



AGM 2019/20 (1<sup>st</sup> July 2020)

**Title of Document:** 2019 47<sup>th</sup> OCIES Annual Conference Report

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**Intention:** To report on the planned 2019 Annual Conference

**Main points:**

- The 2019 Annual Conference was planned for November 2019 convened by the National University of Samoa in Apia, Samoa, under the leadership of Fuaialii Dr Tagataese Tupu Tuia, Tofilau Dr Faguele Suaalii and Alo Dr Silia Pausisi. Professor Zane Diamond also contributed to the convening team as the OCIES Executive representative, and Rebecca Spratt assisted with registration management.
- The theme was Quality Education for Sustainable Future : North-South, South -South Comparative Dialogues.
- A total of 137 people were registered to attend the conference, of which 51 were from Samoa and 86 were international participants.
- 45 abstracts were accepted, of which 33 were individual abstracts, four were for workshops, four for tok stori sessions, three for panel discussions and one was for an audio-visual exhibition.
- Three keynote speakers were secured to present; Le Afioga a le Tama-a-Aiga, His Highness, Tui Atua Tupua Tamasese Ta'isi Tupuola Tufuga Efi, Professor Gary Thomas, University of the Sunshine Coast, and Associate Professor Carol Mutch, University of Auckland.
- The conference was unfortunately postponed due to the Measles epidemic in Samoa, and rescheduled for end of June 2020. Subsequently, the conference had to be cancelled due to the Covid-19 Pandemic.
- Had the conference proceeded as planned it would have made a moderate surplus. Following cancellation, refunds were offered to all those registered, less a 20% administration fee to assist with covering losses incurred from non-refundable conference expenses. Cancellation of the conference resulted in a financial loss of (\$2,008) for OCIES.

**Action required at AGM:**

- To note the report
- To note NUS's continued willingness to host a future OCIES Annual Conference

**Annex: 2019 47<sup>th</sup> Annual OCIES Conference Financial Report – in AUD**

<b>Income</b>	
Received through Eventbrite gross	22,128.91
Received through bank transfer/ paypal	5,285.00
<b>Sub-total</b>	<b>27,413.91</b>
<i>Less Refunds as per refund policy</i>	<i>- 23,737.43</i>
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>3,676.48</b>
<b>Expenses</b>	
Keynote costs, banner, bags, exchange rate loss	3,193.76
Keynote flight reimbursement	803.00
Eventbrite Fees	1,688.00
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>5,684.76</b>
<b>Outcome of Cancellation of Conference</b>	<b>- 2,008.28</b>