSW, Australia. In his role as academic leader of the polytechnic he is spearheading the re-development of programmes to incorporate more flexible learning modes. This includes a greater emphasis on workplace learning and thus strategies for developing co-operative education opportunities and the implications of assessment in the work environment.

- Dave Hodges Dave is Associate Dean, Undergraduate Division at Unitec. Part of his role includes responsibility for leading and promoting co-operative education across the institution. Dave's research interests include graduate competencies and the assessment of workplace learning - the latter being the topic of his doctoral thesis, currently being completed. Dave is a past Chair of NZACE and is a member of the Board of Governors of WACE. He is also an Editorial Board member of the Asia-Pacific Journal of Co-operative Education and a Review Panellist and Editorial Board member of the Journal of Cooperative Education and Internships.
- Sharleen Howison Sharleen is a Principal Lecturer in the School of Applied Business at Otago Polytechnic. She lectures on the year 2 and 3 tourism papers and has overseen the final year project for year 3 students on the tourism stream and in summer school. She is completing a Doctorate in Education through Griffith University and the subject of her thesis is Cooperative Education. This has ignited a passion for research around this topic, and she has presented two papers at NZACE conference in the past two years.
- Eve Kawana-Brown Eve has been involved in vocational education since 1995 via work with the Education and Training Support Agency, SFRITO (Sport, Fitness and Recreation Industry Training Organisation), Unitec's Faculty of Business, and currently PIHMS (Pacific International Hotel Management School), where she is Dean of Curriculum and Quality. All of these roles have involved Eve in trying to maximize the potential of work-based learning to further students' qualifications and career opportunities. A trained teacher with a bachelor's degree in education, Eve completed a Master of Management in Human Resource Management with Massey University in 2005. Her Master's research investigated the expectations of both employers and students engaging in cooperative education via the PIHMS industry placement programme.
- Mark Lay I have a PhD in Engineering from the University of Waikato. I lecture in biochemical engineering and environmental technology in the Department of Engineering at the University of Waikato. I work half time in the Cooperative Education Unit with Levinia Paku organising work placements materials and processing and mechanical engineering students. Research interests include continuous chromatography, mathematical modelling, science education and cooperative education. I enjoy tramping, running and squash.
- Nick Wempe Nick is a Project Coordinator at Whitireia Community Polytechnic, initially on the Bachelor of Information Technology and now on the Bachelor of Applied Business Studies, involved in creating relationships with industry partners and facilitating third year industry based projects. These projects are a key component of an applied degree programme and it was through such projects that he learnt of NZACE. Through his life experience, Nick has a high regard for the effectiveness of co-operative education. With a background in construction and IT, Nick has been at Whitireia for twelve years. Nick's current research is the development of models for building relationships with industry in the field of IT.

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NZACE AWARD RECIPIENTS

NZACE Best Paper

2007 Dave Hodges and Diana Ayling

Honorary Life Memberships

Chris Kirk
Chris Eames

