Welcome back for the New Year. I hope you all had a good break and are feeling reinvigorated. We are in the process of shortlisting applicants for two accounting positions, and should commence interviews shortly. Also on the subject of recruitment, you may have seen the advertisements for the School Dean’s position advertised last week, and is currently on the university website. Consistent with the refocusing of the School that was previously flagged, the advertisement seeks a Dean that is oriented towards the development of business and industry partnerships.

The review of the MUCC changes that was being driven by the DVCE was tabled in Academic Council last week, and a number of changes have been flagged, which retain the spirit of MUCC, but relax its inflexibilities. Accordingly, this offers us the opportunity to review and restructure our undergraduate courses to derive something that is contemporary, pedagogically sound, and in the process have greater appeal to students. My preference is for this to be a whole of School approach where each discipline, while revising their own unit offerings, will be mindful of the need to integrate their courses into a coherent business degree. Economic considerations will mean that rather than adding new units where it is believed that new or updated content is required, units should be restructured or replaced.

This will be the final School Newsletter produced by Marcela. Marcela will be taking up a lecturer position at Curtin this semester, and will therefore be unable to continue as editor. I am sure you will all agree that the quality of the Newsletters she has produced over the last years has been exceptional. Accordingly, I wish to thank her very much for her work, and wish her well in her job at Curtin, and future career.

Grant.
**BLiP Update**  
**Blended Learning - Singapore – January 2017**

Early feedback from Singapore indicates that students like blended learning. They enjoy the flexibility, accessibility and the quality (in most units) of this new approach. Whilst there have been a couple of minor technical glitches in Singapore with the LMS and the new Echo360 ALP platform, overall the implementation of blended learning has been a great success. Thank you to all the UCs who worked so hard to meet the deadlines and to ensure the quality of teaching and learning in Singapore.

Whilst implementation has gone smoothly, we need to continue to support students with adapting to the changes in learning. Singapore reported that many students are turning up unprepared. This is similar to our South street students who have experienced the change in learning approach in one of the units (BBS100, BBS150, BBS200) that implemented blended learning early in 2016. Feedback from these unit coordinators suggest that UCs must reinforce the message that students must come prepared, particularly in the first few workshops/seminars. This message can be reinforced by:

- reminding students in workshops about what they need to do before class,
- emailing students via the LMS to remind them what they need to prepare for workshop/seminars, and
- Using the first 10-15 minutes of workshops/seminars to review through short activities such as quizzes, questions, one minute papers and other learning activities.

**May 2017**

Most units scheduled for May delivery are progressing well. This is just a reminder that your LMS site must be complete by 31 January, 2017. At a minimum:

- Unit information and learning guide (UILG) tailored for TNE May and uploaded to the LMS. Remember most units are running 6 Workshops/seminars x 4 hours. This is different to how units will be taught on South Street so you will need to tailor this information.
- Ensure all teaching and learning materials are available on the LMS
- Populate the LMS tabs at the top of each session must be populated
- Check the links on your site to ensure that they work

If you need help please contact Melori Visheh Email: M.Visheh@murdoch.edu.au or Tel: 9360 2155

**Meeting Highlights**

No Discipline Leaders or Executive meetings were held in the last fortnight.
School Publications


Thank you, Melorina Visheh

The school would like to thank Melorina Visheh for her outstanding efforts in assisting in the development of materials and digital assets for the Blended Learning Program. The project involved tremendous challenges for staff at the School and achieving this would have been impossible without her diligence and commitment.

Exciting news - The front of the Library is being remodelled!

We’re excited to announce that the North Wing Level 3 entrance is being remodelled to provide a new and more flexible experience for students and staff. The new space will feature user-friendly areas for individual and collaborative learning and peer assisted coaching along with purpose built exhibition facilities.

We are also looking forward to delivering a brand new customer focussed service model.

The project is due for completion by April 2017.

In the meantime, the Library and IT help desks have been temporarily relocated to North Wing Level 2.

We thank you for your patience while work is in progress.

Visit the Library website or our Facebook page for updates on this project.
Hon Kim Beazley - Celebratory lunch

The Sir Walter Murdoch School hosted one of Murdoch’s favourite former faculty, the Hon Kim Beazley, for a celebratory lunch to mark his Honorary Doctorate in Public Policy and International Affairs. Dr Beazley taught at Murdoch in the 1970s and one of Australia’s most distinguished political leaders and public servants, and was most recently Ambassador to the United States of America.

Association of Professional Schools

Sir Walter Murdoch School Dean Ben Reilly was an invited participant at the Association of Professional Schools of International Affairs (APSIA) annual meeting in Singapore in January 5-7, 2017.

The meeting was hosted by the Lee Kuan Yew School of Public Policy at NUS to discuss the challenges facing schools of public policy and international affairs, including and also included a Foreign Affairs-sponsored conference, ‘Has the World Changed?’, with presentations from deans of graduate schools from across the world.

Can China Democratize?

Sir Walter Murdoch School Dean Ben Reilly gave an invited lecture on 16 January 2017 to the United Nations University (UNU) in Tokyo on “Can China Democratize?”, as part of a project looking at the prospects for political evolution within China and the impact of China’s rise on democracy elsewhere in the Asia-Pacific, including Australia.

The UNU is a global think tank and postgraduate teaching organization headquartered in Japan. Prof Reilly was hosted by the UNU’s Centre for Policy Research, which informs major UN policy processes in the fields of peace and security, humanitarian affairs, and global development.
You are invited to attend the 4th International Conference on CSR, Sustainability, Ethics & Governance. This is the fourth international gathering of its kind after successful events held in London, Nanjing and Cologne in previous years and will take place at Murdoch University, Western Australia, 26-28 July 2017.

View Event Summary

CALL FOR ABSTRACTS

The CSR Organising Committee is currently inviting submission of abstracts for oral presentations for the Conference. The Conference is organised by the Centre for Responsible Citizenship and Sustainability at Murdoch University in collaboration with the Global Corporate Governance Institute.

To have your abstract considered for acceptance, you must submit before the abstract deadline of 28th

**Important Dates**

- Early Bird Deadline..................21 April 2017
- Abstract Submission Deadline ..........28 February 2017
- Author acceptance..........................31 March 2017
- Full Paper Submission Deadline........31 May 2017
- Author Registration........................31 May 2017

To submit your abstract [click here](#)

Please respond by clicking [here](#)

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