ARO Weekly Newsletter #4 - 13
February 2017

Admissions:

*International*
- Applications are now closed for MUAEA Scholarship for Semester 1 2017 commencement
- We are very busy with late applications and acceptances
- MIT Packaged students who now meet conditions have their full offers and are expected to accept within the next few days
- MIT Packaged students who have not met conditions are busy making a new plan – thanks to The Student Centre Staff for their counselling of these students

Careers and Employment:

- Registrations to the Career Boot camps have been extended until Wednesday 15th February
  - Wednesday 22nd February – Business and Law Career Boot camp
  - Thursday 23rd February – Science, Technology and Engineering Career Boot camp
  - Friday 24th February – Social Sciences, Health and Arts Career Boot camp
  - Register on CareerConnect today! Numbers strictly limited (recent graduates welcome to attend)

- There are still some places left for the Career Workshops and our Panel Event during Careers Week
  - Monday 27th February – 12 to 1.30pm Writing a Resume and Cover Letter Workshop – Post Grad Room ECL 1.031
  - Tuesday 28th February – 1pm to 2.30pm Successful Interviews Skills Workshop – School of Business and Governance (B 513) Learning Link 2.002
  - Wednesday 1st March – 12 to 1.30pm Presenting Professionally to Employers and Networking Workshop - Post Grad Room ECL 2.031

- Thursday 2nd March – 5pm to 7pm The Future of Work Panel Discussion (Career Success after Study) - School of Business and Governance (B 513) Learning Link 1.004
  Panellists including Marc Patterson, (Cisco Systems WA); Gastón Carrión (Accenture, WA); and Simon Avenell (PwC) discuss the impact technology and global economics on company recruitment strategies. Join the discussion and learn how you can effectively prepare for your future career.
**CUTL:**

*Learning Innovations*
- Murdoch has a site-wide license for Grammarly in 2017. All students can register using their Murdoch email address by following the instructions found here: http://goto.murdoch.edu.au/Grammarly
- The old Echo360 environment has been decommissioned. When students are given access to their LMS units, they may find video resources missing in cases where Unit Coordinators have not yet updated links. Students should contact their Unit Coordinator.

*Learning Support Team*
- The Learning Academic Skills Program (LASP) kicked off on the 6th Feb. in KBLT with 26 enrolments
- This program introduces some of the needed academic skills to incoming students and provides the opportunity to connect with some of the support services available at the University. It is on Mondays, Tuesdays and Wednesdays (9.30am until 2pm) until the 15th February. For any queries please contact Julia Hobson, x6054

**Engagement:**

*International*
- AEMS, a Perth based agency with strong migration and education network in China flew two of their staff members from Beijing to Perth as part of their familiarisation tour to all the WA universities. In conjunction with the Lunar New Year holidays in North Asia, they took time off from the busy city of Beijing to chill out in 'sunny' Perth. The visitors spent half the day at the South St campus touring around the facilities at various Schools. See photos here

**Enrolments & Fees:**

*Enrolments*
- Business as usual, with the added spice of very new students, and recent supp and deferred results forcing students to change their minds. Enquiries are running high but mostly under control. No particular patterns have appeared.

*Fees*
- Gentle reminders about due dates for first semester are starting; and less gentle reminders for outstanding summer fees.
- For new students who ask, we don’t send out invoices as they are available on demand in MyInfo. We do send out reminders about due dates in the period leading up to major teaching periods – semester 1 and 2, trimesters, SSAF periods 1 and 2, and summer and winter.
- We are also about to start the process around missing Commonwealth Assistance Forms and TFNs.
- Some OnTrack, K-Track and Star Trek (ah, t’is an Ian joke this last one, no such enabling course exists, well, not yet anyway. Live Long and Prosper!) students who have filled out the online Commonwealth Assistance Form may see fees appearing when they expect to see none. They are not to be concerned – we have to go behind the scenes to change their CAF details at which point the fees will disappear.

*Academic progression*
- Consistent activity with semester 2 progression outcomes still being applied from the initial results release, and later outcomes from supp and deferred results, and the same for Trimester September TNE students.

*In Other Matters*
- Student Records will be involved in the evolution of the Coursework Regulations into their 2018 guise, and the development of the MUCC review changes to the curriculum over the
next few months. The essential brief is to have them in forms that allow efficient, proper, and student/staff friendly administration.

**Equity and Social Inclusion:**
- International Women’s Day Wednesday 8 March 2017 – Be Bold for Change
  Gender equity and gender diversity impact on Australia’s scientific performance and productivity, and data shows that women continue to be underrepresented across STEM fields in Australia. Structural and other barriers continue to impede access to and success in these fields. At Murdoch we have a cohort of ‘bold’ and talented women undertaking research in these fields. Four of these women will share their research journey on International Women’s Day in a panel discussion which will be facilitated by Professor Parisa Bahri, School of Engineering and Information Technology. There will be time for questions, discussion and sharing, moderated by Professor Bahri. The event will be followed by light refreshments.
  Date/time: Wed 8 March 10 – 11.30am
  Venue: Veterinary Clinical Sciences Building 260.1.064
  RSVP: a.carmody@murdoch.edu.au
  Please advise of any access or dietary requirements. All welcome!
- Please advise students with disability/medical conditions to contact our office as early as possible to register and get their supports happening. Please also reinforce the importance of attending appointments once they are scheduled.
- The first ALLY discussion group commences on Thurs 2 March 12.30 – 1.30pm in ECL 1.026. All welcome. Bring along your lunch!
- Disability Drop In Sessions: 15 min aptmts only are available with the Disability Advisor during these sessions: Monday 27 Feb 1 – 3pm and Wednesday 8 March 9 – 11am.

**Graduations and Results:**

**Graduations**
- Due to weather forecasts the Graduation Ceremony on Monday 13 Feb (tonight) will be held at the Perth Convention and Exhibition Centre. There is no change for the Graduation Ceremonies to held on campus on Wed 15 Feb and Friday 17 Feb.
- A big Thank you to The Student Centre, Meet Murdoch Team, Professional Services, IT and my colleagues in the Graduations Office for working so well together to ensure all affected students were informed of the change in time
- **Friday 17 February** is the last day for Singapore graduands to confirm their attendance without incurring a late fee

**Results**
- Summer Board of Examiners are running this week. Summer results are scheduled to be released on Friday 17 February 2017.

**MU Health:**

**Medical Service**
- as part of the Medical Centre undertaking accreditation, we are now registered for Closing the Gap scheme to improve provision of healthcare for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders
  *Acupuncture Guided Meditation Workshops*
- Murdoch University Health (Medical) is offering further acupuncture guided meditation workshops for staff wellness, run by one of our doctors Dr Su Lin Wan. (See attached flyer)
- The four-week workshop will train you in qigong meditation techniques with the guidance of acupuncture (max 8 participants per course)
This course also includes a continuation class for past participants wanting to expand their practice.

**Workshop Dates and Times**
Mondays 13th March to April 3rd inclusive
- 1100-1200: Beginners class
- 1230-1330: Beginners class
- 1400-1500: Continuation class

Costs – Part-funded by Medicare with a gap fee of $30 per class, attendance is required for all four classes, deposit for attendance $30x 4 ($120)

For enrolments and bookings please contact Murdoch Uni Health: Medical ext. 2293 or medicauserService@murdoch.edu.au to request an enrolment form.

**Counselling Service**
- is offering a full program of workshops, information can be found on the webpage or by contacting the service. These include some sessions that have been developed specifically for international orientation.
- Mental Health First Aid training dates are out and the first course is in Peel on 10th March

**OSQA: Analytics and Reporting**
- On Friday 10 February, OSQA circulated the second edition of its new OSQA Insights Series. This edition looks into the many undergraduate major combinations since 2012 and how these majors (and the owning Schools) are interconnected. The hope is that his will assist Schools, but also central functions such as Marketing and the ARO, with better understanding the popularity and attractiveness of our offerings and hence assist future planning.
- The infographic is attached and also at \groupdata.ad.murdoch.edu.au\files\B\MIP\Public\OSQA\Reports\OSQA Insights Series, with an interactive Tableau Report titled Undergraduate Major Combinations accessible at \groupdata.ad.murdoch.edu.au\files\B\MIP\Public\OSQA\Reports\Tableau reports. You will need to map this drive to your network drive, if you haven’t. Also please ensure you have a current Tableau reader or desktop to access these files, if not, you can download it on https://www.tableau.com/support/releases/10.1.4

**The Student Centre:**
**Parking:**
- If you require a permit, please go online. If you have already purchased a permit online and yet to receive it, please be patient, it’s in the mail … honest. Your 2016 permit will be fine ‘til the 17th Feb.

**Student Support:**
**Scholarships**
- All Nursing specific scholarships are now CLOSED
- US Financial Aid Auditing underway for 2016 financial year
- The Indigenous Commonwealth Scholarships has been rebranded to Kulbardi Indigenous Scholarships. The link will be live as of Wednesday this week.
- Scholarships K-Track presentation taking place this Wednesday 15 Feb.
- All other scholarships still open until 6th March

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