



**NOTES OF DISCUSSION DURING ASOCSA INDUSTRY COCKTAIL FUNCTION,
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Present:

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H Nel (HN), UJ
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1. Transfer of theory to the workplace (HN)
2. Students have limited industry exposure (RS)
3. Students have a limited understanding of construction (RS)
4. Prospective bursary candidates should be screened (RS)
5. Should adopt a 'go for gold' concept i.e. work for a year after school (CdK)
6. Work prior to studying is critical (TN)
7. Emphasise the importance of construction experience (CS)
8. SA government is wanting to remove work integrated learning from tertiary education (HN)
9. Should be fewer institutions offering BTech – consolidate institutions and find the right lecturers (RS)
10. Government is driving numbers at the expense of quality (HN)
11. Interviewed 8 students at TUT and not one could answer a certain question (TN)
12. Mining industry subvents academics or funds posts at tertiary institutions (HN)
13. Rationalise the programmes to 'create' resources (RS)
14. 'Technical' streaming and 'research' streaming (CdK)
15. Streaming should occur at school (CdK)
16. People do not want to be identified with 'trades', which construction is (TN)
17. Career road shows are lacking (NG)
18. 'Trainability' type tests should be considered (CdK)
19. Certain institutions required students to undertake structured practical work in the first and second year of study during the existence of the BIFSA Colleges (FF)