

EMERITUS PROFESSOR RON WEBER



AUSTRALIAN UNIVERSITY TEACHER OF THE YEAR 2000 THE UNIVERSITY OF QUEENSLAND

DISCIPLINE

Commerce and
Information Systems

RESEARCH AREAS

Conceptual modelling

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CURRENT ROLE

Emeritus Professor Weber is actively involved with Monash University (MU) and University of Queensland (UQ). He is mentoring academic staff, working on research projects, supervising PhD students, teaching and providing feedback to honours students.

WHAT THE AWARD HAS MEANT

Affirmation for self | Affirmation for the learning & teaching community | Surprise | Increased workload

MAJOR ACHIEVEMENTS

- 2018 Inducted into the Australian Accounting Hall of Fame;
- 2016 Awarded Life-Membership of the International Association for Information Systems;
- 2011 Received the international Association for Information Systems' Leo Award;
- 2002 Awarded Life-Membership of the Accounting and Finance Association of Australia and New Zealand;
- 2002–2004 Editor-in-Chief of the MIS Quarterly, often rated as the premier research journal in the information systems discipline;
- 2000 Received the Accounting and Finance Association of Australia and New Zealand's inaugural Outstanding Educator Award and the Notable Contributions to the Accounting Literature Award.

NETWORKS

Informal

BACKGROUND

Ron was appointed Professor of Commerce at UQ in 1981. In 1988 he was the inaugural appointment to the GWA Chair in Commerce until 1993. Prior to moving to MU in 2004, he was Professor of Information Systems in School of Business and Research, Director for the Faculty of Business, Economics and Law at UQ. At MU he took up the position of Dean of the Faculty of Information Technology and he significantly strengthened the faculty, leading a major restructure in 2006 to restore it to a sound and sustainable financial and academic base. In 2013, he was Pro Vice-Chancellor and Campus President of MU's South African campus in Johannesburg. He was instrumental in making the Monash University partnership with Laureate International Universities a reality in 2013, allowing the campus to grow and make an even greater contribution to nation building in sub-Saharan Africa.

IMPACT ON LEARNING & TEACHING

At the time of the Award, Emeritus Professor Weber had already held various senior roles such as being on academic board and promotions committees, and he had been involved in mentoring and supervising colleagues. The Award affirmed his work and provided him with opportunities to speak nationally at various conferences and events, including the University of Western Australia's Learning & Teaching Conference, University of Melbourne, and MU Accounting & Finance Retreat. He was invited to contribute to the ALTC conference on teaching large classes and to review applications for the ALTC teaching awards. He was also invited to contribute to an Australia-wide project to develop resources for teaching large classes. He continued with teaching researching and administrative responsibilities until his retirement in 2013.

IMPACT ON CAREER

Professor Weber saw himself as a career scholar. He continued in his various responsibilities as a Professor at UQ until in 2004 he had an opportunity to take up a Dean's role at MU. While his change of direction was not directly related to winning the Award, he believes it provided an affirmation not only for himself, but for many other people he was working with at UQ. The Award reflected more on the organization, particularly the Vice Chancellor John Hay, who was very supportive of good teaching, so it was an affirmation for teaching and learning at the University. The Award did not have any impact on his discipline research as he was already committed to a number of large discipline research projects.