

MINUTES

SCHOOL OF POPULATION HEALTH AND CLINICAL PRACTICE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Tuesday 23rd October at 11.30
Discipline of Public Health Meeting Room

Present: Konrad Jamrozik (Convenor), Cate Howell (proxy for Nigel Stocks), Tiger Leaton (proxy for Anne Tonkin), John Moss, Jonathan Newbury, Judy Magarey, Jennifer Dowling (proxy for Sandy McFarlane) and Felicia Matthews (Minutes).

1. Welcome and apologies

K Jamrozik welcomed Jennifer Dowling from the CMVH to the Committee. Jenny will be replacing Michel Devine during her maternity leave period.

Apologies: Jenni Caruso and Janet Hiller.

2. Minutes of previous meetings 10/10/07

Actions:

One application for nomination for the Graduate Certificate in Education has been sent to Maree O'Keefe.

The Head of School reported to the Faculty Executive the mixed response regarding changing of telephone numbers. Since then, Phil Ryan has advised to change to 8313 XXXX.

Heads of Disciplines have given approximate numbers to the Head of School regarding possible teaching contracts, and there has been no more discussion to date.

3. School Planning Session held 22/10/07

The Head of School asked for the groups feedback on the School Planning session:

- It was positive to have staff from disciplines and units together and good to have opportunities for staff to interact
- Nametags were suggested for future events
- The group agreed on an "End of Year" celebration
- Initially there was not a lot of conversation from the floor, but towards end of session people's input and voting was a good way to come to consensus
- There will be another follow-up session
- There was a lot of consistency in areas of interest
- We have a series of issues that have been identified and we need to work out how our school and discipline/unit can contribute

J Moss asked if there will be a relationship with the disciplines strategic plans and will the disciplines continue to have strategic plans in the future? The Head of School said that the main concern is to focus on strengths and growth; however there is a perception about the university's strategic plan focussed on volume rather than quality which is of concern. This highlighted education is our core business, and is not mentioned in the University statement and has not been built into the structure of the Faculty like research.

4. Any other business

Report from Faculty Executive Committee

- There has been discussion regarding contribution from this school in relation to internationalisation. We have three staff with this expertise and need to consider other offshore adventures. Other staff include Afzal Mahmood who is heavily involved in work with Pakistan, Indonesia and has done a lot of work with Viv Burgess (Associate Dean International) and John Taplin (Pro Vice Chancellor International) and Peng Bi has links in Shandong.
- There was discussion around students needs when they arrive in Australia (or our University) in regards to issues of intellectual style and the need for some sort of formal program to help them. Nursing's international quota is 10 positions, with 41 applications. There was some agreement with Neville Marsh that a fulltime tutor will be appointed to assist them. There are five applications for the Grad Diploma for next year but the application process is problematic. There are issues around the internal process but applications will be available online next year from Semester Two, so this should improve the process. The Government funds Australian students only for rural student placements, and the SGRHS do run an international health seminar over three weeks which is optional. There are a number of international students doing PhDs in General Practice and enrolled in the Grief and Palliative Care course, which will focus on potential internationally and building relationships with online courses. This is something that the School should focus on. The Head of School has asked Peter Beilby about a shared drive across the whole school which will be challenging but needs to be done and web accessible.
- Consolidation of HR files
- DEST money allocation - Chris Soterious has been asked to press the University in regard to special funds earmarked to support clinical placements.
- The Head of School asked for a "wish list" if the School was to be located in a new building:
 - Security of computer facilities
 - All of Public Health would like to be in the same building, including the OEH lab
 - classroom facilities
 - student rooms
 - Computing lab
 - Teaching space without fixed seating
 - Meeting Room
 - Seminar Room
 - Tea room
 - NOT the design of the new university prototype for new academic offices
 - Teaching space where you can demonstrate
 - Parking
- The Head of School asked what implications the new "Marg" would have on the Discipline of Nursing:
 - As it is, it would be useful for Nursing to stay in the RAH offices and near RAH
 - If the "Marg" goes ahead, it would be a considerable threat and the Executive Dean will consider Nursing being located in the new hospital
 - The MLTU also needs to be near the Marg

- SGRHS would like to be co-located with the Disciplines and UniSA Division of Health Sciences
- General Practice has the convenience of being close to the Medical School (and students)

5. Next meeting

Wednesday 7th November at 9.00am.