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External expectations: professional accreditation

ACS University Accreditation Services Update

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Expectations professional accreditation

- **Universities are preparing future ICT professionals**
 - >>> level of consistency: professionalism; ethical behaviour & responsibilities; continuous improvement of knowledge and skills
- CBOOK framework, SFIA & Seoul Accord Graduate Attributes – healthy debate
- Capstone Unit (professional practice outcomes)
- WIL – strongly encouraged (ACDICT research)





2012 Opportunities & Improvements

Human factors

- Prof. Michael Johnson appointed as Professional Standards Director
- Current staffing: 1 p/t administration officer; 2 Visit Managers (paid contractors); up to 54 panel members (volunteers)
- Consultation on service, support & requirements
 - ACS liaison officer? >>> Pre-visit consultation
 - working through ACDICT
- Communications and feedback



2012 Opportunities & Improvements

Organisational factors

- Regeneration of the JBSE (not only about accreditation)
- Collaborations with other professional associations (Professions Australia/other)
- Off-shore campus accreditation
- Seoul Accord expansion
 - jurisdiction & communications
 - recognition/relevance?



Notes and Queries - TEQSA

- Collaboration: schedules and requirements
- Use of RISK FRAMEWORK – information sharing?
- Maintain professional standards & administration/visit burden
- Ensuring policies, staffing, communications & technology in place





2012 Improvements – related areas

- ACS re-branding and new website launch
- Internal technology improvements
- Expanded internal research capability
- Collaboration with ACSF – information/careers service provision
 - Michael Harte Ambassador role
- Skills assessment for migration: ANZSCO changes
- DIAC review of Professional Year Program (sourced from ICT graduates of Masters' programs).
- Expansion of accreditation services – VET/private sector
- Collaboration with NZCS?
- University Compact review
- Professional certification specialisms



Next steps...

- In between visits.....information/changes – annual report returns
- Visit scheduling...appropriate & relevant
- Required SFIA-based vocational outcomes – more explicit?
- ACS panel....appropriate & relevant
- Resource allocation & funding
 - new zero based budget models
- Internal ACS team changes
 - Visit Manager recruitment & panel support





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