Dear Accord Panel,

On behalf of the Student Experience Network (SEN) we welcome the drafting of recommendations in the Australian Universities Accord. Our organisation SEN is a cooperative the represents the diverse interests of student organisations across Australia and New Zealand with collective interests across student engagement commercial imperatives and member support. Our vision is to enable our members in their various missions to deliver outstanding outcomes for students.

In response to the Consultation on the Australian Universities Accord Terms of Reference this submission seeks to foreground the Student Experience in the key areas of review. We believe that depth and breadth of student experiences in Australia as provided by student organisations constitutes the most distinctive part of the overall educational experience. The formative opportunities and supportive systems provided to students by our member organisations create immense value for students, stakeholders and sector at large.

We recommend amendments to the Terms of Reference to reflect the critical importance of a robust, holistic and quality student experience. under (1) Meeting Australia’s knowledge and skills needs, now and in the future to read “Enhance the delivery of quality *student experiences* that meet the needs of students across all stages of lifelong learning and develops the skills needed now, and in the future.”

Secondly, under (2) Access and opportunity we recommend reading “This will include recommendations for new targets and reforms to support greater access, participation and *belonging* for students from underrepresented backgrounds.”

Thirdly, regarding (6) Quality and sustainability the terms should read “Support a competitive and resilient international *educational experience*, reflecting the important role international students play in our society and economy, and Australia’s interest in deepening partnerships abroad.”

Finally, Student Experience Network is eager to be consulted and included as subject matter experts throughout the Universities Accord process and we look forward to close cooperation on this exciting undertaking.

Kind regards,

Alf & Andrew

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