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UAC announces new Managing Director

Dr David Christie has been appointed to the position of UAC Managing Director.

David will join UAC on 2 March, 2015. David comes to UAC with a leadership background in both the private sector and the tertiary education sector. His formal qualifications include a BSc (Hons) and a Ph.D., both from the University of Sydney.

Before joining UAC, David led planning and enterprise architecture at Open Universities Australia with responsibility for a number of key areas including development of major business opportunities, strategy and organisational planning. His focus has been on increasing student access into higher education, developing new business lines and improving program and course management.

David’s experience in the tertiary education sector also includes six years as Academic Registrar at the University of Wollongong and as Executive Director of the International Student Taskforce with the Federal Department of Education.

Prior to taking up his position at the University of Wollongong, David was based in Singapore as Manager, Asia Pacific with BASF, a transnational chemical company. In this role he led a business unit across the Asia-Pacific region and initiated and led cross-divisional global projects.

Having had the opportunity to experience it first-hand, David believes passionately in the ability of education to provide profound benefits for individuals and broader society. He also understands that organisations must continually adapt to their changing environment in order to thrive and to provide the best possible outcomes for clients and stakeholders. David understands the business of universities and the higher education sector generally but also possesses experience in private education and the commercial world.

Bruce Lines, Chair, UAC Board says that David is ‘extremely well suited to the role of UAC Managing Director and to meeting the challenges of steering UAC through the period ahead.’

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