VC’s speech for Singapore Alumni Chapter’s 10th Anniversary Reunion Dinner

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Dinner: 6:30pm guest registration for 7.30pm dinner

Dress code: Business attire, cocktail dress

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<td>Committee Certificate Presentation by Professor David Lloyd for the</td>
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<td>to the 2017-2018 Chapter Committee members</td>
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| 8:25pm | Past Presidents’ presentation – by the **Vice Chancellor Professor David Lloyd**
- Dr David Foo
- Donald Aw
- Richard Quek
- ErDr Mike Teng
- Sherina Ng
- Lawrence Lim
(Sheila to pass flowers and gift to VC) |
| 8:40pm | **10th Anniversary Cake** cutting Vice Chancellor **Professor David Lloyd**, and **Lawrence Lim**, Singapore Chapter President (plus new Chapter President if required) **Special Performance** |
| 8:45pm | Lucky Draw - Part 1- by, Vice Chancellor, **Professor David Lloyd & HE Bruce Gosper**
**Australian & Lawrence Lim** - (3 prizes) |
| 8:50pm | 2nd Set of Live Music Performance – Danny Koh and Band |
| 9:00pm | Dinner and networking continues \(6^{th} \text{ course served}\) |
| 9:30pm | Lucky Draw – Part 2 dinner supporters **Dr Chew & Mrs Chew, Mike Teng, Philip Kuah & the 2018-2019 Chapter President** (4 prizes) \(7^{th} \text{ course served}\) |
| 10:00pm | 3rd set Live music & alumni networking \(8^{th} \text{ course served and Anniversary Cake}\) |
| 10:30pm | Closing Speech by Mr Andrew Wong, Chairman of the Organizing Committee |
(Introduction by MC)

- Your Excellency, Mr Bruce Gosper, Australia’s High Commissioner in Singapore;

- Committee members of the Singapore alumni chapter;

- distinguished guests;

- ladies and gentlemen.

- Good evening and thank you all for joining us here tonight.

- I am delighted to be here tonight to celebrate the 10th anniversary of the year that Singapore officially created a UniSA alumni chapter.

- Of course you had been powering along before that doing what all alumni groups do – sharing experiences and forming great friendships.
• Those bonds are strong because you each share a common educational experience.

• You began your careers with a University of South Australia education,

• added your own hard work and talent and

• built successful career paths for yourselves and a very vibrant community of alumni to support each other.

• 10 years after that formalisation of the alumni chapter, look where you are now:

• I look forward to spending some time with you as the evening unfolds.

• As you have been busy building your success stories, we too have been busy.
• You may have heard that UniSA and Adelaide University have agreed to explore the merits of whether combining our universities would offer the opportunity to create a university of the future

• a blending of our expertise that will create a new, leading Australian university that has the potential to deliver even greater outcomes for our students and our graduates and partners than our two excellent institutions can already do alone.

• We have announced the start of a conversation for the next six months – we have announced an exploration, not a destination

• but, as you can imagine, a merger has been the subject of much conversation in South Australia for almost two decades,

• and we believe this is the right time to have a detailed conversation and exploration of whether it will create the future we all want;
• a future with greater access and benefits for students, a future with more opportunities for staff and the possibility of both institutions to collaborate and make greater economic, social and cultural contributions to South Australia.

• We do know that we want to bring you all along with us on the journey.

• Your voice is a very important and valued one to hear from. We will provide more information on how you can contribute to the conversation in coming weeks.

• If a merger happens, then we will have created a truly spectacular world-class university;

• if the talks come to nothing, we will still be the wonderful success stories both institutions are.

• I can assure you in the meantime we will not be standing still – UniSA will always pursue its mission and values as we have always done.
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• Since we last saw you, the University of South Australia is powering ahead, increasingly considered one of the world’s best young universities by all the ratings agencies that matter.

• Just a few of the highlights include launching our new joint college with a Chinese university, in China, to provide excellence in international engineering education;

• We cemented our relationship with University College London when they moved into a new home on our Mawson Lakes campus,

• where UCL engineering staff and our Future Industries Institute are collaborating on advancing and fast-tracking new industries.

• Another important collaboration, the one we have with King’s College London, offers Aboriginal and Contemporary Australian Studies Fellowships
• for UniSA researchers with strong study profiles in Australian history, society and culture to study with the Menzies Centre for Australian Studies at King’s College.

• This year the two recipients of the Fellowships are Professor Irene Watson, Pro Vice Chancellor: Aboriginal Leadership and Strategy at the University of South Australia;

• and Mr Adam Goodes, former champion AFL player with the Sydney Swans and co-founder of the GO Foundation,

• which partners with organisations to create opportunities for Aboriginal youth through education.

• A couple of other big events in the last few months have included a new partnership with the Adelaide Football Club, the Crows, with both the men’s and the women’s teams.
• I won’t try to explain Australian Rules Football here tonight.

• After 5 years in Australia I’m not even sure I know what the Rules are,

• but I’ll just add that it is nothing like what you might be currently seeing from Russia on your television sets.

• Our association with the Crows is important because it gives our students more opportunities to undertake placements and internships in the Australian Football League,

• where they will get lots of practical experience in areas such as sports science; athlete health and fitness; and exercise science.
• We also signed a new agreement that will see Adelaide’s Queen Elizabeth Hospital become a University hospital with increased collaboration across research and practice,

• to deliver high quality patient-centred care informed by the latest research.

• And it also increases substantially, the number of health students getting vital experience of clinical and care environments.

• Another huge move we made to expand our reach into the rest of Australia was to launch UniSA Online.

• We now offer a new suite of 12 high-quality, career-focused 100% online undergraduate courses that can be studied anytime, anywhere.

• And just a reminder that our Online MBA was ranked by CEO Magazine as the best in Australia,
• that’s a hint for those of you looking to increase your career marketability.

• Added to all this work building partnerships and creating an on demand learning platform, we also found time to finish and open two new buildings:

• Pridham Hall is the new cultural and sporting heart of the University of South Australia.

• Those of you who joined us in our Unijam discussions in 2013 might remember that we asked students what they wanted, what was missing from their university experience,

• we learned they really wanted sporting facilities on campus, but they also wanted to have a significant venue where they could graduate and create enduring memories of their time at UniSA.
• Generous donations from more than 500 alumni and friends of the University have contributed to the project,

• and, in case you were wondering why it is called Pridham Hall, the biggest gift we received was from a man named Andrew Pridham.

• Andrew is an alumnus of ours who took his Bachelors degree from one of our antecedent institutions – the South Australian Institute of Technology - and went on to make his mark upon the world.

• He came back and made his mark upon us.

• So strong was his connection to the university that he felt enabled his success, Andrew came back and donated $5 million towards the building,

• it was the largest single philanthropic donation UniSA has received to date.
- In fact it was the single largest private philanthropic university donation made in living memory in South Australia.

- A few days after Pridham Hall was opened, South Australia’s new Premier, the Honourable Steven Marshall, with the help of two small robots, opened our new Cancer Research Institute.

- It is the new home for our Centre for Cancer Biology and our School of Pharmacy and Medical Sciences.

- It is also home to the Innovation and Collaboration Centre and MOD, our futuristic Museum of Discovery.

- So, despite the budget uncertainty that hung over us throughout 2017, we have achieved a lot.

- In the next few months we will release Enterprise 25 – our next strategic plan. It’s not a sequel to Crossing the Horizon, but it does build on it.
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• It is built around the three Ps – People, Programs and Precincts.

• It focuses on what we do well - and then doing it better.

• As Australia’s University of Enterprise, we are right where we want to be, and we are going to build on the success we have, offering the best programs, the best infrastructure, the best experience and the best outcomes.

• By the time we meet again, the University that helped you start your career may look completely different.

• Leaner, more agile and with a laser-like focus on being Australia’s University of Enterprise

• providing a real world education – in employability and skills - for our students
• and researching in key areas of relevance to our end-users and partners.

• I hope you come with us on the journey.

• Thank you.

At 8:25 (or thereabouts):

• At this time I would like to make a special presentation to the men and women who have guided this alumni association for more than 10 successful years.

• Between them Dr David Foo, Donald Aw, Richard Quek, Dr Mike Teng, Sherina Ng, Lawrence Lim have developed this alumni association into one of our global powerhouses.

• Of course, missing from this august group is Liu Chu Min and Andrew Woo, who couldn’t make it here tonight.
• But tonight we should all celebrate David, Donald, Richard, Mike, Sherina, and Lawrence as being great graduates of UniSA and true leaders of their own communities.

FLOWERS AND GIFTS TO BE PRESENTED.