

Memorandum of Understanding

Between

The Australasian Society for Computers in Learning in Tertiary Education (ASCILITE)

and

the Higher Education Research and Development Society of Australasia (HERDSA)

Purpose

This Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) provides a framework for areas of joint working between ASCILITE and HERDSA. It sets out how the two organisations will work together to ensure that shared objectives are taken forward and provides a platform on which to build joint working.

This MoU is not a statutory or contractual document and is not intended to be legally binding. Nonetheless, ASCILITE and HERDSA agree to abide by its terms.

| About ASCILITE | About HERDSA |
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| <p>ASCILITE was formed in 1983 and currently has over 1,200 individual members representing over 100 institutions and organisations.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>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. https://ascilite.org/about-ascilite/</p> | <p>The Higher Education Research and Development Society of Australasia is a scholarly society for people committed to the advancement of higher and tertiary education. It was established in 1972 to promote the development of higher education policy, practice and the study of teaching and learning. HERDSA encourages and disseminates research on teaching and learning and higher education development. It also works to build strong academic communities. The current HERDSA Constitution was adopted in 2017.</p> <p>HERDSA works to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • advance educational policy and practice in the higher education and tertiary sector; • facilitate and promote the enhancement of teaching and learning; • encourage and disseminate research on higher education and tertiary teaching, learning, development, research, leadership and policy matters; • recognise and reward outstanding contributions to higher and tertiary education; |

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| | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • encourage collaboration and the development of professional communities in higher and tertiary education; and • assist its members in their ongoing professional development. |
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Working together

This MoU sets out to establish a mutually beneficial relationship between HERDSA and ASCILITE since both organisations share a common commitment to harness technology to advance learning and improve access to it.

We agree to collaborate in the following ways, subject to the agreement of the two governing bodies:

1) Initiate joint projects & activities:

- a) Investigate areas of common interest with a view to conducting joint activities that involve the participation of members from both societies.
- b) Conduct joint activities which are mutually beneficial to both societies and which involve the active participation, implementation, and promotion from members of both societies. These joint activities to include, but not be limited to:
 - i) Communication artifacts;
 - ii) Educational webinars;
 - iii) Workshops;
 - iv) Research projects; and
 - v) Conferences.

2) Promote shared knowledge, resources and services

- a) Support each other in facilitating the enhancement of evidence-based research and practice in higher education, particularly in respect to conferences and journals.
- b) Promote each other's undertakings, e.g. conferences, workshops and online networking services.
- c) Re-use material on each other's websites at no cost (subject to copyright regulations).
- d) Collaborate, where appropriate, on each other's committees and panels.

3) Engage each other's memberships

- a) Encourage members to prepare, submit and work together on research and capacity building projects and disseminate information of activities.

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:



ASCILITE

A/Prof Chris Campbell (President)

8 March 2022

Date



HERDSA

Professor Kogi Naidoo (President)

11 February 2022

Date