

**Fitness Community of Practice
Monday 13 August 2007, 2.00 – 4.00pm
Conference Room, Department of Sport and Recreation**

Draft Meeting Notes

<p>Attendees: Dr Hugh Pinnington – University of Notre Dame Sally De LaCruz – City of Belmont (on behalf of Kevin Knapp) Sally Bower – Central TAFE/Fitness WA Heather Slaven – Challenger TAFE Kylie Cormack – Edith Cowan University Robin Lowery – Australian Institute of Fitness Belinda Barnes – Australian Institute of Fitness Gail Browne – West Coast TAFE (on behalf of Paul Ahern) Professor Tim Ackland – University of Western Australia Steve Mason – Department of Sport and Recreation Marg Rhodes – South West Regional College of TAFE Deb Andrew – South West Regional College of TAFE Andre Watson – Swan TAFE Ric Johnson – CSSN Mal Gammon – FutureNow Rachael Davidson – FutureNow</p> <p>Apologies: Gina Chan – Fitness WA Kevin Knapp – City of Belmont Nina Sandral – Curtin VTEC Paul Ahern – West Coast TAFE Meg Nikoloski – Shire of Kalamunda Professor Rob Newton – Edith Cowan University Tanya Mills – Department of Sport and Recreation</p>	
Issue	
Articulation pathways/Credit transfer	<p>There was discussion regarding current articulation pathways between TAFE colleges and universities. Articulation pathways are needed in both directions: for TAFE students into tertiary study, and also for tertiary students to be able to get industry registration through arrangements with TAFE colleges or registered training organisations.</p> <p>Action: Fitness Training Package course content to be forwarded to all university representatives. Responsibility: Mal Gammon</p> <p>Edith Cowan University and West Coast TAFE currently have a model in place where Bachelor of Science (Exercise and Sport Science) students can be awarded their Certificate III and IV in Fitness by the end of their second year of study.</p> <p>Action: West Coast TAFE/ECU to present their current articulation model at the next meeting Responsibility: Paul Ahern, Kylie Cormack</p> <p>Notre Dame has in the past used a document template when enrolling fitness, sport and recreation students from TAFE colleges. This provided background information about the student and was signed off by the TAFE lecturer to assist in the selection of students into Notre Dame courses.</p> <p>Action: Hugh Pinnington to provide copy of document template Responsibility: Hugh Pinnington</p>

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<p>Education and training and industry registration</p>	<p>There are issues in the industry with tertiary-trained students being able to gain Fitness WA registration to enable them to work in gyms and fitness centres.</p> <p>AAESS accreditation as exercise physiologists and exercise scientists for graduates of Exercise/Sport Science courses.</p> <p>Action: Clarification of registration requirements for AAESS accreditation Responsibility: Sally Bower</p>
<p>VET Diploma of Fitness</p>	<p>The Diploma of Fitness is going to be removed from the Fitness Training Package. Related competencies are likely to be brought down to the Certificate IV in Fitness. The possibility was raised by the group of including within the Certificate IV in Fitness a rehabilitation specific stream which would give the students the expert knowledge and ability to work as assistants to Allied Health professionals.</p>
<p>Maturity of graduates</p>	<p>From the research report currently being undertaken by FutureNow into the current delivery of sport and recreation courses and qualifications in WA, feedback from industry has indicated that many of the graduates entering the workforce do not have the maturity required. This was discussed amongst the group and the agreement was that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - this is an issue that is beyond the control of the lecturers/trainers - experiential learning aims to improve the learning that takes place and foster maturity in the students - practicum experiences provide situations in which students can learn and improve in
<p>Regional delivery</p>	<p>There is a need for more delivery in regional areas of WA through methods such as eLearning and flexible delivery. The mining boom has also created a demand for fitness and health professionals in regional and remote mining towns.</p> <p>Discussion was held about the need for trained professionals with a qualification above what is currently covered in the Certificate IV in Fitness to allow graduates to work as assistants with exercise professionals. The idea was raised of an Associate Degree (18mths-24mths duration) being offered in partnership between university and a regional TAFE college in an area such as the South West. Any plans for such as course would need to be done with set boundaries in place and stipulated course outcomes to ensure that it would not encroach upon any undergraduate course currently being delivered.</p>
<p>Next Meeting</p>	<p>Plans for the next meeting to be held within the next 3 – 4 weeks. General consensus that Monday is the preferred day of the week for the next Meeting from 3.00 – 5.00pm.</p> <p>Topics for discussion at next meeting:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Edith Cowan University and West Coast TAFE articulation model - Mapping of content – university and Fitness training package - AAESS – clarification of registration - Practicum checklist - University presentations at TAFE colleges - Diploma – feedback - Terminology – exercise scientists and exercise physiologists - Campus Review Article - University Associate Degree - Notre Dame Selection Template

