ARO Weekly Newsletter #38 – Oct. 23 2017

Admissions and Advanced Standing:

- On the international front, there were 157 applications received of which mainly were submitted from Bhutan, India, Kenya and those currently in Australia
- For domestic applications, we had received 160 in total, with 19% of applications for an Enabling Course, 35% for Undergraduate and 46% for a Graduate Course.
- There were approximately 171 Advanced Standing requests received in the week

Careers Centre:

**News:**
2017 October CareerConnect newsletter is out now
*Features Psychology Honours Graduate, Laura McWhae who is currently employed as a Community Mental Health worker.*

**This week’s top job picks on CareerConnect:**
- **2018 Graduate Officer** – Dept of Planning, Lands and Heritage in Perth (City) – Multidisciplinary (Arts, Business, Maths) – Closing date 7th November
- **Financial Planning Assistant** – Resolve Financial Planning in Osbourne Park (Perth) – Finance major or similar – Closing date 2 November
- **Law Clerk (part-time)** – Appius Lawyers in Balcatta (Perth) – Law major – Closing date 30 Nov
- **Assistant Teachers and Head Teachers (casual)** – Code Camp (during 2017/18 Summer School holidays) – Perth – IT or Education majors - Closing date 30 November

*For more current job opportunities head to the CareerConnect Jobs Page*

**On-campus Event:**
Murdoch Business Society – Careers Day . All business students welcome to attend. Learning Link - Tuesday 24 Oct @ 10am – 1pm.

**CUTL:**

**CUTL Learning Innovations**
- Getting ready to deploy an updated Heatmap block into all LMS units to help teaching staff know which activities and resources students are using most in their sites.
- Richard Lefroy is leading our work with colleagues in ITS to prepare for our biannual upgrade to Moodle.
- Some great work being done recently by Kate Rodgers to assist staff and students with their use of Urkund for academic integrity in essay writing. It’s not all about the % score!
- Silvia Dewiyanti and Clarence Sin are just commencing a project to refresh the LMS presence for a bunch of units in the School of Education.

**CUTL, Learning Support Team**

**PAC Updates**
So far, the PAC team have provided 475 student consultations (end 10/10/2017), 2/10 – 10/10, 53 consultations were provided, most surrounding ‘other academic assistance,’
All PAC team members have now completed the ‘Responding to Disclosures of Sexual Assault’ online training,
We have completed a 2.5 hour afternoon training with the PAC team with Dan Byles (Resilience) and Kay (Security), surrounding responding to specific incidents that have occurred for the semester. The PAC team found this very useful, and we thank them for their time and willingness to speak with us.

**PASS Updates**
Majority of session observations have been completed,
We will be conducting more observations over the next few weeks,
So far, this semester PASS has provided 2637 hours of support, and keeping reasonably consistent weekly attendants,
617 Unique students have attended a PASS session (this is a rise from last semester)

**Engagement:**

**Future Students Team**

- Last week, the Future Students Team headed out to speak to all OnTrack students about transitioning to their degree course in Semester 1. Sessions were held at all three campuses and hundreds of students attending.
- Kayla spent much for her week last week in the Peel region heading to a presentation at Halls Head Community College to talk to Year 10’s and attending the Peel Employment Expo at the Mandurah Aquatic & Recreation Centre. Thanks to staff from Nursing and OnTrack who attended this with Kayla.
- This week, Kayla hosts 60 ATAR bound Year 10’s on campus from Kelmscott SHS who are here to do course and careers exploration on our beautiful campus.
- Rockingham will being seeing a lot of the Future Students Team this week as Annie heads to the Gary Holland Community Centre to exhibit at the Shape Your Future Youth Careers Expo all day on Wednesday and May exhibits at the Rockingham Beach Primary School Community Expo.
- Lastly, as Term 4 is in full swing and the FSO’s will be making appointments at all of their schools visiting careers counsellors and locking in dates, discussing new programs and initiatives and saying thanks for a great year.
FYI – Future Students will be out of the office from the 8-10th November as we all attend the National Association of Prospective Student Advisors Conference (a biannual conference which is being held in Perth for the first time in 10 years).

Equity:

Events:

1. **PrideFest Flag Ceremony and Discussion Panel**
   Thursday October 26 Flag Ceremony (Bush Court) at 10.40am followed by a Discussion Panel at 11am-12.30pm (lunch provided) Venue: 460.1.031 (post grad suite)
   A panel discussion from author and participants for *Trans Pathways: The Mental Health Experiences and Care Pathways of Trans Young People. Summary of Results*
   All welcome! RSVP: equity@murdoch.edu.au

2. **LACE & Murdoch Village International Food Festival**
   Come and join us for a Multicultural Feast! Friday 3 November 6pm at the Murdoch University Village.
   Want to cook? Find a couple of friends that would be interested in cooking with you! Decide on what cuisine you would like to cook and sign up at The Village admin office, or by emailing Kathy. (Kathy-Mae.Tondut@clv.com.au) We will provide your group with a $20 coles voucher for your food shopping! Can’t cook? No worries. We welcome everyone to come down on the night and for a $2 donation you can try the different cuisines. But please RSVP.

NOTE: For the coming weeks please direct any queries relating to the Language and Cultural Program or to the ALLY Program to Erica Ext 6146 as Abigayle Carmody had left us and returned to her home ground in Melbourne.

*Please advise students with disability and medical conditions that:*

- the Equity and Social Inclusion Office does not generally co-ordinate end of semester exams for them. Students need to contact the Exams Office instead. For final exams run by the exams office, the students should not key the same exams into EQAL.
- they need to check EQAL on their LMS for relevant info and messages if already registered with Equity and Social Inclusion.

**Student Support:**

Last week we provided some insight into what Student Support do. In keeping with the theme, here is a little more about us:

- Student Support collaborate with other areas in the University to ensure students receive valuable information and guidance during their transition to Murdoch University. Once such way this is done is through Orientation. The team have opened the doors for orientation planning once again and we’re drawing inspiration from every direction.
Abbey Barnett has had a massive influx of knowledge and information after returning from the NODA Orientation Professionals Institute in Adelaide and we’re harnessing that information to work toward an even better orientation!

Revisions to the International Student Orientation Program are underway. In collaboration with CUTL and Health and Counselling, further improvements are being made to the new international orientation format introduced earlier this year, which led to a significant increase in the local area orientation ISB ratings.

If you have any comments or feedback regarding orientation and transition activities for any student, please contact us.

The Student Centre:

There has been an increase in the number of enquiries in the last week. These have included:

- Graduation enquiries
- Course transfers
- New criminology courses
- Future students enquiries
- Encumbrances due to non-payment of SSAF fees - it seems there is still a misunderstanding amongst students regarding what needs to be done to defer these fees. Maybe something that could be tagged for Orientation to increase the awareness of forms that do need to be completed?

TNE:

TNE – Week 8 September Trimester

- Jenny Crawford has returned from Singapore. Jenny met with staff from the University of Adelaide to discuss how Murdoch can assist their students with cross-institutional studies, due to the closure of the Ngee Ann Adelaide Education Centre (NAAEC) in Singapore. NAAEC will close by the end of February 2018. Those that haven’t completed their degree with the Uni of Adelaide will have the option to complete doing MU units. We expect approx. 50 students will opt to study cross institutionally. A process has been developed to make sure these students have a smooth transition over to MU/Kaplan to complete. If staff have any queries, please direct to Jenny Crawford jenny.crawford@murdoch.edu.au
- Unit Resource Lists for the January trimester have now been provided to our TNE partners.
- All new commencing students at Kaplan as from 2018 will purchase their own text books, as will current/continuing students who are required to repeat a unit. Continuing students will have their text books purchased and provided by Kaplan. Kaplan will use a new supplier, Times Publishing Group, students will order their text via a portal. This is a new process for Kaplan.
Kaplan have registered 16 new double major combinations with the regulator (CPE) to be offered in 2018. That totals 180 double majors on offer. Post Graduate awards are also on offer, MBA, MHRM and MPA.

Singapore Graduation Ceremonies will be held this weekend 28\textsuperscript{th}/29\textsuperscript{th} October. The VC with other MU staff will travel to Singapore to attend the ceremonies. The Dubai Graduation Ceremony will be held on the 4\textsuperscript{th} November in Dubai.