ARO Weekly Newsletter #10 - 3 April 2017

Admissions:

Advanced Standing
- Working on Semester 2 and beyond – requests from both international and domestic applicants
- We’re reviewing our business process to improve our service level

Domestic
- Commenced application assessment and making offers for Semester 2, 2017
- Over 1000 applications in the system for S2
- Already made about 400 offers, with more than 200 acceptances
- Next cab off the rank – making offers to deferred students from previous intakes

International
- The team’s ploughing through the hundreds of Semester 2 applications that had to be put on hold while finalising Semester 1’s previously, we’re up to the last handful now
- Acceptances has also been coming in on a constant pace.
- In the next 3 weeks or so, Admissions staff are taking turns going on leave, however, we are still striving to stay on top to meet the level of demand.
- Last but not least…
  Tim Carcione is now a DAD – to Sofia Grace Carcione! Congratulations to Tim and Alex!

Articulations:

Approved (in March)
- Republic Polytechnic (Singapore)
  o Diploma in Biotechnology (R16) into B1317 Bachelor of Science in Forensic Biology and Toxicology
- Brickfields Asia College International Sdn Bhd (Malaysia)
  o UK Degree Transfer Program (Law) (KR11587) into MU’s B1321 Bachelor of Laws (LLB) (2+2)

Careers and Employment:
- Applications are still open for the following Graduate Programs:
2018 Graduate Development Program – Department of Infrastructure and Regional Development - Available to a range of disciplines for students who completed their degree within the last 5 years (Australian Citizens) – Canberra, ACT - Closing on 10 April

2018 Graduate Development Program – Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet - Available to a range of disciplines for students who completed their degree within the last 5 years (Australian Citizens) - Canberra, ACT - Closing 1 May

2018 Graduate ICT Development Program – ICT students who completed their degree within the last 7 years are offered this 12 month program and a unique opportunity to apply for a position with numerous Australian Government agencies - Canberra, ACT - Closing 7 April

Jetstar Graduate Program 2018 – Open to both Murdoch University Domestic and International students – Melbourne, Vic - Closing 18 April

Other Career activities

Murdoch Law Career Mentoring Program – For Murdoch University penultimate or final year Law students – Please register via CareerConnect - Closing 13 April.

Internships and Work Placements Presentations – Information on how to prepare yourself for an internship – Available sessions: 4 April, 5 April and on 7 April 1.30 to 2.30pm in ECL 2.031 (Post Grad Room) Please register via CareerConnect.

Write a Resume Workshop - for ARTS/Business students – For all current Arts/Business students and recent graduates – Wednesday 5 April from 1.00pm to 2.00pm at Education and Humanities Building 450. 2.032 (Meeting Room) Please register via CareerConnect.

CUTL:

Learning Innovations
- A new footer has been deployed in the LMS which brings attention to the various Learning Support services available for students. This is present in all units and provides links to the Student Advisors, UniEdge, PACs and Kulbardi amongst other things.
- An increasing number of Unit Coordinators are deploying Learning Analytics tools in their LMS units to help that monitor student behaviour. The HeatMap tool which highlights resource or activity areas in the unit that are most or least used. The Progress Bar tool provides both staff and students with a snapshot of their progress through unit activities. The Student Tracker displays when students last logged in, highlighting inactive students for possible contact by Unit Coordinators.

Learning Support Team
- Many of the areas of the ARO will have received (or are about to receive) a stack of postcards (see attachment) promoting the Study Successfully website
- Please distribute to students as widely as possible. Unfortunately, many students do not realise how much on-line learning support is available on the website.
- Feedback from first year students who use the website and especially the new DALAS resources, is that it is extremely useful to them. Help get the message out there!

Engagement:

Domestic
Future Students Team:
- We’d like to announce the appointment of Samantha Cobb to the Future Student Officer role. Sam began with us on Monday 27th March and comes with a wealth of experience having worked most recently at CPA and before that with Curtin University. If you see Sam, please don’t hesitate to introduce yourself and welcome her to the Murdoch community.
- Our regional visits continue with May traveling through Geraldton last week from the 29th – 31st March and visiting Geraldton Senior, Nagle College, Geraldton Grammar and Strathalbyn College.
This week we are full steam ahead. It’s the last week of Term 1 and we have audiences with Canningvale College, Aranmore College, Rockingham SHS, Rossmoyne SHS, Armadale SHS and St Mark’s Anglican School.

We are also busy with two major events at PCEC this week. The WWW2017 conference, in which Murdoch is a major sponsor, will be held over 4 days (Tues-Fri) this week. This is a great opportunity for postgraduate recruitment across Games, IT and Communications disciplines. In addition, the Big Day In is a IT event for High School students (also held at PCEC) on Wed 5th April

International

- **China – Maple Fu** With the busy recruitment period kicking in, Maple Fu has been busy attending agent fairs and conducting seminars at schools in various cities of China. Some of the schools visited was Shanghai United International Schools, Garden Country Schools events in both Silver Beach campus and Foshan campus in GuangZhou, China. Please click here to view some photos of Murdoch being well received in China.

Outreach

- The Outreach team hosted eighteen Year 11 Integrated Science students from Thornlie SHS on Friday 31st March, where the theme of the day was forensic science. A/Prof. Bob Mead delivered a fascinating presentation on a real life case, before students completed several practical activities in forensic anthropology and bloodstain pattern analysis. The visit provided the opportunity for the Outreach Team to trial two new workshops with students, and these can now be refined for delivery to our target schools. The feedback from the teacher was that, “the students were thoroughly engaged and might I add, enthralled”, and the student feedback was just as positive. Overall, it was a successful visit for the Outreach Team.

Enrolments & Fees:

- Having cancelled students for non-payment of fees, not providing tax file numbers, and not submitting Commonwealth assistance Forms, we are now dealing with the various reactions. Some students will be able to prove they took sufficient action before the census date to have their enrolment reinstated.

- The Student Services and Amenities Fee (SSAF) for first semester was determined by enrolments on 1 April, and we will start the process of advising students of their SSAF shortly.

- A series of working meetings are occurring with Admissions to address specific problems and opportunities from the latest round. There is several months work between both offices on this, and the end result should be a better service to students.

Equity and Social Inclusion:

- If you become aware of any student who requires urgent assistance from Equity and Social Inclusion and may not have an aptmt with a Disability Advisor in the near future, please contact Sharyn Curr on Ext 7375 or via email.

- The ALlY network continues to meet fortnightly, and further information is available from Abigayle Carmody Ext 2719 or Email: A.Carmody@murdoch.edu.au

- If students who are already registered with our office indicate that they do not know how to log into their Equity account, please direct them to this link: https://eqal.murdoch.edu.au/pages/student.php

- The Language and Cultural Exchange Program has commenced meeting regularly and further information can be obtained from Abigayle Carmody Ext 2719 or Email: A.Carmody@murdoch.edu.au

Kulbardi:
- Kulbardi would like to welcome our two new staff members, Kulbardi Student Success Officer, Chanelle Van Den Berg and Indigenous Academic Fellow, Sylvia Lockyer. We’ve also added 21 internal K-Track students to our list of new faces around the centre. The K-Track students have already headed out on their first excursion and are loving the experience so far!
- Our newly implemented Ngoolark program has also seen some great success with over 13 students enrolled in the unit. Ngoolark students are already reporting about their small wins and it’s been fantastic to see them achieving the small goals they are setting for themselves.
- We’re currently gearing ourselves up for a busy few months ahead in terms of events, the first big event for the year being Deadly Dreaming. Deadly Dreaming is a transition event for ATSI high school students which allows them to network with organisations offering real opportunities after school. To find out more or get involved, please contact Shae on 9360 2551.

OSQA:
- Access to Management Information Environment is now available from our OSQA page.
- Also an overview of all reports, data sources and systems related Student Lifecycle Reporting can be found in the Reporting and Analytics page. The report is staff MAIS protected.

Student Support:
Transition and Retention
- Communication sent to 35 International Students on the progression warning status, inviting them to meet with Student Support as part of an Early Intervention Strategy
- There are 5 international students on an Academic Performance Plan who are being supported by our office to return to good-standing
- Katrina is working with the Student Volunteers as part of a new project to engage with international students throughout the semester
- Documents and lists were submitted as part of the first stage of the External ESOS Audit
- We are currently analysing staff feedback for S1/17 Orientation - please submit to Abbey or Larson if you haven’t already
- The new MyStart Survey is being deployed on Monday morning. The survey asks new undergrads who started this semester (both Dom & Int) to rate their experience with getting started and the first four weeks at Murdoch (specifically Orientation and UniEdge).

Special Programs
- Australia Awards
  - 2016 Murdoch University Annual Report was submitted to DFAT Friday. This provides a response to/information on the following areas:
    - Key performance requirements
    - Awardee achievements
    - Institution initiatives
  - Semester 1, 2017 AAS welcome function ran on 24 March 2017, and was well attended
  - Organising Tutors for students to help them write theses and/or assist them with particular units/projects
  - Initial Academic Program (IAP) dates have been set for S2, 2017 – it runs from 19 June – 14 July. This is a course scholars do prior to their main course and covers such things as intercultural understanding
- Elite Athletes
  - Organising extensions and make-ups for missed material due to sporting absences
- Australian Defence Force
Assessing applications for the program for new and existing students

TNE:

Week 13 January Trimester

- Last week of the January Trimester, students go on study break next week to prepare for final examinations
- Dr Max Sully, Dubai Dean, is on campus this week. He is located in the TNE office, Building 460, Level 3, Room 3.010
- Yukiko Stransky is on leave, returning on the 26th April. Nathan Tozer is covering for her while she is away.
- May preparations continue, schools are putting their final touches to the LMS sites and uploading UILG’s, due next Monday