Fed Uni Alumni Policy

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Purpose

This policy governs the operations of Federation University Australia Alumni Association. Formed in 1995, the Association is committed to ensuring that the association between the University and its alumni community is fulfilling, lifelong and active.

It provides a framework for the University to celebrate the accomplishments of its graduates and members and the contributions they have given to their chosen industry/profession, communities and beyond by:

• Providing benefits to individual alumni by fostering their continued involvement in FedUni and the alumni community
• Promoting the formation and activity of alumni chapters and networks
• Formally recognising and acknowledging prominent alumni both domestically and internationally for their achievements within their chosen field of study and beyond
• Offering alumni members a range of discounts and privileges

Scope

FedUni Alumni is a forum for:

• graduates of Federation University Australia, University of Ballarat, the Gippsland Campus of Monash or any predecessor institutions or an antecedent institution
• past students of the Federation University Australia or an antecedent institution who have completed a non-award short program
• individuals who have successfully completed a subject, unit or module of any Federation University Australia course (including current students)
• current or former staff members of Federation University Australia or an antecedent institution
• Friends of the University, including current and past Council members, Honorary Doctorates, etc

Membership is lifelong for all graduates of the University and its predecessor institutions.
Legislative Context
• Federation University Act 2010

Definitions

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<th>Term</th>
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<tr>
<td>Alumnus</td>
<td>A male graduate</td>
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<td>Alumna</td>
<td>A female graduate</td>
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<td>Alumni</td>
<td>A group of graduates - Members of FedUni Alumni Association</td>
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<td>Association</td>
<td>FedUni Alumni Association comprises members who are graduates, past and current students, past and current staff and or friends of the University</td>
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<td>Award</td>
<td>Formal recognition and acknowledgement of alumni achievements within a chosen field of study and beyond</td>
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<td>Chapter</td>
<td>Formed on the basis of geographical location, professional discipline or special interest area, Chapters foster continuing lifelong links between Federation University Australia and its alumni and between alumni themselves. Chapters operate with a volunteer committee and can either be unincorporated or incorporated – refer FedUni Alumni Chapter Guidelines</td>
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<td>Distinguished Alumni</td>
<td>An awardee recognised for their exceptional contribution to society, demonstrating the achievement of excellence</td>
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<td>Graduate</td>
<td>Student who has completed a course offered by Federation University Australia or an antecedent institution for which a sealed award was given</td>
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<td>Network</td>
<td>Formed for a specific purpose e.g. Reunion</td>
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Policy Statement

Federation University Australia provides learning and teaching opportunities in vocational education and training, higher education and research. It provides relevant programs, high quality teaching, comprehensive support and work-ready qualifications to inspire students from regional, national and international backgrounds, and to further the interest of the University and the constituencies it services.

All graduates of Federation University Australia, its predecessor institutions or antecedent institutions are automatically lifelong members of FedUni Alumni with membership maintained through currency of contact details.

Alumni membership is also open and free to current and past students, staff and friends of the University.

FedUni takes great pride in the achievements of its alumni and presents a select number of awards each year to those who have demonstrated significant personal, community and/or professional achievement.

Stronger links with fellow alumni are built through the establishment of chapters and networks, each with a volunteer committee responsible for organising activities and events, and managed through the University’s Alumni Office. Official networks, such as the Ex-Staff Association Ballarat, are established through development of an association agreement with application for membership, and receive support but are not managed by the Alumni Office.

Supporting Documents
Responsibility

- Director, Marketing, Advancement and Community Engagement is responsible for monitoring the implementation, outcomes and scheduled review of this policy and its accompanying procedure.
- Alumni/Foundation Officer is responsible for maintaining the content of this policy as delegated by the Director, Marketing, Advancement and Community Engagement.
- Alumni/Foundation Officer is responsible for the administration support for the maintenance of this policy as directed by the Director, Marketing, Advancement and Community Engagement.

Promulgation

The FedUni Alumni Policy will be communicated throughout the University community in the form of:

- An Announcement Notice via FedNews website and on the ‘Recently Approved Documents’ page on the ‘Policies, Procedures and Forms @ the University’ website to alert the University-wide community of the approved Policy.
- Student Senate
- Student Graduation Ceremonies

Implementation

The FedUni Alumni Policy will be implemented throughout the University via:

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