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News Items & Articles

INTERNATIONAL ITEMS

Minister encouraged by fast-track degree pilot (Education Guardian, 21 May) – “Fast-track degrees that enable undergraduates to complete a three-year course in two by studying through the summer holiday could be rolled out nationally from 2010, the higher education minister has predicted.”

Too much of a good thing? pilot (Education Guardian, 21 May) – “Philanthropy contributes 16% to UK university research funding. Amid the headlong rush to increase this figure, questions about the power of donors to set the research agenda are being raised.”

For these and other stories navigate directly to [Education Guardian](#)

AUSTRALIAN ITEMS

Control of finance not a takeover (Australian, 23 May: 33) – “Education Minister Julie Bishop has moved to quell speculation that an end to state financial oversight of universities would be the beginning of a complete takeover by the commonwealth.”

Model of a modern chancellor (Australian, 23 May: 33) – “As Peter Costello's post-budget visit to Bond University last week demonstrated, Bond chancellor Trevor Rowe has power and influence across Australia's political and business elites that cash-hungry public university leaders can only dream about. He may well fit the Government's mould of the ideal modern chancellor.”

AVCC disbands after 87 years (Australian, 23 May: 34) – “The Australian Vice-Chancellors Committee is no more. University leaders yesterday voted overwhelmingly to disband the peak body and to replace it with

Universities Australia. The move will be ratified today by the Australian Securities and Investments Commission."

Budget brings sectors together (Australian, 23 May: 40) – "It may be mainly symbolic, but two decisions in the 2007-08 federal budget could be the start of a major recasting of the vocational and higher education sectors".

Furore over removal of full-fee caps (Campus Review, 22 May: 3) – "The abolition of caps on full fee-paying university places will not erode the provision of HECS-funded positions".

The good, the bad and the ... not so bad (Campus Review, 22 May: 5) – "The recent budget reveals a government intent on shifting the cost of higher education to the individual".

Bologna speeds toward 2010 (Campus Review, 22 May: 6) – "Universities across Europe are well advanced in their preparations for the introduction of the European Higher Education Area by 2010."

Analysing the data (Campus Review, 22 May: 7) – "The focus on international education may have shifted from best practice to compliance with extensive implications."

Science Commons, SOARC announce new tools for scholarly publishing (Education Portal, 17 May) – "Science Commons and the Scholarly Publishing and Academic Resources Coalition (SPARC) announced the release of new online tools to help authors exercise choice in retaining critical rights in their scholarly articles, including the rights to reuse their scholarly articles and to post them in online repositories."

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New Publications

On The Edge: Securing A Sustainable Future For Higher Education, Report of the OECD/IMHE-HEFCE Project on Financial Management and Governance of Higher Education Institutions (Education Working Paper No. 7) – "This report examines the conditions needed to secure financial sustainability for the future from the national (policy) and institutional (management) perspectives."

To download the publication, navigate to:

http://www.oecd.org/topic/0,2686,en_2649_37455_1_1_1_1_37455,00.html

Funding Systems and their Effects on Higher Education Systems - International Report (Education Working Paper No. 6) – "This study focuses on higher education funding systems in: Austria, the Czech Republic, Denmark, Germany, Ireland, Latvia, Norway, Portugal and the Slovak Republic. Each study was designed and conducted within an overall common framework by a project partner from the respective country."

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New Conferences Listings

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Australian International Education Conference 2007, Melbourne, 9-12 October 2007 – "For over 20 years Australian international education has been innovating and changing to improve the quality and outcomes for students – making an implicit promise to students that their Australian study experience will improve their lives. AIEC 2007 will examine how we are fulfilling that promise today and how we can offer even more in the future. For this reason, the 2007 conference will have a particular emphasis on student experience and graduate outcomes, which are two of the streams around which the conference will be structured."

To find out more, navigate to <http://www.idp.com/aiec/>

EOPHEA 2007 Conference "Ethics and Equity; Revaluing Social Responsibility in Education", Melbourne, 19th - 22nd November 2007 - The conference aims to provide space for practitioners and policy

makers to reflect on and critically analyse how we understand values, ethics and social responsibility in the current educational context. There will also be opportunities for sharing good practice and equity initiatives, for staff and students in universities and vocational education and training.

For further information navigate to <http://conferences.vu.edu.au/EOPHEA2007/Home.html>

Websites of Interest

Australian Government Education Portal – “The Government Education Portal is the online entry point to a comprehensive array of government information and services concerning all aspects and levels of education in Australia. In particular, it focuses on Australian government policies, programmes, events, publications and resourcing. It also provides links to key education and training sites at the national, state and territory level.”

Take a look at <http://www.education.gov.au/>

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