Murdoch recently hosted a meeting of the Inter-University External Studies Accord Steering Committee.

The 'Accord' fosters collaboration between the Australian universities providing external studies and, more particularly, encourages cross-enrolment by students.

This year Murdoch students are, for example, taking courses which include

journalism (from Deakin), demography (from New England), religious studies (from Queensland) and Polish culture (from Macquarie).

The Steering Committee is currently ensuring that external students' interests are well represented in the national discussions on re-organisation of higher education.

The representatives at the external studies meeting (from left): Richard MacWilliam (Deputy Registrar, Murdoch), Professor John Chick (Director of External Studies, University of Queensland), Kevin Smith (President, International Council for Distance Education), Ian Small (Acting Director of External Studies, University of New England), Berry Durston (Head of External Studies, Curtin University of Technology), Russell Elliott (Registrar, Deakin), Associate Professor Jim Polhemus (Dean of Social Sciences, Deakin), Patrick Guiton (Director of External Studies, Murdoch), Professor Vance Gledhill (Director of Part-time and External Studies Centre, Macquarie), Dr Mick Campion (Education Officer, Murdoch) and Peter Reeves (Department of Employment, Education and Training).