

Change, Challenge and Opportunity in the Discipline of Education

ACDE Annual Conference

The Aerial UTS Function Centre | Level 7, UTS Building 10 | 235 Jones St, Ultimo, Sydney

17-18 October 2011

Dear Colleagues

I am writing to invite you to 2011 ACDE National Conference on 17 and 18 October 2011 at the Aerial UTS Function Centre Level 7, UTS Building 10, 235 Jones St, Ultimo.

Since we last met in September 2010, ACDE has been involved in a number of developments which will impact upon our Discipline. These include the:

- successful tender for, and early implementation of, the Teaching Teachers for the Future project,
- responding to the Higher Education Base Funding Review,
- the accreditation of Initial Teacher Education (ITE) Programs,
- the ERA results,
- the appointment of an ACDE Discipline Scholar, and;
- the award of funding for the new Network of Associate Deans of Learning and Teaching in the Discipline of Education (NADLATE).

The coming year already brings a number of challenges and opportunities including:

- implementation of the new ITE standards and procedures,
- responding to the recently announced Aboriginal Education Action Plan,
- consideration of the requirements of TEQSA,
- building research capacity and performance in the Discipline of Education,
- ERA 2, and;
- new arrangements for funding of postgraduate Commonwealth supported load in 2013 and beyond.

The conference provides an important forum to reflect on recent activities and consider our priorities and directions for the next twelve months. The conference format responds to feedback from last year's delegates of providing separate opportunities for the Deans of Faculties and Heads of Schools, the Australian Research Directors in Education Network (ARDEN) and the Network of Associate Deans of Learning and Teaching in Education (NADLATE) to meet as stand-alone groupings to consider their own issues and strategic agendas. A broad outline is included with this flyer and the full program will be available by late August.

NADLATE funding will enable us to provide \$500 towards the cost of registration of each institution's Associate Dean of Learning and Teaching. However, I am hoping that with the revised program format and a more cost-effective location each institution will also send their Dean of Faculty or Head of School, as well as the Associate Dean of Research. Of course, we welcome additional representation consistent with the groupings outline above.

I look forward to meeting with you at the conference as we work collaboratively to improve the capacity, quality and influence our discipline.



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The Program

DAY ONE	Monday 17 October 2011		
9:00 - 10:00am	Registration and arrival tea/coffee		
10:00 - 12:15pm	PLENARY: Change, Challenge and Opportunity in the Discipline of Education		
12:15 - 1:00pm	Lunch		
1:00 - 3:00pm	NADLATE Agenda	Deans Agenda	ARDEN Agenda
3:00 - 3:30pm	Afternoon tea		
3:30 - 5:30pm	NADLATE Agenda	Deans Agenda (including AGM)	ARDEN Agenda
6:30 - 10:00pm	Annual Dinner and Awards		
DAY TWO	Tuesday October 2011		
8:00 - 8:30am	Arrival tea/coffee		
8:30 - 10:00am	NADLATE meet with Deans	ARDEN Agenda	
10:00 - 10:30am	Morning tea		
10:30 - 1:00pm	NADLATE Agenda	ARDEN meet with Deans	
1:00 - 2:00pm	Lunch		
2:00 - 3:30pm	NADLATE Agenda for 2013	Deans Agenda 2012	ARDEN Agenda for 2013

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