Australian Higher Education Graduation Statement

Background

On 04 September 2008 the Minister for Education the Hon Julia Gillard MP announced that the Australian Higher Education Graduation Statement would be introduced "...to make Australian qualifications recognised and renowned throughout the world. ... The Australian Government has committed $3.7 million to assist publicly funded universities in implementing the Graduation Statement over the next three years."

The Australian Higher Education Graduation Statement that will take the form of documentation provided to graduates by awarding institutions in addition to the degree or diploma certificate or testamur. Its purpose will be to make qualifications more portable and their value more transparent by providing descriptions of the nature, level, context and status of the studies that were pursued and completed by graduates, as well as information about the education system to which the qualification belongs.

UWA has accepted funding for the implementation of the Australian Higher Education Graduation Statement and is committed to implementation for students completing courses at the end of 2010 for graduation in 2011.

Current Status

A Steering Committee has been established and is working through the issues surrounding the implementation of the AHEGS.

Members of the Steering Committee are:

Mary Carroll, Associate Director, Student Services (Student Systems) – Chair
Sato Juniper, Associate Director, Graduate Research and Scholarships
Harvey von Bergheim, Associate Director, Student Services (Student Administration)
Susanna Wills-Johnson, Acting University Marketing Manager
Paul Lloyd, Sub-Dean, UWA Business School

The plan for implementation is that all mandatory data will be included, the only optional element that is planned for inclusion at this stage is Course Accreditation, Faculties have been asked to provide this information. Other activities underway are:

- Design of stationery for the AHEGS
- Development of a Communication Plan
- Collation of data for detailed award statements

The software to produce the AHEGS is being developed by Callista for all the participating institutions, the final delivery of the software is expected in early July.