Appendix

RESEARCH ISSUES ON THE FUTURE OF POST-COMPULSORY SECONDARY EDUCATION IN SOUTH AUSTRALIA

The South Australian Institute for Education Research (SAIER) and the Flinders University Institute for International Education (FUIIE) will conduct two seminars focusing on post-compulsory secondary education in South Australia. The series is designed to promote discussion and debate around South Australian post-compulsory secondary education, with a special emphasis on the roles of research and credentialing systems (specifically SACE and ACE). Each seminar will include presentations by leaders in educational curriculum and research.

Seminar 1: Research and the Australian Certificate of Education
(5.00 p.m. – 7.00 p.m., August 29th 2006)
- Chairperson: Ms. Felicity Lewis, Mayor of Marion
- Professor Geoff Masters (CEO of Australian Council for Educational Research). Professor Masters has played a leading role in state, national, and international developments in assessment. He will talk about the recently released ACE report, focusing specifically on the research needed to further develop that proposal.
- Professor John Keeves (Professorial Fellow, Flinders University Institute of International Education, School of Education, Flinders University). Professor Keeves has over 40 years of experience in state, national, and international assessments. He will present research findings showing how Australian state educational standards have changed markedly over the recent decades.

Seminar 2: Research and the South Australian Certificate of Education Review
(5.00 p.m. – 7.00 p.m., September 5th 2006)
- Chairperson: Dr. Bob Such, MP.
- Dr. Paul Kilvert, Executive Director of Strategic Policy and Planning, DECS. Dr. Kilvert is heading the SACE Review Implementation Steering Committee. Dr. Kilvert will talk about research and the South Australian Certificate of Education Review.
- Dr. Tony Gibbons (member of FUIIE). Dr. Gibbons is a specialist working primarily on philosophical issues. He will talk about the understandings of knowledge that underpin the proposed new SACE.
Dr. Kelvin Gregory (Flinders University Institute of International Education, School of Education, Flinders University). Dr. Gregory is a research specialist and psychometrician, working on national and international large-scale assessment programs. He will talk about research matters in the SACE Review Final Report.

Each seminar will provide opportunities for questions from the audience through a chairperson.

The seminar series will be held in the Sturt Lecture Theatre (N335) at Flinders University. A gold coin donation is requested to cover the cost of refreshments.

Register by sending an email to Dr. Marietta Rossetto. Papers written by each presenter will be made available as a pdf file to all people who register by August 20th.

Copies of the papers will be available at each seminar for nominal cost of $15. Final versions of these papers will be published in a special edition of the International Education Journal (http://ehlt.flinders.edu.au/education/iej/).

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