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As we embark on Semester 2, and following mid-year intakes, it is a good time to take stock of our situation against various targets. As of the Load Monitoring Report of 30/7/07 the Faculty of Education is at 102.2% of target across the Faculty as a whole. This breaks down as 106.5% undergraduate enrolment and 94% postgraduate enrolment. The campus figures are:

Bundoora	101.9%
Bendigo	104.1%
Albury-Wodonga	86.4%
Mildura	97.8%
Shepparton	99.2%

Local fee paying numbers are at 90.4% of target and international fee paying students are at 108.1% of target which combined brings the fee paying to 98.1% of target overall. For interest the overall targets across the other Faculties are as follows:

Education	102.2%
Health Sciences	104.4%
HUSS	103.7%
FLM	112.4%
STE	99.1%
<b>Uni Total</b>	<b>104.6%</b>

The University budget model for 2008 is to change from a "Fund Accounting" model to a "Cost Accounting" model which implies that costs associated with the delivery of services are aligned with the available income to provide those services. This model sees the Faculties as the service providers of Education and Research activities and the Central Service Providers as responsible for supporting the Faculties for the delivery of shared services across the University. The Faculties will thus be charged for all corporate services according to cost drivers which are attached to each service. The Commonwealth and Full Fee income will be distributed to the Faculties in order to buy in the services. All leave entitlements are to be managed centrally. An incentive policy is to be developed to promote good financial management to allow major budget units that perform well financially to invest for the future. Submissions for approval to maintain any surplus funds within a budget unit will require detailed analysis of commitments against specific funds indicating the purpose for which

the funds are to be spent. Within the Faculty we are working to identify cost drivers and costs for delivery of all courses as part of the transition to the new cost driven budget model.

An initial meeting with the two Educational Designers for the Faculty was held in Shepparton and priorities were set for the initial phase of their work. These priorities are: the Common First Year Project; Grad Dip in Education (Middle Years) at Shepparton incorporating core elements which will be appropriate across all Graduate Diploma Education programs across all campuses; two flagship units - one focusing on Research Methods and the other one elearning; and the required minimum presence on WebCT for all units by the end of 2007. The Educational Designers will be working with staff across all campuses and in addition to this, some specific technical support will be provided where there is a demonstrated need.

Following the circulation of the Vice Chancellor's Green Paper and the staff discussions about this paper which are currently being held, a University Strategic Plan will be forthcoming in December. This Plan will form the basis for Faculty 5 year Plans which will then be formulated. This will coincide with the transition to the new Faculty structure which will be recommended following the external consultant's report which is due at the end of September. Thank you once again to all staff for your input and contribution to this phase of what promises to be an exciting era of change within the Faculty and the University.

As indicated in a previous message I will be overseas from August 23 to September 12 during which time Professor Frank Hardman will be Acting Dean. Thank you in advance to Frank for undertaking this Faculty wide role. I would also like to thank all staff for their contribution to the Open Days on the various campuses throughout August. The dedication of staff to these events is valued and is also crucial in informing prospective students of the

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