

PLENARY – QUALITY AND FUNDING

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RESSOs, Student Organisations and AUQA

AUQA and RESSO's have a similar role; to improve the quality of universities.

So far AUQA has done 30 audits of universities across Australia. AUQA audits finish with a report that is compiled after the universities submit their portfolios and an AUQA team meet with various personnel within the universities' communities. The reports contain commendations, recommendations and more recently, affirmations.

Being involved

- can meet with AUQA team during its visits to institutions
- continually remind institutions of the need to adhere to their processes
- continually remind institutions about quality issues
- continually remind institutions of the need for students support systems that work
- continually emphasis on teaching, and possibly monitor this
- look at data that speaks to these issues

Challenges

The student body is changing, and if IDP predictions are correct then by 2020 there will be more international than domestic students in Australian universities. There will also be more online students and students based on off-shore campuses. Are student organizations ready for this?