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In their meeting earlier this year, the Presidents discussed the challenges with providing support for student mental health and welfare.

Following this discussion, the Secretariat would like Senior Officers to consider whether there would be value in setting up a new working group on student mental health and welfare. If there is sufficient interest in the proposed group, it could explore benchmarking, sharing best practice and supporting IARU staff involved in the provision of student mental health and welfare support.

We are joined by Dr James Brann, ANU Head of Student Experience, who will outline ANU's priorities and experiences on the subject.

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Dr James Brann

Director, University Experience, ANU

Dr Brann holds a Master's degree in Education from the University of New England, a PhD in Politics and International Studies from the University of New South Wales and has provided educational leadership in Australia, South East Asia and Europe. He has been the Director, University Experience at the Australian National University since 2021. He leads the development and provision of transformative and enhanced experiences on campus for around 20,000 students and 4,000 staff from all backgrounds.

Previously he held a number of roles at Charles Sturt University, including Director of the Engagement Team and Director of Student Communications.