

Australian Vice-Chancellors' Committee

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Dear Mr Coulter

AVCC COMMITTEES

The Australian Vice-Chancellors' Committee (AVCC) has recently undertaken a detailed review of its Committee structure and membership following the extension of its charter to cover all members of the Unified National System (UNS). The approved AVCC Committee Structure to operate for 1991 is attached for your information.

As part of the review of the committee structure the AVCC has also examined the committees' terms of reference. A copy of the terms of reference of all committees is also attached for information. The AVCC has requested that each Committee examine the existing terms of reference when they first meet in 1991 and to advise it of any changes considered necessary.

The AVCC's ability to influence Government policy, to raise public awareness of the capability of higher education institutions and to advise institutions of the impact of government policies depends to a large extent on the effectiveness of the Board of Directors, the Secretariat and the supporting Committees. Whilst the Secretariat has been expanded in numbers it is not, nor should it be, staffed to the extent that it could operate independently from institutions in the preparation of advice to the Board. Therefore it is essential that each Committee has a broad membership which is able to represent the various views of institutions. It is also important that members should be able and willing to participate not only in committee meetings and working groups but in the preparation of associated papers for consideration by the Committee.

Accordingly, I am writing on behalf of the AVCC to invite you to continue as a member of the AARNet Advisory Board in 1991 and to thank you for your contribution to the Board in 1990.

Although venues for meetings have not yet been finalised, the proposed dates for meetings of the AARNet Advisory Board in 1991 are as follows:

Friday 22 February Friday 31 May Tuesday 23 July Monday 25 November

It would be appreciated if you could advise me by 25 January 1991 of your willingness or otherwise to participate on the Board. Could you also advise at the same time your availability to attend the meetings on the dates listed above. In due course a detailed listing of the membership of committees will be circulated.

Finally, I would like to remind you that the AVCC pays all reasonable expenses related to attendance at committee and working party meetings.

If you require any further information concerning the AARNet Advisory Board please contact Geoff Huston who is currently the Secretary of the Board.

Yours sincerely

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