

Workshop: Networking

WA

- attempt regular meetings of about 8 Ressos 2-3 times a year
- had meetings leading up to federal elections
- 3 unis, not counting Edith Cowen because that didn't exist after VSU
- VSU came in 1994 and changed in 2002. Still a threat for it to be reinstated if the Liberals get in
- when scrapped Curtin has been able to look at expanding, especially in welfare

SA none present

NT none present

Queensland

- UQ** - 9 Ressos but 1 of these a job share
- meet with Ressos from other Brisbane Unis about 1 x a year
- QUT** - 4 ressos. UQ been really helpful
- don't do much collaborative work (Libby does at UQ)
Townsville(JCU)
- about 6 ressos, on campus at Cairns. Do work to ensure that students at different campuses get same services
- Cool bookmark promoting Student Association
- UQ** - 8 of the Ressos are at St Lucius
- 3 divisions – Cultural Student Support, Human Resources, Financial, Student Employment – have an online website.

NSW

- about 20 – 5 at Sydney + Postgrads, UWS 4, Lismore 1, UNE 1, Newcastle 1
 - meet once every 6 weeks (6-7 times a year)
 - started meeting on MSN messenger
- Don** - interesting, having different roles

VICTORIA

- 14 at RMIT (about 18 people because a couple shared) 5 research, 7 casework
- Deakin 14, 4 research, 6 welfare, 4 advocacy + 2 managers (1 does research)
- Swinburne have 3-4
- Clayton 3; Gippsland 2; Caulfield who knows
- VCA has 1
- VIT 5-6
- haven't met but think very important to network
- probably less important on campuses with lots of RESSOs

TASMANIA

- 2 student orgs in Tasmania – North (Launceston) and South (Hobart)
- the 2 present at conference work in

- expanded PG services to Launceston but don't have much contact with Student Association there
- talk to Launceston Resso occasionally
- Part of the problem is the Uni has expressed it only wants 1 Student Association
- Only 1 Resso in Hobart for UGs.
- Will turn a blind eye and help UG Launceston students
- Don't get much time for research, mainly advocacy
- Uni offers student support services which takes load off Ressos
- concern about Launceston students

List membership

- Graham Hastings (NUS) is the current moderator

Discussion

- concerns if student exec members or managers on the list
- need to make sure people not Ressos anymore aren't on the list
- no dissent to removing above mentioned persons
- discussion about people who are student. reps & doing research and whether they are to be taken off the list
- suggestion that students could access resso network and info by referral
- Managers doing research/casework should be treated like other Ressos
- Pure 'management' managers shouldn't be on the list
- What about PGs who are Ressos as well as student reps?
- Do we want to look at a separate 'industrial issues' list?
- if people know someone no longer a Resso have responsibility to tell moderator – need to be more vigilant
- people who don't have a name or a random Yahoo address question who they are.

MOTION:

- 1. That Managers doing research and/or casework be eligible for list membership, but that Managers who purely 'manage' are ineligible for list membership and should be removed accordingly.**
- 2. That students who hold representative position in campus student associations, NUS or CAPA or student networks, be ineligible for membership of the Ressos network.**
- 3. That the Resso email list manager send out the list of all addressees to members at least every 6 months so members can advise the list manager to remove addresses of ineligible members. Further that members resolve to actively advise the list manager in the meantime, to remove addresses of ineligible members.**
- 4. That the Resso list manager email all unidentified email addresses asking for information on the owner and that ineligible members and emails that are not responded to be removed by Oct 31.**

RESSO School

Discussion

- not just experts on topics talk but RESSOs can info share/train too
- a way to help RESSOs focus their work
- could be part of a State RESSO meeting where someone gave a paper on an issue in the 1st half of the meeting & the rest was a normal meeting
- organised in NSW by a convener who sets up the meeting and gets people to come along
- everyone takes away a responsibility
- could we use the list to put out research papers and encourage states to set up schools
- employer support? part of their responsibility to ensure professional development
- how can network better support RESSOs who feel 'isolated'?
- newsletters? good for people at long distances who can't make it to every meeting.
- get away from state boundaries? e.g. so Lismore could attend QLD
- a website could be set up where RESSOs could upload papers, perhaps with a month update on the site sent out via email. Could have focused calls for abstracts
- can people post cases that they came across, or articles that may be helpful to other RESSOs?
- archive has every email sent on list since beginning