

**FACULTY MEETING
SCIENCE, ENGINEERING AND TECHNOLOGY**

Minutes of the Faculty Meeting held at 10.00am on Tuesday 27 November 2007 by video-conference (B102, A023 and B159).

PRESENT

Professor J. Reid (Dean and Chair), Dr P. Brown, Professor C. Buxton, Professor R. Coleman, Dr C. Crawford, Dr J. Ellison, Dr D. Fitzgerald, Professor L. Forbes, Professor B. Gemmell, Dr G. Hannan, Ms M. Hazelwood, Dr J. Jabour, Dr D. Jiang, A/Professor S. Jones, A/Professor A. Koutoulis, Professor R. Large, Professor C. Letchford, Dr C. McLeod (in place of Professor Fay), Professor A. McMinn, Professor D. McNeil, Professor J. McPhie, Professor B. Mapstone, Dr F. Martin, Professor P. Nesterenko, Dr J. Osborn, Dr E. Peacock, A/Professor T. Ross, Dr J. Sargison, Dr A. Seen, Professor M. Tamplin and A/Professor R. White.

Mr W. Goninon and Ms N. Oliveira were also present.

APOLOGIES

Professor D. Bowman, Dr M. Cameron-Jones, Professor C. Carter, Mrs C. Carver, Professor Y. Choi, Dr J. Dermoudy, Professor J. Dickey, Professor G. Duff, Dr R. Duncan, Dr S. Ellingsen, Professor R. Fay, Professor P. Haddad, Professor C. Johnson, Dr P. Lane, Dr B. Leon de la Barra, Professor T. Lefroy, Professor P. Marshall, Professor G. Meyers, Dr K. Michael, Dr C. Mohammed, Ms A. Neale, A/Professor N. Moltschaniwskyj, Dr S. Pethybridge, Dr D. Russell Dr E. Stratford, Dr T. Thompson, Professor F. Vanclay and A/Professor B. Yates.

MINUTES

2. MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting held on 14 November 2006, having been circulated were taken as read and confirmed.

3. PROCEDURAL MATTERS

The meeting was conducted as a combined Faculty Executive Committee and Faculty meeting.

4. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE LAST MEETING

Nil.

5. DEAN'S REPORT

The Dean reported on the following matters:

- The 2008 Faculty Budget had recently been ratified by University Council. Attachment 1 contained information on the funding received by the Faculty (\$37,312,000) and how it would be distributed. It was noted that as a minimum 91% had been distributed to Schools/Research Centres in accordance to how it was earned. Other points noted included: \$550K University Adjustment Funds had been received for Computing & IS, Engineering, Maths & Physics and Zoology; multiplier changes had been secured for Computing & IS and Geog & Env Studies but not Maths & Physics; as CGS funding had been allocated on 95% of student targets, if targets are exceeded funds will be distributed on a School basis; it was anticipated that summer school load would be brought forward to spring to assist the University in meeting CGS target; clawback hadn't been ruled-out completely, but there was strong indication there would not be any clawback in 2008.

- A copy of the 2008 Faculty Plan was included in Attachment 2. It was noted that the Faculty Plan reflected key issues addressed in the University Plan and that the Edge 2 Agenda included a greater focus on Excellence and Distinctiveness while the emphasis on Growth had been moderated. Some of the comments and suggested amendments to the Faculty Plan included: Priority 19 – QMS is too specific, reword Antarctic and Marine Science; a second initiative regarding IMAS was recommended (Dean to discuss with Professor Mapstone); an initiative about increasing research funding from the industry and private sector was suggested (have confirmed, this already exists in the Research Management Plan, Goal 6, Initiative 3). Leveraging industry funding and current impediments were discussed in general.
- The Dean congratulated the Faculty for its consecutive success in Learning & Teaching. It was noted that the University of Tasmania received \$3,105,498 from the 2008 Learning & Teaching Performance Fund, with Science, computing, engineering, architecture and agriculture being ranked top six in the A1 Band (\$1,445,248). Business, law and economics had also been recognised, ranking in the A2 Band (\$660,251). The importance of making students aware of the impact of the CEQ on funding was highlighted.
- On performance and reputation, the Faculty has been ranked 9 in the country by the Melbourne Institute. The Faculty, it was noted, was the only part of the University to rank, meeting Edge 2 Agenda goals.
- The Dean reported on the creation and set-up of the new School of Computing & Information Systems, including the new HoS and DHoS arrangements, efforts to build new enrolments and co-location issues.
- It was noted that the School of Aquaculture and the fisheries and marine sections of the AMC would be co-located on the Newnham Campus, forming a new National Centre for Marine Conservation and Resource Sustainability. A number of comments were made about the 'National' title, including concern whether it would be attractive to students. Other comments made concerned the integration process, whereby there didn't seem to be any negotiation and the complex structure resulting from different operating Legislation.
- It was noted that, as from 2008, the CSL had been placed entirely under the Pro Vice-Chancellor (Research). For the long-term future of the CSL, it was considered important that it be seen as a University-wide facility.
- It was noted that a new State Government Partnerships MoU had been signed by the Premier and the Vice-Chancellor with the priority areas being identified as: Health, Education (literacy and numeracy), IMAS, Climate Change and Island Communities. IMAS remains as a forefront priority.
- Information on 2008 Applications was included in Attachments 3, 4 and 5. It was noted that applications for the Faculty were down by about 9%. The Dean requested everyone to make a concerted effort to bring students into the University.

6. FACULTY TEACHING & LEARNING COMMITTEE

The Associate Dean, Associate Professor Rob White reported on the following matters:

- New courses approved by the FT&LC and the Faculty Executive Committee for 2008: Associate Degree in Computing, Bachelor of Antarctic Science with Honours, Bachelor of Computing and Bachelor of Information Systems, Graduate Certificate in Aquaculture and Master of Antarctic Science. It was noted that all Information Systems degrees had also been transferred to the Faculty. A new Master of Forest Science proposal was currently under preparation.
- Two degrees had been renamed - Bachelor of Antarctic Studies and Bachelor of Technology now Bachelor of Antarctic Science and Bachelor of Engineering Technology, respectively.

- Significant Amendments were approved for the Associate Degree in Furniture Design, Bachelor of Antarctic Studies with Honours and Bachelor of Psychology.
- Work on the implementation of the common course structure was progressing well and a report would be made to the first meeting of Academic Senate next year. It was noted that Gail Reardon had been appointed as the Project Officer and that work had already commenced on generic specifications for the common course structure.
- The Associate Dean (Teaching & Learning) congratulated the Faculty on its success in 2008 Learning & Teaching Performance Fund round.
- Carrick Citations were received by five UTas staff. Four were from SET – Dr Chris Burke, Associate Professor Sue Jones, Dr Catriona McLeod and Dr John Purser,
- Teaching Excellence Awards were received by Associate Professor Sue Jones and Dr John Purser. Also, it was noted that in 2008 the Vice-Chancellor’s Teaching Excellence Awards will be replaced by the Vice-Chancellor’s Awards for Outstanding Contributions to Teaching and Learning.
- The University was seeking to actively reduce units by 30%. Progress had been made at the Year 1 level by several Schools but the Faculty would tackle this matter alongside work on the common course structure.

7. OTHER BUSINESS

Nil.