

ADI Network Inaugural Meeting Hobart 31 August 2016

13 participants from Australia and NZ attended; a number of apologies also received.

There was strong interest in the network as a platform for knowledge sharing and the development of professional skills; taking a leadership role in advocating and influencing higher education public policy on international dimensions in ASSH; supporting innovation in international education in Australasia.

There was recognition of the diversity of roles associated with the international portfolio across the sector, performed by both academic and professional staff. Of note was that for nearly all participants, these were new roles in their respective organisations, reflecting the growing importance of internationalisation to the sector.

The ADI network agreed to share information, data and resources using the DASSH website, and to use the DASSH secretariat as the point of contact for communications.

The network identified two immediate actions to be achieved in the next 12 months:

1. A workshop focusing on the centrality of ASSH to the university sector's student mobility agenda. The workshop will explore best practice in student mobility including risk management and intercultural awareness programs, and translating skills and learning outcomes from mobility experiences into a vocabulary that enhances student employability potential.

2. Australasian ASSH in Asia Perceptions project, starting with a scoping exercise exercise exercise extant market research in the field. The scoping project to deliver a preliminary paper for DASSH 2017 focusing on a small scale perception study of key stakeholders including employers and potential students. Larger study to follow with possibility of funding from stakeholders including Austrade, Department of Education and Universities Australia.

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