Welcome to the latest edition of the Faculty of Education's Bulletin. This bulletin contains important news on Faculty Funding Schemes, networking opportunities for HDR candidates, and so much more...

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➢ Save the date! Faculty of Arts and Education Research and Supervision Forum

The Faculty of Arts and Education will be hosting a 3-day Faculty Research and Supervision Forum (**August 24-26, 2016** at Bathurst campus) for all academic staff designated as Teaching/Research or Research only. A committee encompassing all EIGHT schools in the new Faculty is being put together to design an exciting program of activities that will be seen by staff as appealing and useful. The aim is to set up opportunities for staff to engage in conversations about individual and collaborative research activities, and to consider possibilities for new research directions within the goals and parameters of CSU and external research environments.

Stay tuned for more details!

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➢ **Faculty of Education Grant Development Fund**

Academic staff can find the guidelines and application form for the revised **Grant development funding scheme**, which provides funds to support the preparation of external grant submissions. Please contact Linda Harrison (Associate Dean – Research, Faculty of Arts and Education, lharrison@csu.edu.au) if you are in a position to apply for funds under this scheme.

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➢ **Research Income and Initiatives Funding Scheme 2016**

This new funding scheme aims to support initiatives for developing research collaborations between industry partners and academics that have the potential to bring external research income to CSU. 'Industry' is used broadly to include government and non-government organisations, commercial enterprises, small to medium businesses, professional organisations, unions, charities, etc. This funding scheme is particularly relevant for academics who have professional connections with industry and can see opportunities for building a research connection. But applications can also be proposed for support for new partnerships, where there is strong potential for innovative collaborative research. The scheme is designed to align with the goals underpinning the Australian Government's National Innovation and Science Agenda – to improve Australia's record of research-industry collaboration (http://www.innovation.gov.au/start/research-and-universities?tid=3) .

Application form and further information can be found on the Faculty Research page

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➢ **Research Office resources**

Don't forget the RO provides a wealth of resources including Professional Development and their own Research Bulletin. Bookmark their home page and check in regularly for updates https://www.csu.edu.au/research/home

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➢ **HDR Supervisors - survey**

In order to best meet your professional learning needs relating to supervision, I invite you to complete the following online survey. Click

https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/HDRSupervisors

The purpose of the survey is to examine the use and efficacy of the resources available to Faculty of Education HDR supervisors. Thus your responses to this survey will assist the Faculty to offer a broad range of resources and opportunities that best meet your needs.

Completion of the survey is voluntary. Your responses to the survey are anonymous and cannot be traced to you, your staff number or email. The results of the survey will be aggregated to create an analysis of supervisors' use of existing resources and professional learning opportunities and their usefulness. The results of the survey will be published in the Research Bulletin approximately two weeks after the survey closing date. The survey will be open for completion **2nd May 2016 - 20th May 2016**

I personally thank you and appreciate your professional generosity in completing the survey.

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➢ **Finding books and articles not held by CSU**

Big thanks to **Jim Cloutman** in EFPI for passing this on – who knew? Thanks also to the fabulous **Faculty Liaison Librarians** who are always willing to provide assistance.

FINDING AND ORDERING BOOKS AND JOURNAL ARTICLES NOT IN THE CSU DATABASE THROUGH THE LIBRARIES AUSTRALIA NETWORK:

LOCATING YOUR TITLE

- At the main Library page click 'Research'

- Go to 'A-Z Journal Databases' in mid page and click on this.

- Go to 'Browse by Title' and click 'L' in the alphabetical list of letters; it will bring up a series of weblinks beginning with 'L'.

- Go to 'Libraries Australia' – click (and enter your CSU log-ins if requested); you can now search books throughout the entire lending system of libraries connected to the network. Also try Advanced Search to fine-tune.

ORDERING:

- Go back to the main Library page and where it says 'Primo Search' (in the middle of the main photograph) simply click 'Search' without entering any text.

- This will take you to the main Primo Search page. Go to the menu at top right and click 'ILL Request' (Inter-Library Loan).

- This will bring up an ordering page. Simply click on 'Copy' for journal articles or 'Loan' for books. Select your material from the list that Libraries Australia has brought up and fill in the information as requested and submit.

- CSU Library will email you when the material has reached the campus you have selected from the drop-down menu.

- You will be able to track your order and watch return deadlines when you have the book by going to 'My Library Record' just above ILL Request at top right.

- It works for print material but e-books are not covered.

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➢ **HDR Candidate News**

　o **Congratulations**

Congratulations to Tessa Daffern, School of Education who has been approved to graduate.

Tessa's thesis is titled, *An examination of spelling acquisition in the middle and upper primary school years*, and she was supervised by Dr Noella Mackenzie and Dr Brian Hemmings.

You may remember Tessa represented CSU at the Trans-Tasman 3 Minute Thesis competition in 2014.

　o **DocFest**

Docfest, this year sponsored by Arts, Business, Education, and Science, is going to be held **27-29 June** and due to the faculty restructure, will be held totally online.

Full of practical workshops, there will also be **PLENTY** of opportunities for networking, swapping stories, hints and contact details. Maybe even form your own support group.

More information will be out soon!

o **International networking opportunity for doctoral students**

Doctoral students at American and Australian institutions have begun collaborating to create a more robust, cross-national network of early career and established scholars who share a research interest in rural education. We began conversations at the 2015 Australian Association for Research in Education (AARE) conference and have already established several successful partnerships between Australian and US researchers. The group also has a social media presence to help connect researchers and to share news and ideas that we encourage you to join (see https://www.facebook.com/groups/750295871755289/?ref=bookmarks).

We are currently organising a series of webinars, or asynchronous web-based communications, throughout the year for researchers to present and receive peer feedback on recent scholarship. These sessions will involve preparing any pre-session reading, a short 15 minute presentation, and follow up discussion among group members. If you are interested in hosting one of these please email Nat Downes at Nat.Downes@canberra.edu.au<mailto:Nat.Downes@canberra.edu.au> or Michael Thier at mthier@uoregon.edu<mailto:mthier@uoregon.edu>.

o **Your student portal – My HDR**

Don't forget that all information you might need about candidature – probation conditions, writing your thesis, etc. can be found at your Student Portal

o **Progress Reports**

The 2016 Mid-Year Reports are coming due. The reporting period will be from 1 November 2015 through to 30 April 2016. Candidates are asked to complete their report through to their Principal Supervisor by **15 May** and to the Faculty for finalisation by **30 May 2016**.

Newly enrolled candidates are also requried to complete a report, however we understand that you won't be able to report for the whole period.

Remember, this is a multi-step process! Candidates complete their section and send it off to the Supervisor.

Supervisor completes their section AND returns it to the Candidate (Look for the ACTION tab!), and it is then to the Candidate to review the Supervisor's report and SUBMIT (via that famous ACTION tab) to the Office.

A cupcake for all candidates for completing their report.

o **CSU email addresses**

A CSU email address has now been created for ALL candidates. In the past only full-time candidates were allocated a CSU address. If you haven't received details your new CSU email address, please contact Lisa at lmclean@csu.edu.au

These documents will help you set up your IOS or android device, or alternatively download the OWA app.

This bulletin has been sent to your CSU email address and the alternative address (if any), however from next fortnight will only be sent to your CSU email address.

o **HDR candidate survey**

In an effort to most effectively support your PhD journey, I am inviting you to complete a brief online survey regarding your current use of CSU Research Office, Faculty of Education and Office of Students resources.

https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/FacEdHDRSurvey

The purpose of this survey is to examine the use and efficacy of the resources available to Faculty of Education Higher Degree Research Students. Thus, your responses to this survey will assist us to offer a broad range of resources that best meet the needs of all our HDR students.

Completion of the survey is voluntary. Your responses to the survey are anonymous and cannot be traced to you, your student ID, or email. The results of the survey will be aggregated to create an analysis of student use of existing resources and their usefulness. The results of the survey will be published in the Research Bulletin approx. two weeks after the closing date of the survey.

The survey will be open for completion from **Monday 18th April – Friday 27th May 2016.**

- o **PhD Cocktail Hour**

I spent another wonderful hour with the FacEd HDR students on April 5th during our PhD Cocktail hour. The focus of our online meeting was *Developing a Research Proposal*. The power point which accompanied the presentation has been added to the Faculty of Education Graduate Studies Resources http://www.csu.edu.au/faculty/education/graduate/resources

Each time we meet we learn more about the breadth of research being undertaken by our HDR candidates. In addition we chat informally about career aspirations, backgrounds, interests, and of course the cocktails we prefer. We now know who drinks red wine during meetings and who drinks *before* meetings!

The aims of the meetings are to touch base with each other, listen to your needs regarding your PhD journey, while also building capacity and creating a community of scholars.

As promised our next online meeting for both **new** and **continuing** PhD students is scheduled for **Tuesday 3rd May** from 6.00-7.00pm AEST.

The focus of the meeting will be *If I only knew [THAT] three months ago*. I invite participants to share their experiences of a fact or skill or a resource or a person that/who would have assisted them "if they only knew that three months ago".

Please log on to AdobeConnect through this link https://connect.csu.edu.au/phd-hour/ and if this is your first time on A/Connect, enter the room as a 'guest' making sure you include your full name on the front page (this will make sense when you're there).

If you're unfamiliar with AdobeConnect, please see the guide here – contact Lisa McLean with any questions. I will record this meeting for those who are unable to attend at the scheduled time.

Please RSVP to lmclean@csu.edu.au to indicate your intention to attend.

This is a great way to network and get to know your fellow candidates.

Dr Deb Clarke, Acting Sub Dean Graduate Studies, Faculty of Education

- o **May Bootcamp**

We are having a 2-day writing bootcamp at the end of May, on Monday the 30th and Tuesday the 31st.

(This is an extra long one, as there may be a quite a wait for the next one... I am going on long service leave from July to December, and we may not be able to run one in June due to Docfest. Watch this space for further announcements.)

The bootcamp is provided for higher degree research candidates, but as always, all other staff and students are warmly welcome.

If you would like a calendar invitation with the schedule and links, or if you have any questions, please email ccharles@csu.edu.au.

Bootcamp is open to all candidates and researchers across the university and is another great opportunity to network, make connections and get to know your PhD peers.

o **Student Grants - 2017 Higher Education Research and Development Society of Australasia Conference (HERDSA)**

Students are invited to submit a proposal for funding to undertake a project to present at that HERDSA 2017 Conference in Sydney. These projects must examine an initiative that impacts on curriculum transformation (that is the design and delivery of degree programs). Project teams may comprise only students or a combination of academics and students, but the lead for the project must be a student. These projects will then present their work at the 2017 HERDSA Conference in Sydney (June 28-30th). The maximum amount to be awarded for each project is $1,000, in addition to this the project lead will receive a paid place at the HERDSA Conference and funding towards their travel costs.

For an application form contact: romy@uow.edu.au

o **Nominate for University Council Elections**

As you may have seen in your student e-box, nominations are now open for the student member vacancy on the University Council.

The vacancy is for a two-year term from 1 July 2016 to 30 June 2018. To nominate, complete the Student Member Nomination Form and return by 4:00 PM on Wednesday 27 April 2016.

The Council seeks nominees with skills or experience in organisational governance. Nominees will have an interest in high-level decision making and the University's strategic direction.

View the Guide for applicants interested in election to the University Council. The Guide covers:

• Nominating for election

• The Council's role as the governing body of the University

• The Council's primary responsibilities, membership, the roles/duties of members, and its committees

If you have any questions regarding the 2016 University Council Elections, contact Ms Linda Breen on 02 6338 4200 or email unisec@csu.edu.au

o **Do you know about CAPA?**

CAPA is the Council of Australian Postgraduate Associations whose main role is in protecting and promoting the interests and needs of over 320,00 postgraduate (coursework AND research) students.

Find out more about CAPA here at their website.

o **2016 SSAF Student Initiative Round Open**

The Student Services and Amenities Fee (SSAF) Steering Committee is inviting all students and student bodies to make submissions for available SSAF funds. New initiatives will be considered in a formal process involving the SSAF Steering Committee throughout June 2016. The SSAF Steering Committee is keen to see proposals that lead to a long-term effect, i.e., are sustainable beyond funding. The committee will also be seeking to allocate funds in ways that ensure an equitable impact for the diverse student body at CSU and is representative of the results of the 2015 SSAF Student Survey.

More SSAF information is available here http://student.csu.edu.au/finances/current-year-fees-and-charges/ssaf/feedback . Proposals close on the 06/06/2016 and are to be sent to ssaf@csu.edu.au

While HDR candidates don't pay the SSAF, your feedback and input about amenities is always welcome.

At this page you will also find more information about **Student Representative Committees**, including **Faculty** and **School Boards**. These provide a great opportunity to get involved in the governance of the university.

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➢ **Faculty of Education Research and Graduate Studies Committee**

The next meeting of the Faculty of Education Research and Graduate Studies Committee will be held on 3 May. Members of the committee are reminded to provide their reports as soon as possible to facedrgso@csu.edu.au

Don't forget you can find the minutes of past meetings (2016 only) at the Faculty's Research page.

➢ **School of Education Board**

The agenda for the next School of Education Board meeting closes on the 10th of May. If you have any feedback on the issues raised at the last meeting, such as the condition of the buildings or the implementation of the new faculty structures, or if you would like to raise any other issues please email the new postgraduate representative James Purkis (jpurkis@csu.edu.au). Also, if you did not receive an email update this week please email James Purkis (jpurkis@csu.edu.au) so you can be added to the contact list.

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➢ **Faculty of Education Ethics Committee**

The next meeting of the Faculty of Education Ethics Committee will be held on 17 May, with the agenda closing on 10 May. Please send any correspondence or applications to FHEC_Education@csu.edu.au

Information on the application process, templates and committee dates can be found on the Faculty Ethics Webpage.

The Faculty Human Ethics Committee considers Low Risk Ethics Applications. If your ethics application is not low risk, you must submit it to the University Human Research Ethics Committee.

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➢ **And finally…can you draw a bike?**

Turns out, most people can't. Drawings of bikes brought to life…

https://momentummag.com/can-tell-whats-wrong-bicycles/

Have a great week!

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