Mansergh Shaw Project News

The main move to vacate Mansergh Shaw occurred on 15 February and went reasonably well. Thank you to everyone who helped us out by boxing up and being ready on time. There have been a few issues, most notably regarding air conditioning (or lack thereof) which has been exacerbated given we had the (mis)fortune of moving on the two most humid days of 2010. Thank you all for your good humour, patience and willingness to share spaces with your colleagues for most of this year – it is much appreciated.

We are looking to find a suitable room or rooms for student advising and will get back to you shortly. It would be helpful if staff in shared accommodation determine office hours for student advising and let Kim Lamb (k.lamb@uq.edu.au) know so we can block time off in whatever room/s we are able to find.

Thank you to those who have identified specific issues with their new accommodation and please note that we are working to address these as quickly as possible. If anyone has any other concerns, please send Kim Lamb an email and she will liaise with staff in appropriate areas on your behalf.

Milestones

The School’s Research Committee is reviewing the milestones process. The School’s Milestone Guidelines and forms are available online: http://www.engineering.uq.edu.au/postgraduate-research-current If you have any comments please send these through to Katie (k.golschewski@uq.edu.au).

Also, we would like to advertise milestone seminars through the newsletter and on the School’s website (a link for seminars will be added to the front page soon). If you have any upcoming seminars, please email Katie the details.

Privacy

Queensland now has its own Privacy laws which came into effect and there are significant consequences if people are found guilty of violating the laws. Much of this will apply to staff who have dealings with students (especially teaching staff and tutors).


Staff Resources

There are staff resources available on the School’s website: http://www.mechmining.uq.edu.au/?page=117874&s=3568034916f8f7810f9aabd763116775

This includes, Occupational Trainee Guidelines committee minutes, travel procedures and occupation health and safety information.

New online booking process for Lectopia

UQ Staff can now request lectopia recordings electronically through the Academic Facilities website. The new e-application process can be accessed from http://www.uq.edu.au/facilities/index.html?page=77182&pid=23411

Staff wishing to book a lectopia recording during the first week of the semester 1, 2010, please complete the online application and submit it by close of business February 16.

Please contact Academic Facilities if you have any questions or require further information.
**2009 Bibliographic record collection - deadline 1 March 2010 to schools**

**What do I have to do?**
If you have published in any of the above categories during 2009 or in 2008 after 30 June 2008, you need to provide the School administrative staff with:
- a complete hard copy of the publication; and
- a signed coversheet for each publication

**What work do I submit?**
The four categories of research publications we report to DIISR are **books, book chapters**, peer reviewed **journal articles** and peer reviewed fully published **conference papers**. You submit only that research work which was done while you were affiliated with UQ.

**Who do I give my papers to?** Sally Beard, Rose Clements or Deanna Mahoney.

**Financial support available students attending EXCON'10**
The 9th International Conference on Excitonic and Photonic Processes in Condensed and Nano Materials, EXCON’10, will take place 11-16 July 2010, Novotel, Brisbane. ARCNN (ANU) has kindly sponsored the Australian students/ Early Career Researchers (ECR) (within 5 years of award of PhD degree) participation in EXCON’10 for the nanotechnology related oral and poster presentations. For further information please visit the EXCON’10 website at: [http://www.cdu.edu.au/excon10/](http://www.cdu.edu.au/excon10/)

**PG scholarships**
The Masdar Institute of Science and Technology (MIST) is offering PG scholarships for outstanding graduates in engineering and science. MIST is keen to have Australian scholars included in their research teams and the scholarships provided by MIST are both generous and highly relevant. More details on the academic programs, admission criterion and application procedure are available at [www.masdar.ac.ae](http://www.masdar.ac.ae)

**UQ Engineering Alumni and Friends Newsletter**

Sue Smith ([s.smith@eait.uq.edu.au](mailto:s.smith@eait.uq.edu.au)) is currently compiling stories for the second UQ Engineering Alumni and Friends Newsletter. If you have any stories you would like to include in the newsletter, please send them, and any associated images, to Sue by 26 February.

**ERA journal ranking list**
The ERA journal ranking list has been published. See the website below for details: [http://www.arc.gov.au/era/era_journal_list.htm](http://www.arc.gov.au/era/era_journal_list.htm)

**Alumni awards**
The University will open nominations for alumni awards soon. These include Alumnus of the Year, Young Alumnus of the Year and International Alumnus of the Year. Please see the below websites for details:
- [http://www.austchinaalumni.org/awards/](http://www.austchinaalumni.org/awards/)

Please consider nominating any alumni from the school you think would be suitable for any of these.

**UQ Mining Staff Members Recognised in AusIMM Awards 2009**

Adjunct Professor Brian White and Dr Basil Beamish have been recognised by The Australasian Institute of Mining and Metallurgy (AusIMM) in the annual awards of Australia’s Mining industry professional society. Professor White was made an Honorary Fellow of The AusIMM for his committed service to the profession and the institute. Dr Beamish was awarded the prestigious Jim Torlach Health and Safety Award for his commitment to mine health and safety throughout his career both in academic research and teaching as well as time spent in industry. The awards will be presented in May at The AusIMM’s Annual Awards dinner to be held this year in Wollongong.
**Sem 1 Mid-semester exams**

Please be aware that examination schedules for the mid-semester examinations to be scheduled outside of scheduled class times are due to the School by **Monday, 1 March 2010**, together with a copy of approval from the President of the Academic Board. Staff should refer to the staff portal for further information and access to the relevant forms – [https://www.uq.edu.au/secure/sasd-bpc/index.html?page=126814&pid=125013](https://www.uq.edu.au/secure/sasd-bpc/index.html?page=126814&pid=125013).

Mid-semester examinations outside of class times will be scheduled for one of the following dates:
- Saturday, 17 April (week 6)
- Saturday, 24 April (week 7)
- Saturday, 1 May (week 8)

**ECPS and Exam scheduling**

School academic and professional staff are reminded that details for both central (Category 1) and school-based (Category 2) end of Semester 1 2010 examinations must be entered into the Assessment section of the Semester 1 electronic course profile (ECP) as ‘end of semester’ exams. Reference should be made to information available on the staff portal at [https://www.uq.edu.au/secure/sasd-bpc/index.html?page=127103&pid=126814](https://www.uq.edu.au/secure/sasd-bpc/index.html?page=127103&pid=126814) which sets out guidelines for entry of the data into the ECPS. The processing timelines for semester one exam schedules are available from the Examinations Business Process Calendar at [https://www.uq.edu.au/secure/sasd-bpc/index.html?page=2769&pid=127103](https://www.uq.edu.au/secure/sasd-bpc/index.html?page=2769&pid=127103).

**Course Scheduling**

All scheduling is due to be finalised by 1 March. If there are any issues with a course you are coordinating in semester 2, please email Katie (k.gollschewski@uq.edu.au) the details.

**Use of CMM Facilities**

Staff applying for ARC Discovery grants and who wish to use CMM facilities, should contact CMM to discuss appropriate membership fees.

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**The Confucius Institute at The University of Queensland cordially invites you to attend the following performance:**

**‘FIVE MILLENNIA OF CHINESE CHARACTERS’**

Date: 4-6pm, Friday the 26th of February 2010

Venue: Abel Smith Lecture Theatre (#23)
St Lucia Campus, UQ

For inquiries please contact Lucy on 3346 7898 or at weili@uq.edu.au