Memorandum of Understanding

Between

The Australasian Society for Computers in Learning in Tertiary Education (ASCILITE) and The University of Cumbria (UoC).

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<td>ASCILITE was formed in 1983 and currently has over 1,200 individual members representing over 100 institutions and organisations.</td>
<td>The University of Cumbria (UK) is a public university in Cumbria, with its headquarters in Carlisle and other major campuses in Lancaster, Ambleside, and London. See <a href="http://www.cumbria.ac.uk">www.cumbria.ac.uk</a> for further Information.</td>
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<td>Its vision is to be Australasia’s foremost community, leading and advocating for excellence in the use of digital technologies in tertiary learning and teaching.</td>
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<td>ASCILITE’s mission is to promote and recognise exemplary innovation, evidence–based practice and research, in the sustainable use of educational technologies to progress pedagogical practice. See <a href="http://www.ascilite.org">www.ascilite.org</a> for further information.</td>
<td>The Assessment in Higher Education (AHE) network is focused on developing research-informed practice in assessment and feedback in higher education and is governed by an international Executive Committee but hosted by the Learning, Education and Development (LED) Research Centre at the University of Cumbria in England (UK).</td>
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<td>Transforming Assessment Special Interest Group (TA-SIG)</td>
<td>The AHE network events bring together academics across the full range of subject disciplines and professional fields who are evaluating, research and developing theory, research, policy and practice in assessment and feedback. Further information on the AHE Network is available: AHENetwork.org</td>
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| Transforming Assessment Special Interest Group (TA-SIG) | 'Transforming Assessment' aims to inform the higher education sector, via events and resources on matters of research and practice related to assessment in higher education with a focus on e-assessment and online assessment. Further information on the Transforming Assessment SIG is available: TransformingAssessment.com |

Collaboration

1. In signing this Memorandum of Understanding, the University of Cumbria (UoC) and the Australasian Society for Computers in Learning in Tertiary Education (ASCILITE) agree to work together to explore future collaboration. Specifically, this will be undertaken through Cumbria’s Assessment in Higher Education network (AHE) and ASCILITE’s Transforming Assessment Special Interest Group (TA-SIG).
2. This Memorandum of Understanding signifies a statement of intent to collaborate but is not a legally binding document. Nonetheless, both parties agree to abide by its terms.

3. This Memorandum recognises the intention of the University of Cumbria AHE and the TA-SIG to develop their relationship to co-operate in a broad range of areas and to work together for their mutual benefit. The TA-SIG and the Cumbria AHE may seek to encourage and develop collaborative activities in various ways including scholarly exchange and sharing of expertise to support the creation of webinars and other research-informed initiatives.

4. The TA-SIG and the Cumbria AHE understand the limitations of this Memorandum of Understanding and that any arrangements arising as a result of this signed Memorandum of Understanding shall be subject to their own consideration, approval and agreement (where needed) in accordance with respective party’s processes.

5. Both The Cumbria AHE and the TA-SIG recognise the value of this Memorandum of Understanding in promoting programmes and activities, but any promotional material/activity which includes reference to the other party must be sent to and be approved by that party before use.

6. This Understanding is for three years in the first instance and will be reviewed thereafter. The Cumbria AHE and the TA-SIG each has the right to discontinue the arrangements subject to a period of three months’ notice being given. The Understanding may also be terminated at any time by mutual consent of Cumbria AHE and the TA-SIG.

**Annual Review**

The President or the nominated officer from each organization will meet at least once a year online for the purpose of reviewing this Memorandum of Understanding to analyse the relevance and progress of joint activities and to plan a set of achievable goals for the upcoming year to be approved by the two governing bodies.

**Authorised by:**

ASCLILITE  
A/Prof Chris Campbell (President)  
24th February 2022  
Date

University of Cumbria (UoC)  
Professor Robert Trimble  
Deputy Vice Chancellor (Academic)  
Date: 18/3/22