
Letters

Sacked academic was brave - and correct

I was employed as a lecturer in the Department of Management at the University of Wollongong from 1990 to 1995. I am unable to comment upon the termination of my relationship with the university. However, I can say that, like Dr Ted Steele, I was at times under pressure to upgrade marks and to give passing grades to full fee-paying MBA students who could barely speak, read or write English and were unable to understand lectures or to complete assignments.

It takes hundreds of hours of work to get a doctorate, and to reach the position of associate professor. It's an investment of time and energy that makes little sense unless one has chosen to pursue an academic career.

Indeed, all of those hours and all of that effort often work against the former academic who must seek a position outside academia. "Overqualified" is a term I've heard often.

So it's a brave thing that Dr Steele has done. I truly admire him for having the courage to stand by his allegations and I wish him well.

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Queens Park, February 27.