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ACDICT Learning and Teaching Academy (ALTA) Forum, UTS, March 31 – April 1, 2016

Venue location: University of Technology Sydney
Building 11 – Faculty of Engineering and IT Map: <<https://goo.gl/maps/TtPmy3gg5172>>
FEIT Seminar Room, Level 6 Room 408

Thursday 31 March: 8.30 for 9.00 start, 5.30 finish, with drinks and dinner provided by ACDICT
Friday, 1 April – 9.00 start, 4.00 finish

The Forum is for Associate Deans (Learning and Teaching) or their equivalents in the ICT disciplines of the member universities. Multiple representatives are encouraged if that reflects the organisation of the ICT disciplines at the university. ACDICT also invites Deans to attend.

Participation is free for representatives from ACDICT member institutions; they are only required to notify the ACDICT Executive Officer of their attendance: eo@acdict.edu.au

The Forum will review the current higher education environment and its implications for ICT learning and teaching including industry, academic and government perspectives; expected standards and benchmarking; ICT graduate capabilities; work integrated learning and outcomes; sharing of good practice; and, discussions of hot issues identified by the participants. As per usual, networking will be a big part of the Forum.

A key outcome of the Forum will be identification of future actions for ALTA to facilitate strategic development of new collaborative initiatives to enhance ICT teaching and learning outcomes across Australian universities. ACDICT, through ALTA, continues to play an active role in influencing how relevant bodies fund such ICT-related initiatives, including those additional to the OLT. The Forum's agenda will be organised around the following themes:

HE sector scan

Overview of the changes and reviews in the national scene that have potential impact on ICT learning and teaching; discussion of the potential impact of these e.g., review of the demand driven system and impacts on ICT; and, changing ICT skills in demand by industry.

Putting policy into practice

Benchmarking, plagiarism, credentials.

Sharing the passion

Sharing of local innovations, good practices and effective initiatives. Discussion of roles in learning and teaching.

Hot issues

Nominations for hot issues will be called for before the Forum. While short presentations of some leading hot issues will be provided, most discussions will be devoted to open issues.

ACDICT Academy support framework

Discussion of how the ACDICT Academy can support strategic national collaborative developments of ICT learning and teaching outcomes.

ALTA forum Day 1 – Thursday 31 March 2016

Time	Event	Who
8:30 – 9:00	Registration and tea/coffee	
9:00 – 9:10 (10 min)	Welcome	Professor Shirley Alexander DVC & VP (Education & Students) UTS
9:10 – 9:15 (5 min)	ALTA Forum Collection of hot topics for Day 2	Professor Iwona Miliszewska (ACDICT and ALTA President)
	Theme 1: The ICT HE Landscape	
9:15 – 10:30 (75 min)	Implementing and supporting Digital Technologies in the School Curriculum STEM Partnership Program Universities Australia perspective on the HE environment	Julie King ACARA (25 min) confirmed Claudette Bateup, CSIRO (20 min) confirmed Belinda Robinson UA Chief Executive (30 min) confirmed
10:30 – 10:50	Morning Tea	
10:50 – 12:00 (70 min)	Insiders and outsiders in ICT education Discussion on STEM initiatives and the HE ICT landscape	Dr Peter Radoll, University of Canberra (40 min) confirmed (30 min)
12:00 – 12:40	Lunch	
	Theme 1: The ICT HE Landscape (cont.)	
12:40 – 2:10 (90 min)	Sector-wide support mechanism for peer review Piloting international peer review benchmarking for New Zealand Discussion on peer review practices (20 min)	Dr Sara Booth, Strategic Advisor Quality (External), UTas (35 min) confirmed Dr Peter Coolbear, Ako Aotearoa, New Zealand (35 min) confirmed
2:10 – 3:00 (50 min)	Theme 2: Stakeholder contributions to improving ICT L&T ACS contributions to improving ICT education across all levels AIIA education contributions Discussion on working with the ACS and AIIA to improve ICT Education (20 min)	Professor Paul Bailes, ACS, VP Academic (15 min) confirmed Tim McKay, AIIA, ICT Skills and Education Manager (15 min) confirmed
3.00 – 3.15	Afternoon tea	
3:15 – 5:15 (120 min)	Workshop & discussion on WIL for all students & making industry collaborations work better	Professor Sally Male, UWA confirmed A/Prof Peta Wyeth, QUT confirmed
5:15 – 5:30 (15 min)	Wrap up of the first day	Iwona Miliszewska
5:30 onwards	Networking, drinks and dinner (provided by ACDICT) at a restaurant nearby	

ALTA Forum Day 2 – Friday 1 April 2016

Time	Event	Who
	Theme 3: Teaching in the 21st century	
9:00 –10:30 (90 minutes)	Staff, students and academic integrity in ICT Managing plagiarism Academic integrity challenges and opportunities	Simon, Newcastle (25 min) confirmed A/Prof Jon Yorke, Curtin University (25 min) confirmed Judith Gullifer CSU (25 min) Discussion 15 min
10:30–10:50	Morning tea	
10.50–12:20 (90 min)	Better 21C credentials Credential integrity	Professor Beverly Oliver, DVC (Education), Deakin University (35 min) confirmed video remote Kathryn Blyth, Academic Registrar, ACU (35 min) confirmed Discussion 20 min
12:20 – 1:00	Lunch	
	Theme 4: Hot topics	
1:00 – 3:00 (120 min)	Discussion of hot topics identified by participants	Facilitated by Iwona and Chris
3:00 – 3:30	Wrap-up (with afternoon tea) Discussion on ALTA doing what needs doing	Iwona (Chair)

Accommodation close to UTS

Mercure Sydney Chippendale, George St, in Railway Square (approx 200 m from FEIT Building UTS)
 Adina Apartment Hotel Sydney Central, Lee St/George St. (approx 200 m from FEIT Building UTS)
 Novotel Sydney Central, 169-179 Thomas Street, Haymarket, (approx 600 m from FEIT Building UTS)
 Adina Apartment Hotel, Chippendale, 74-80 Ivy Street Darlington (approx 600 m from FEIT Building UTS)
 ... and a great variety of other hotels ranging over large, expensive, cheap, boutique, around Sydney Central.