HERDSA’s Mission:

The overarching purpose of HERDSA is to be a scholarly society that promotes the advancement of research and development in tertiary education, particularly higher education.

To achieve this, we seek to:

i. Facilitate the improvement of leadership, teaching, research and policy-making in tertiary education;
ii. Encourage and disseminate research on teaching, learning, development and policy in tertiary education;
iii. Provide a forum to discuss issues relevant to tertiary education;
iv. Represent the interests of people engaged in tertiary education;
v. Contribute to the professional development of members;
vii. Operate the Society with due cognisance of the aspirations, preferences and practices of indigenous peoples and to recognise and acknowledge the principles inherent in New Zealand’s Treaty of Waitangi; and
viii. Encourage cooperation between HERDSA and other societies that have complementary interests.

Over 2011 – 2013 we will be assisted in this purpose through an ALTC grant aimed at continuing the fellowship, scholarship and learning previously sponsored by the ALTC. Our final strategy to achieve this is still being worked out, but we have identified a desire to focus our energy around promoting ongoing scholarship in teaching and learning. At our recent committee meeting, we identified the following goals that our committee would like to take on board as a strategic focus for its two year term:

1. Undertake a critical review of the research and resultant knowledge in teaching and learning that has been achieved to date;
2. Identify gaps and areas of emerging concern that need to be explored by our sector;
3. Create avenues for sharing those insights so that the learning is well disseminated, accessible and encourages widespread adoption by practitioners, developers and policy makers; and
4. Encourage scholarship, high quality research and publications and community forums to explore our field of knowledge and ongoing learning.

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