

Evaluation of the ALTA Learning and Teaching Forum, May 8–9, 2014, UTS

(Based on the intended goals, outcomes and value of the workshop.)

In the table below, the following abbreviations are used: SD = Strongly Disagree; D = Disagree; N = Neutral; A = Agree; SA = Strongly Agree – please pick one

	SD	D	N	A	SA
1. The forum gave me the opportunity to establish connections with people in a similar position to my own			2	1	16
2. The choice of topics for the Forum was relevant and current				7	12
3. The guest presentations were pertinent and informative				8	11
4. I have gained useful knowledge of learning and teaching activities at other institutions				7	12
5. As a result of this Forum I am better informed on general issues affecting ICT learning and teaching at a sector level				6	13
6. Forums like this are important for the ICT discipline				2	19
7. As a result of this Forum, I will consider improvements to the teaching practices at my institution			1	9	9
8. As a result of this Forum, I will follow up on developing collaboration for teaching innovation purposes				4	15

Sessions that were good, were so because:

Enlightening, created awareness and discussion

Presentation of projects; overviews/insights into different problems and possible solutions.

There was interaction and discussion

Enthusiastic; active live discussions

Provided good examples of practice

My first ALTA Forum, was impressed by the program and enjoyed it

Guest presentations and spot-on on the industry trends and developments

They were practice based

They were relevant and current. They were generally well presented and engaging.

Informative

They were interactive and modeled best practice; widely relevant; engagingly presented; graphical data and representations; provided data on research into L&T quality

Representation from industry, ACER, OLT, ACSF very good

Relevant, timely, interesting; reports on issues and projects; hot topics etc.

Succinct, relevant and kept to time.

The introduction speaker about what business/industry wants needs what is being produced [

Sessions that were not so good, were so because:

Not too sure about the session on ADEs as I am not one – but it was still good to hear their issues/challenges.

Not prepared well

Teacher centred learning, not student centred; let's practice what we preach.

Some sessions too squashed; not sufficient time for discussions

Focused on policy

There was some overlap or "reinventing" the wheel approach

I would prefer Q/A after each speaker

None of the sessions were not so good.

More singing !

Inviting different academics to talk on their innovative approaches in L&T; longer discussion

Not many of these: poor argument – unclear point; death by PowerPoint (sorry, death by text).

OLT presentation – speaker was not up to speed as new, should not have accepted invitation and delegated to someone better informed.
 Too generalized (rare)

The next Forum would be improved by:

Warmer climate
 More action presentations!
 Longer breaks; more interaction with colleagues
 sharing experience
 Including some presentations / projects on reducing attrition and improving completion factors in ICT courses.
 Longer periods for interaction.
 Session for research project initiation based on findings and reports etc.; TELEs → BL and online [sic] – innovation steps related to hot topics
 Development steps for the sector – practical; good to have “best practice” cheat sheets that are useful to practitioners via ALTA website etc; good to have writing workshops/symposia
 Could liaise with OLT to find out what IT related projects were funded.
 A bit more discussion – maybe under ‘hot topic’ session on day 1

Any other comments:

Venue a bit cold
 I was able to network with people in dissimilar positions (am not a dean)
 More interactive sessions like end of day [hot topics]
 More food, still hungry; different food on day 1 to day 2 would be good.
 Very valuable, thank you.
 Excellent time management
 The days session was a little long; tired by end of each day
 Well organized and well catered, thanks.
 The 2 days were enjoyable but very intense
 Better if more low-carb food
 Great networking opportunity, Thank you.
 Lunch 4/10, dinner 8/10, venue 8/10
 Excellent

Score out of 10 for catering (10 = best)	7	6	10	7	8	7	7	9	7	8	9	8
Score out of 10 for venue (10 = best)	8	6	10	8	10	7	9	10	7	8	10	9

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