Carnegie Mellon’s Heinz School Participates in Feasibility Study for New Private University in Australia


South Australian Premier Mike Rann signed a “heads of agreement” with the university and iCarnegie that signals the start of an intensive feasibility study to be conducted over the coming months. One of the study’s initial goals is to determine how the Heinz School could offer master’s degree programs as well as executive education programs in Australia.

Rann said the institution will seek to enroll students from Asia, the Middle East and Australia. iCarnegie will provide institutional services and support for the new university, as well as assistance in delivering Carnegie Mellon-based curriculum.

The Premier indicated that the new university will have specialized faculties in science (particularly information technology and computer science), business, and public policy and government. Australia has three large public universities and Rann indicated that the mission of the proposed private university would be unique. Special legislation to establish the university will be introduced into the South Australian State Parliament next year.

"This (partnership) is a real coup for our state. It will enhance our reputation as a destination for quality, internationally recognized degrees and research and will be a significant factor in helping South Australia to achieve the State Strategic Plan target of doubling our market share of international students within 10 years," Rann said at the heads of agreement signing on Oct. 29.

"Carnegie Mellon is a leader in creating educational partnerships across the globe," said Mark Kamlet, provost of Carnegie Mellon.

"We look forward to working with our colleagues on the new university in South Australia," said Allan Fisher, founder and CEO of iCarnegie, Inc. "This project will build on our worldwide experience to set a new benchmark of international collaboration in education."

Kamlet said the new university would not carry Carnegie Mellon’s name but he added that Carnegie Mellon frequently works with international partners to create educational programs. The feasibility study now underway will determine the extent of the international connection between Carnegie Mellon, iCarnegie and the new South Australian university.

Carnegie Mellon’s international efforts span a range from traditional student and faculty exchanges to a Carnegie Mellon-operated campus in the Arab Gulf nation of Qatar that offers Carnegie Mellon degrees in computer science and business. Trustees of the new university will include the director of the Royal Institution of Great Britain, Baroness Professor Susan Greenfield; former World Trade Organization Director General Mike Moore; Qantas Chair Margaret Jackson; and former Deputy Prime Minister Tim Fischer.
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