



# ED NEWS

FACULTY OF EDUCATION  
LATROBE UNIVERSITY

Volume 3: Issue 7

3 July 2007

Congratulations to all Faculty staff who have been successful in receiving grants through Learning and Teaching funds of the University. The latest of these grants have been awarded for a Common First Year project (\$100,000) and two flagship units to be provided as online learning units (\$70,000 each unit). I also acknowledge formally here the tremendous support this Faculty has received from the PVC (Academic) Professor Denise Kirkpatrick who has now taken up a position with the Open University in the United Kingdom. We wish her well in her new appointment and thank her for all of her input into learning and teaching within this Faculty.

I also formally welcome to the Faculty Lillian Austin who joins us as an Educational Designer. In the middle of July we will also be joined by Shem McDonald who will also work across the Faculty in the area of Educational Design. These positions are critical to the Faculty as we move into more intensive online, educational technology and blended learning approaches into the future. These two members of staff will work across the Faculty as a whole and their activities will be coordinated through Jennifer Sheed in her capacity as Associate Dean (Academic).

Discussions for the restructure of the Faculty are now well under way and we are fortunate that the Vice Chancellor has offered to address the Faculty staff on July 9th. This discussion will provide an opportunity for the Vice Chancellor to indicate in broad terms, how the Faculty restructure and his immanent Green Paper align. It is expected that the Green Paper will be released on July 23 and in this paper the Vice Chancellor will outline his vision for the future directions of the University. There have been a number of planning meetings at senior management level and University Council level in light of the new directions the University is likely to take as a result of the Green Paper. It is expected that the discussions in these meetings will be reflected in the Green Paper.

It has now been announced that the second round of AUQA audits are to occur in the University in Semester 2, 2009. We know that one of the themes to be audited across the University is internationalization and the second theme is to be negotiated between AUQA and

the University. It will also be important that we are able to provide evidence for all claims made about what has been achieved and also that we can demonstrate how we have addressed the recommendations from the previous review. A Working Group consisting of the Professors, Associate Deans and Registrar has been formed to lead the Faculty through the AUQA process and will immediately begin the preparations. There will also be University wide processes to prepare for this audit.

The targets for our 2008 intake have been agreed at University level and no increase in EFTSL has been requested by this Faculty for next year. Given that in each of the previous three years we have had growth, albeit slight in 2007, it is appropriate for a year of consolidation to occur. Whilst the numbers of EFTSL have remained the same for 2008 the distribution of those EFTSL has been changed to reflect the ability of campuses to meet targets in 2007.

Thank you to all staff who have worked so hard on the portfolio for the RQF. This has been a mammoth task and in particular we thank Margaret Robertson for her leadership in this ongoing activity. In order to provide support for the RQF and to address the current research activities of the Faculty, we have seconded Gail McNaulty to the position of Faculty Research Administrator for a period of 12 months. We welcome Gail to the Faculty and thank her for her work so far. In doing this we also thank Terri D'Argenio-Smith for her dedicated work in the research area prior to her appointment to her new role within the Faculty.

Cheers,

