Dear Linda,

I am well aware that the RSHA Proposals are distinct from the Tutorial Proposals. I am equally concerned about the RSHA Proposals, I have not, however, had the chance to study the proposal document as closely as I need in order to formulate substantive criticisms of it.

My incipient understanding, however, is that, given that it is coming in the wake of the past 4 years of restructuring programs, the RSHA Proposal appears to follow in the footsteps of its forebears: i.e., cost-cutting, increasing academic workloads, progressively polarising the academic body into distinct 'teaching' and 'research' bodies, compromising important fields of study by deference to claims of 'inefficient use of teaching resources' and, overall, running the University as a corporate service-providing entity that treats tertiary education as any other exportable commodity - quality be damned. The specific effects on specific disciplines I have yet to research in terms of the fluctuations of course offerings between 2009 and today, but it is clear that Gender Studies, in particular since 2010, has suffered greatly from diminished resources and diminished support. Undoubtedly, it will be relegated from the position of a 'major' to the that of a 'minor' in the next year or two, much in the same fashion as Film Studies is under the current RSHA Proposals.

Moreover, I am hardly convinced by the argument that the RSHA Proposals have nothing to do with budgeting given that it is understood that CASS, on the whole, is currently running a serious deficit.

In short: The RSHA Proposals seem to be no more than a mop-up job of the damaged wrecked on the Humanities by broader restructuring of the ANU into the current College System. In this, the reasons for it are the same: an ERA Ranking driven research agenda (a deeply problematic issue in its own right), more responsibility on fewer academics and, more immediately, trying to balance the CASS budget by making cuts and demotions wherever possible.

Regards,

Jason Andrews

On Tue, Aug 6, 2013 at 3:09 PM, CASS - RSHA Consult <rshaconsult@anu.edu.au> wrote:

Dear Jason

Thank you for your submission on the RSHA change proposal.

I am writing on behalf of the RSHA Change Management Steering Committee, which noted that in your submission you commented on the changes to the College's service delivery mode.
The proposal on educational delivery is separate from the RSHA change proposal.

The Vice-Chancellor has initiated a review of the proposed changes to CASS course delivery and you can find information at [http://cass.anu.edu.au/current-students/education-policies/Latest-changes-CASS-delivery-model](http://cass.anu.edu.au/current-students/education-policies/Latest-changes-CASS-delivery-model)

In the meantime, classes will continue as normal in the format selected by the individual lecturers.

Your comments about the changes proposed in the RSHA Change Management Proposal will be considered and addressed in the response to be developed by the RSHA Change Management Steering Committee.

Kind regards,

Linda Addison

a member of the RSHA Change Management Steering Committee