Upcoming Events

5 May  
EndNote training  
When: 9.30am - 12.30pm  
Where: Dorothy Hill PSE Library  
Bookings can be made [online](#).

7 May  
Special and Supplementary exam papers for semester 1 due to School (End of semester papers were due 30 April)

10 May  
Draft semester 2 class timetable released to schools

12 May  
Undergraduate Research Experience Symposium: Focusing on the use of research & inquiry within UG teaching and learning  
When: 9am – 1:30pm  
Where: IMB Auditorium  
Details: Register [here](#) or via email to n.vanderburg@uq.edu.au.

13 May  
Undergraduate Research Experience Roundtable Discussions: benefits and examples of UG research  
When: 11 – 12  
Where: IMB Auditorium  
Details: Register [here](#) or via email to n.vanderburg@uq.edu.au.

14 May  
Deadline for changes to draft semester 2 class timetable

17 May  
Release of official semester 2 class timetable to students

19 May  
Sydney Alumni Reception  
When: 6pm  
Where: The Powerhouse Museum  
Cost: $25.00

20 May  
Canberra Alumni Reception  
When: 6pm  
Where: The National Gallery of Australia  
Cost: $25.00

24-28 May  
Diversity Week  

Congratulations

**Professor David Radcliffe to be the new Head of the School of Engineering Education at Purdue University**

Congratulations to Professor David Radcliffe who will take up the position of the Head of the School of Engineering Education at Purdue University effective May 1, 2010. Many of you will know David well. He left UQ for Purdue in 2007 where he has been the Interim Head of the School of Engineering Education. We wish David the best in his new role.

**IAC 2010 Youth Grants Programme**

Congratulations to Mary D’Souza who has received an IAC 2010 Youth Grant. The grant recipients receive funding to attend the IAC in Prague, Czech Republic in September 2010, and will participate in a number of events. Mary will present two papers at the IAC, one on space education (based on the 4th year design class projects) and another on her work on radiation and ablation.

Thank you

A huge thank you to everyone who took part in the Sustainable Research Excellence (SRE) Survey and the Higher Education Research Data Collection (HERDC). Please note the SRE exercise will be repeated in July 2010 😊

Welcome

Welcome to Ms Ivon Lussy who has joined the School’s Finance and HR team.

Mansergh Shaw Keys

Can all staff who were resident in Mansergh Shaw please return your keys to Miller or Kim. The keys will be reissued when we are given back possession of the building.
Awards

The University of Queensland Foundation Research Excellence Awards 2010
The general aim of the UQ Foundation Research Excellence Awards scheme is to provide funds to advance and facilitate the research agenda of excellent, individual early career researchers. An individual's research agenda might cover more than one project. The closing date is 10 May and Guidelines, Conditions of Award and Application Form are available online at: http://www.uq.edu.au/research/rid/grants-internal-schemes

The University of Queensland Postdoctoral Research Fellowship 2011
These Fellowships are awarded to early career researchers of exceptional calibre wishing to conduct full-time research at the University in any of its disciplines. The selection process will consider the alignment of the proposed research with areas of existing research strength, or research areas that UQ Faculties wish to develop as priorities. To be eligible, an applicant must not have had more than five years full-time professional research experience or equivalent part-time experience since the award of a PhD, as at 30 June 2010. The closing date is 17 May and the Guidelines, Conditions of Award and Application Form are available online at: www.uq.edu.au/research/rid/fellowships

Queensland Young Tall Poppy Science Awards 2010
The Tall Poppy Campaign was created to recognise and celebrate Australian intellectual and scientific excellence and to encourage younger Australians to follow in the footsteps of our outstanding achievers. The 2010 recipient will receive a cash prize of $10,000 for use in support of the awardee's research and/or directly related science promotion activities. Nominations are accepted from all fields of science and technology. Nominations close 28 May 2010. Further information and nomination forms are available at http://www.aips.net.au/203.html.

Group of Eight Australia - Germany Joint Research Cooperation Scheme
The scheme supports exchanges for Australian researchers to spend time at partner institutions in Germany and for collaborating German researchers to spend time at Go8 universities. Applicants must be engaged in a collaborative research project with German research partners and these German partners must submit an application with an identical project title to the DAAD. Applications are due to R&ID no later than 5pm 30 June 2010. Further information is available online: http://www.go8.edu.au/university-staff/programs-a-fellowships/64-go8-germany-joint-research-co-operation-scheme

Course and exam materials for Semester 2

We are often asked for large volumes of course materials, such as graph paper, MCQ sheets or answer booklets, on the day this material is required.

We would like to ensure that we have enough stock on hand to meet your requirements, so if you need any course materials in semester 2, please email the details to finance@mechmining.uq.edu.au

SSP Applications for 2011

Applications for SSP should be discussed with supervisors in annual review meetings. Those wishing to apply for SSP for 2011 should make an appointment with HoS, after their annual review, to discuss. This should be done before 19 June 2010.

We will still accept SSP applications if they are submitted earlier, but staff members may not be notified of the outcome until after 1 July.

Exam Duration

At its meeting on 8 April 2010, Senate approved the recommendation of Academic Board that examination durations for written end-of-semester examinations be set at half-hourly increments, with no examination of less than one hour in duration being administered centrally [This will NOT apply to examination papers currently being prepared and submitted for end of Semester 1 2010].

End of semester examinations for Semester 2 2010 and onwards, either central or school-based, must be of the standard duration of 0.5hr, 1hr, 1.5hrs, 2hrs, 2.5hrs or 3.0hrs (subject to GAR 1A.6.1 regarding maximum durations for level 1 and 2 courses). Examinations of 1/2hr in duration will be administered by the School. Perusal time, where granted, will be in addition to the standard exam durations (eg. 2:00hr exam plus 0:10mins).

The ‘irregular’ durations of some examinations (such as 1:15hr or 1:40hr) added to the difficulties in exam scheduling and room allocation, particularly due to the additional room resources required to cater for these one-offs, and the inability to allocate multiple examinations to the same venue at the same time.
Privacy

Staff are reminded that 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).

Use
We can only use personal information for the purpose for which we collected the information. For example, if we don’t need a person’s date of birth, we should not ask for this information.

Disclosure
What does it mean to disclose information?
- Release of information outside the Uni to third party who does not know it;
- Uni loses control over the information;
- Disclosure may be deliberate or inadvertent.
We can only disclose personal information to the person the information is about.

There are exceptions to the Use and Disclosure rules, such as the person has consented in writing, or it is authorised or requested by law. Always contact Kim or Katie before taking any action that could breach the privacy laws.

Storage
We must store personal information in a safe and secure manner and take reasonable steps to ensure that it is protected. Some practical steps:
- “Need to know” principle
- Clean desk policy
- Keep filing cabinets locked
- Personal information to be in appropriately classified files
- Name tags worn
- Where possible, personal information not to be sent by email over the internet
- Log off your computer when unattended.

TEDI is offering a course on privacy, and you can register your attendance here: http://www.uq.edu.au/staffdev/index.asp?Program=P EFA&Course=FADPIC

Participate in fun study on energy conservation

Professor Penelope Sanderson and her student Michael Muthukrishna wish to recruit participants from different schools in the university for a NICTA-sponsored study of people’s energy usage and perceptions of energy conservation. They seek academics, professional staff, and postgraduate students who are at university at least 5 days a week and who have an office or permanent desk.

The study will take place over approximately three weeks and will involve completing two surveys and reading some short articles. We estimate that the two surveys, one before and one after the study, will take 15-20 minutes to complete. Participants will be sent an article by email twice a week (6 in total) and we estimate that articles will take 5-10 minutes to read. Each article will be accompanied by a quiz question relating to the article. For each article, the first respondent with the correct answer will be sent a coffee voucher. All other respondents will go into a draw to win another coffee voucher.

At the end, participants will be offered a choice of $50 cash or a $50 voucher as a token of thanks for their participation. The study has been approved by the School of Psychology Ethics Review Officer, with Ethics Clearance No. 10-PSYCH-S-02-JM.

People interesting in taking part, or finding out more, can contact Michael Muthukrishna on (michael@muthukrishna.com).

Coregas and BOC

Please note there have been some changes recently to ordering goods from Coregas and BOC. For all orders to Coregas and BOC, an official University purchase order must be issued. Both companies are aware of this and they will only provide gas bottles upon receiving our official purchase order. Please note that this includes, rental charges as well as pick up of empty bottles.

It is essential that both companies receive purchase order as this will eliminate problems such as delays in payment of invoices. Up until now, it has been very difficult to identify who has ordered goods from Coregas and BOC as purchase orders were not displayed on the invoices.

It will also ensure that you receive your order in right time as well.
Library news

Information Resource of the month:
American Society for Engineering Education conference proceedings

Recent PRINT RESOURCES at the library:
- Australian coal mining practice, edited by R.J. Kininmonth, E.Y. Baafi
- Human-machine interface design for process control, Jean-Yves Fiset
- Hydrometallurgy of nickel and cobalt 2009, proceedings of 39th annual Hydrometallurgy Meeting held in conjunction with the 48th Conference of Metallurgists, August, 23-26, 2009, Sudbury, Ontario, Canada / editors, J.J. Budac ... [et al.]
- Modelling of bath/ledge heat transfer in Hall-Heroult cells, Chuck Chenchi Wei.
- Revolution in science: how Galileo and Darwin changed our world / Mark L. Brake.
- Technical product documentation - heat treated ferrous parts - presentation and indications, Documentation technique de produits - produits ferreux traités thermiquement - présentation et indications.
- The high performance HMI handbook: a comprehensive guide to designing, implementing and maintaining effective HMIs for industrial plant operations / Bill R. Hollifield ... [et al.].
- Black hole war: my battle with Stephen Hawking to make the world safe for quantum mechanics / Leonard Susskind.

Latest EBOOKS at the library:
- Compendium of polymer terminology and nomenclature [electronic resource]: IUPAC recommendations 2008 / edited by Richard G. Jones [et al.]
- Engineering societies in the agents world X [electronic resource]: 10th International Workshop, ESAW 2009, Utrecht, the Netherlands, November 18-20, 2009, proceedings / Huib Aldewereld, Virginia Dignum, Gauthier Picard, (eds.).
- Environmental impact of power generation [electronic resource].
- Artificial intelligence and computational intelligence [electronic resource]: International Conference, AICI 2009 Shanghai, China, November 7-8, 2009 proceedings / Hepu Deng ... [et al.].
- The internet of the future [electronic resource]: 15th Open European Summer School and IFIP TC6.6 Workshop, EUNICE 2009, Barcelona, Spain, September 7-9, 2009: proceedings / Miquel Oliver, Sebastià Sallent, (eds.).

Research Output and Impact assistance:
The UQ Library has developed a Research Output and Impact page to help you with Bibliometrics; Journal Rankings; Open access; ERA and other aspects of research.

Using Web 2.0 in your teaching:
Matthew Allen, ALTC Teaching Fellow, Curtin University of Technology, conducted a wonderful presentation on Web 2.0 tools for teaching on Wednesday 21 April 2010 at UQ. If you could not attend, Matthew made his slides available on SlideShare.

Google, Google Scholar and Beyond
A “Google, Google Scholar and Beyond” workshop will be held in the Dorothy Hill Physical Sciences and Engineering Library on Monday 17 May, 10-11.30am. The workshop will cover a variety of topics including Google search tips, Google Scholar, Google Books, iGoogle, Alerts, Google Patents and more. Register for the workshop on the Tedi website. Please email us if you would like further information.