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News Items & Articles

INTERNATIONAL ITEMS

Non-academics predicted to take over the running of departments (THE, 24 Jan) – “Report says faculty will increasingly be managed by professional administrators.” [more](#)

SPECIAL REPORT: Higher education's second life (University World News, 24 Jan) – “More than 150 higher education institutions around the world are said to have active projects in Second Life – the virtual world created by Linden Lab's Phillip Rosedale in 2003 but which only hit headlines around the globe in 2006 and early 2007.” [more](#)

ARGENTINA: New law guarantees free access (University World News, 24 Jan) – “A priority of Argentina's new government will be to introduce a law for higher education that guarantees free access to the state university system.” [more](#)

AUSTRALIAN ITEMS

Review of National Innovation System (DIISR, 24 Jan) – “On 22 January 2008, the Minister for Innovation, Industry, Science and Research, Senator Kim Carr, announced a wide ranging review of Australia's national innovation system to be conducted by an expert panel chaired by Dr Terry Cutler. The establishment of the review recognises the vital role innovation plays in boosting productivity and international competitiveness, and re-iterates the Rudd Government's commitment to fostering innovation across the economy.” [more](#)

Uni fees forecast to rocket (Australian, 23 Jan) – “University fees for students are set to skyrocket and could top \$26,000 a year in the next three decades, putting an even greater hole in the back pocket of families trying to

educate their children.” [more](#)

Research review heats up (Australian, 23 Jan) – “Thomson, the global publisher given a starring role in the now defunct research quality framework, faces growing competition and scrutiny as the Rudd Government begins work on a streamlined system to assess scholarly output.” [more](#)

Stand by for a research revolution (Australian, 23 Jan) – “Scholars in science and the humanities have an opportunity to take part in a profound reform of how Australia drives innovation, according to Kim Carr, federal Minister for Innovation, Industry, Science and Research.” [more](#)

Debate based on flawed dichotomy (Australian, 23 Jan) – “The most intriguing aspect of the ongoing debate over the place of Australian private higher education is the debate itself.” [more](#)

Review of Cooperative Research Centres Program (DIISR, 22 Jan) - “The review will be comprehensive and will consider all aspects of the CRC Program. It will examine the overall strategic direction of CRCs, looking at the full range of issues, including governance and program design issues, the level and length of funding needed to support the program’s objectives, as well as its overall scope and effectiveness.” [more](#)

‘Positive’ student response to Melbourne’s landmark reforms (Campus Review, 22 Jan: 1, 3) – “It’s one of higher education’s most burning questions. How have school leavers responded to the new Melbourne Model? “Very please”, “delighted” and “thrilled” is the official response from the university after it sent out a record number of offers out last week”.

New industry bedfellows for UQ (Campus Review 22 Jan: 3) – “ The University of Queensland has moved to fortify its real-world engagement by installing ‘industry fellows’ who, unlike adjunct professors, will not receive an academic title.”

Public-private dichotomy ‘unnecessary’ (Campus Review 22 Jan: 5) – “The issues surrounding income-contingent loans are enormously complicated”.

New Publications

European Commission, *Engaging Philanthropy for University Research*, Report by an Expert Group on Fundraising by universities from philanthropic sources: Developing partnerships between universities and private donors, December 2007 – “The aim of this work is to provide stakeholders with a helpful and relevant reference to improve fundraising from philanthropic sources. The report contains a number of recommendations aimed at universities, the philanthropic sector (individuals, corporations, foundations and alumni) and the European Commission, together with a call for action to raise the level of philanthropic giving for research within Europe.” To download this report, navigate to http://ec.europa.eu/invest-in-research/pdf/download_en/final_report_v2_en.pdf

Universities UK, *Greening spires: Universities and the green agenda* – “This Universities UK publication showcases the contribution of higher education institutions to this ‘greening’ agenda. The range of initiatives, research programmes and projects from across the UK HE sector is such that we can only highlight a few – but we hope this selection of case studies demonstrates the energy and vision that is going into scientific research into some of the most challenging and unknowable issues of our age.” To access this publication, navigate to <http://bookshop.universitiesuk.ac.uk/show/show.aspx?id=280>

Bolden, R., Petrov, G. and Gosling, J. 2008, ‘Distributed Leadership in Higher Education: Rhetoric and Reality, Educational Management, Administration and Leadership, forthcoming – “In this paper we present findings from research in 12 UK universities that sought to capture a range of perspectives on ‘distributed leadership’ and reveal common and competing experiences within and between institutions.” To access this publication,

navigate to <http://centres.ex.ac.uk/cls/research/abstract.php?id=368>

New Conference Listings

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AFR Higher Education Conference, *New Directions in Higher Educations, Seizing the Opportunity*, Sydney, 13-14 March 2008 – “The program has been designed to ensure maximum opportunity for the presenters and audience to discuss and review the issues identified within the sessions, as well as to generate debate. The conference dinner on the Thursday night (included in the ticket price) will provide invaluable networking opportunities, as well as the opportunity to reflect with colleagues on the day’s learning’s in a relaxed environment.”
<http://www.afr.com/home/events/education/>

6th Annual Higher Education Summit, Sydney, 3-4 April 2008. To find out more, navigate to http://www.informa.com.au/ibcoz/marlin/system/render.jsp?siteid=30000000421&MarlinViewType=MARKT_EFFORT&marketingid=20001604240

OECD Global Forum on Education, *Improving the Effectiveness of Education Systems*, Dominican Republic, 3-5 March 2008 – “The second Global Forum on Education will take place on 3-5 March 2008 on the theme of Improving the Effectiveness of Education Systems with particular emphasis on teaching and teachers and innovation. In addition to plenary sessions, workshops addressing issues closely related to the OECD Directorate for Education’s recent and on-going activities have been organised.”
http://www.oecd.org/site/0,3407,en_21571361_39572393_1_1_1_1_1,00.html

Websites of Interest

[The Australian: Higher Education](#) - A weekly supplement in The Australian Newspaper.

[Webometrics Ranking of World Universities](#) - The original aim of the Ranking was to promote Web publication, not to rank institutions. Supporting Open Access initiatives, electronic access to scientific publications and to other academic material are our primary targets.

[University World News - A global window on higher education](#) - Supported by some of the world’s most experienced education journalists, and aimed at higher education readers worldwide, it is offering a weekly emailed newspaper plus access to a dedicated news website – free of charge.

[Hedda Blog, Exploring higher education from an international perspective](#) – “You will find discussions in regards to funding, governance, reform, European strategies and teaching and research. We are hoping to recruit international graduate students from around the globe to interact on this blog as a means to facilitate dialogue on higher education issues. We would encourage you to take a look at the blog and leave a comment, the more interactive, the better!”

[The Australian Researchers’ Mobility Portal](#) provides information for researchers planning to move to or out of Australia. It provides links to other country mobility portals, Australian and International funding opportunities and important information about working overseas.

[The Higher Education Network for Community Engagement \(HENCE\)](#) is a response to the growing need to deepen, consolidate, and advance the literature, research, practice, policy, and advocacy for community engagement as a core element of higher education’s role in society.

[University Futures](#) provides information and resources for university managers and planners interested in finding out more about how to integrate futures approaches into existing strategy development and implementation processes.

[Australian Education International - International Education Network, Database on International Education](#) - "This searchable web database contains details of 5922 books, articles, conference papers and reports on various aspects of international education from publishers in Australia and overseas. The database covers material published from 1990 onwards, a period of major change in education systems around the world and in the trade in educational services."

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