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News Items & Articles

INTERNATIONAL ITEMS

Universities call for an extra £168m (THES, 26 Feb) – “Scotland's universities want an extra £168 million from the Scottish Executive to increase student numbers, improve facilities and pay for lecturers' wage rises.”

Pay boost (THES, 23 Feb) – “The salaries of university chiefs rose by more than twice that of academics in

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AUSTRALIAN ITEMS

Call to revamp tertiary funding (Financial Review, 28 Feb: 8) – “Universities have urged the federal government to overhaul the higher education funding framework so they can meet student demand for places and cover rising course costs.”

Top unis want to dump cap (Australian, 28 Feb: 7) – “The nation's most powerful universities have urged the Howard Government to abolish the limit of 35 per cent on the number of fee-paying students.”

Reputation over rankings (Australian, 28 Feb: 35) – “Universities waiting anxiously for the next public ranking can rest easy: their impact on student recruitment is modest.”

No room at unis, VCs say (Australian, 28 Feb: 33) – “The Australian Vice-Chancellors Committee has rejected new analysis claiming universities are failing to tap into a large pool of young talent in the face of acute skills shortages, insisting instead that all eligible students who want to attend university are doing so.”

Casual staff pick up the slack (Australian, 28 Feb: 34) - “Universities are colonising the low-cost campus with overworked casuals, the academics' union has warned.

Poor quality audit could place funding at risk (Campus Review, 27 Feb: 1, 5) – “Fear of public criticism is a strong motivator for universities to quickly address problems identified in audits by the Australian Universities Quality Agency. But a greater, if lesser known, incentive is the threat of funds being withdrawn or poorly performing areas being shut down -- steps that at least two education ministers have indicated their willingness to take.”

RQF committee balanced, but big job ahead (Campus Review, 27 Feb: 3) – “The new Research Quality Framework Reference Committee will have its work cut out for it in developing and releasing detail and paving the way for a 2008 implementation date.”

Media Release: Universities get \$58 million for student services and facilities (DEST, 26 Feb) – “Facilities from sporting fields to medical centres will be built at universities across the country as the Minister for Education, Science and Training, the Hon Julie Bishop MP, today announced funding of more than \$58 million for universities to provide new or improved services for students and their local communities.”

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New Publications

Go8, Submission 1 to the review of the impact of the Higher Education Support Act 2003 (Cth), February 2007 – In this submission, “The Go8 urges the review to look beyond the question of the appropriateness of funding relativities between disciplines, to address the broader question of whether the HESA funding and regulatory models provide a framework capable of supporting a dynamic and internationally competitive higher education sector into the future.”

regional perspectives, the issues associated with the accreditation for quality assurance of higher education.”

To find out more, navigate to <http://www.quni-rmies.net/info/default.php?id=89>

Centre for European Reform, February 2007, *The Lisbon Scorecard VII: Will globalisation leave Europe Stranded?* – “The CER’s seventh Lisbon scorecard paints a mixed picture of the EU’s prospects. While some member states are well-placed, others are not and must invest much more in human capital and research and development.”

To find out more, navigate to http://www.cer.org.uk/publications_new/714.html

New Conferences Listings

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The Role of Higher Education in the Regions, London, 27 March 2007 – “Bringing together higher education institutions, regional development agencies, business representatives and the voluntary and community sector, this important conference will look at ways in which HEIs can enhance their regional engagement to the benefit the institution, the regional economy and communities.”

To find out more, navigate to <http://www.neilstewartassociates.com/jb225/>

The 5th Annual Higher Education Summit, Sofitel, Melbourne, 3-4 April 2007 – Features guest speakers The Hon Julie Bishop MP, Minister for Education, Science and Training and Professor David Eastwood, CEO, Higher Education Funding Council for England. Topics such as diversity, rankings, governance, commercialisation and the RQF will be discussed.

To find out more navigate to <http://www.informa.com.au/HigherEd07>

Websites of Interest

Journal Branding Survey - SORTI working in Collaboration with AARE is undertaking a journal banding exercise in education drawing on some 1000 refereed journals with education as a main or subsidiary focus.

Website at <http://www.newcastle.edu.au/forms/bandingsurvey>