CHANGES TO COMPULSORY SERVICE FEES FOR UOW AND WUC

You may have heard that changes to Australian government legislation mean that universities will no longer be able to charge compulsory service charges (also known as Compulsory Student Fees, or Student Body Fees) as detailed at http://www.uow.edu.au/prospective/international/fees/compulsory.html.

These fees cover services provided through the University Recreation and Aquatic Centre (URAC) and the UniCentre. The services will continue to be available, and students may elect to use these services either as a member or a non-member.

Wollongong University College (WUC) students are affected by the same legislative change, and will no longer be charged the compulsory service charges as listed at http://www.wuc.edu.au/MyOptions/Fees-InternationalStudents.shtm.

Students who enrolled in Autumn Session or Intake A, or will enrol in Intake B, will already have paid for the first year of their program and will continue to receive the benefits of the memberships covered by the fee.

Students who commence in any of the following sessions will NOT be required to pay the fee:

- at UOW, any students commencing in Spring Session or Intakes C and D
- at WUC, any academic students commencing after the intake of 7 June 2006, and any English language courses commencing after 29 May 2006

Applicants who have received an offer for one of the above intakes do NOT need to include the compulsory service charge in their first payment to receive an eCoE. They need pay only the
tuition fee and the charge for Overseas Student Health Cover (OSHC) with their first session’s fees.

Please pass this information on to your UOW applicants, and ensure that students are advised NOT to include any payment for the course commencement dates above.

For those agents who have delegated admissions authority, ensure that your templates for offer letters are altered, and any offers issued from next Monday 27 March have no reference to compulsory service fees for the course commencement dates above. Alternatively, ensure a $0 value is entered into the relevant boxes on the offer letter and acceptance form.

**STAFF CHANGES AT UNIADVICE**

Kaye Osborn has commenced at UniAdvice as International Marketing Officer. Kaye is responsible for representative coordination, including agent contracts; commissions and communications, and for supporting international student recruitment. She can be contacted on Email: kaye@uow.edu.au, Tel: +61 2 4221 4673 and Fax: +61 2 4221 3233.

Iain Lockie has taken up the position of Marketing and Admissions Officer for the Sub-Continent, Middle East and Indonesia. Iain can be contacted on +61 2 4221 5375. His email remains lockie@uow.edu.au.

Gagan Arora will be leaving UniAdvice on 7 April. We wish Gagan all the best for her move to Melbourne and thank her for her work on behalf of UniAdvice.

**IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT APPLICATION AND OFFER OF ACCEPTANCE FORMS**

All agents are requested to ensure that students sign both the Application and Offer of Acceptance forms. Agents are unable to sign these on behalf of students because students are agreeing to ongoing terms and conditions of their enrolment.

**NEW MASTER OF FORENSIC ACCOUNTING COURSE DEVELOPMENTS**

The University of Wollongong (UOW) was the first university in the world to conduct a Masters degree in Forensic Accounting with the first four students – two from Australia, one from Poland and one from Canada – completing the on-line course late last year. In 2006, 35 students from across the world have signed up for the one year program.

News of this unique course is spreading; in February, UOW played host to executives from the Audit Board of Indonesia who were keen to find out more about what the degree could offer. As the course is largely online distance mode, with a small amount of intensive face to face study, students can maintain their careers at home and travel in their vacations for the intensive seminars.

Further information about these developments is available in the March 2006 copy of Campus News, which can be downloaded at: http://media.uow.edu.au/campus-news/index.html

**Tuition fee:** $9200/session; **Commencement:** Session 1 and 2; **Duration:** 1 year; **Credit points:** 48; **CRICOS code:** 046874C
2006 HANDBOOK NOW AVAILABLE ON-LINE

The handbook, containing detailed and comprehensive information on the courses and facilities available at University of Wollongong, is available on-line.

For Undergraduate courses go to: http://www.uow.edu.au/handbook/yr2006/index.html

For Postgraduate courses go to: http://www.uow.edu.au/handbook/yr2006/pg_index.html

UPDATES TO PROSPECTIVE INTERNATIONAL STUDENT WEBSITE

- A new Pre-Arrival Information website provides information to assist students in their preparation for commencement at UOW. The information can also be downloaded as a pdf brochure for students that need a hard copy. For more information go to http://www.uow.edu.au/prospective/international/ and click on Pre-Arrival Information.

- Information under “Study at UOW” and “Applying to UOW” has been updated to reflect the introduction of the new Pre-Arrival Information website.

- Additional information on advanced standing has been included. In particular, new advanced standing arrangements for students of Singapore entering Arts and Commerce courses and Canadian students entering Arts courses are detailed. For details, see: http://www.uow.edu.au/prospective/international/credit/index.html

MENTORING PROGRAM FOR NEW INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS

Arriving in a new country and becoming immersed in university culture is an exciting but often overwhelming experience for the large number of international students that attend the University of Wollongong each year.

To make this transition smoother the MOMENTUM Mentor Project, launched on Sunday 19 March at North Wollongong beach, aims to enhance the overall university experience of international students at UOW by providing mentors to help guide and assist the students for the first few weeks of session.


ONE STOP SERVICE FACILITY FOR ENROLLED STUDENTS AT STUDENT CENTRAL

Students enrolled at University of Wollongong now have a one-stop service facility for all their enquiries. Situated right in the heart of the UOW Campus, Student Central combines the services of Student Fees, Accommodation Services, IT Services, Study Abroad and Exchange, International Student Advisors and Client Services. Student Central staff are experienced at proactively assisting students with their needs. The Centre also contains computer terminals and a range of useful information resources. It is located in Building 17, next to the Library.

UniAdvice in Building 36 continues to provide the same services to international students prior to their enrolment at UOW.
UOW TEAM WINS MICROSOFT RESEARCH ASIA GRANT FOR INTERNET SECURITY RESEARCH

A research team at the University of Wollongong has won a coveted Microsoft Research Asia grant to assist in tougher internet security that will involve internet users eventually having the power to determine who can access their personal data. Grant recipient, Professor Rei Safavi-Naini, and her research team from the Centre for Information Security beat dozens of grant entrants from a range of universities across the Asia-Pacific.

For further details on the award go to: http://media.uow.edu.au/news/2006/0223c/index.html

VICE CHANCELLOR TAKES ON NATIONAL LEADERSHIP ROLE

For the next two years Professor Gerard Sutton will combine his role as University of Wollongong Vice-Chancellor with that of President of the Australian Vice-Chancellors’ Committee (AVCC). The AVCC represents the interests of 39 universities across Australia, with the aim of advancing Higher Education through coordinated action. Prof Sutton received unanimous endorsement from AVCC members for his appointment to the role of President.

UOW MEDICAL SCHOOL ON TRACK FOR 2007

The University of Wollongong’s innovative Medical School, established primarily to address the chronic shortage of doctors outside capital cities in Australia, is on track to open next year. The Australian Medical Council on 22 February gave the University approval to proceed with plans to accept its first Medical students to start the course in January 2007.

The school will operate from new buildings currently under construction at the University’s Wollongong and Shoalhaven Campuses, and will incorporate many of the latest innovations in international medical education.

UOW DUBAI HOSTS 10TH GRADUATION

University of Wollongong Chancellor Michael Codd AC presided over the 10th annual graduation ceremony for 444 graduates at the University of Wollongong in Dubai last December. The graduation took place at the Jumeirah Beach Hotel in 1 December in the presence of a capacity crowd of approximately 1,200 proud parents family members and distinguished guests.

In his address, UOWD Chief Executive Officer Professor Nicholas van der Walt said: “Over the past 12 years UOWD has clearly established itself as a pre-eminent member of the academic community in the UAE. As we experience some of the greatest change in the history of humanity, our high quality, career oriented academic programs, combined with our strong links with industry ensure that UOWD graduates will be the leaders of the next generation. They are the “employees of choice” highly sought after by both the private and public sectors.”

RECENT AWARDS FOR UOW ACADEMIC STAFF

UOW Lecturer Wins Management Education Award

When University of Wollongong Management lecturer Peter McLean prepares for a new semester he starts by memorising his students’ names - up to 250 of them. His next step is to check which of his students are from overseas, so that he can learn an appropriate greeting in their native
tongue. Mr McLean's determination to put humanity at the forefront of his Human Resources teaching has won him the 'Pearson Education ANZAM Management Educator of the Year Award for 2005' awarded by the Australia and New Zealand Academy of Management in recognition of achievements in teaching excellence. "I like to greet my international students in their native language to show respect for where they have come from," Mr McLean said. "It's a nice way to tell them their identity is special … although sometimes my attempts can range from the humorous to the pathetic!"

**Teaching Excellence Recognised**

The University of Wollongong's status as number one in the country for teaching and learning performance has been further reinforced, with Associate Professor Roger Lewis from the Faculty of Engineering being recognised as one of the State's most outstanding teachers. Professor Lewis was one of nine NSW academics to receive a Quality Teaching Award at a ceremony at Government House in December.

NSW Education Minister Carmel Tebbutt presented the awards to recipients working in early childhood, government and non-government schools, TAFE NSW Institutes and NSW universities. "Quality teaching is at the heart of our education system, and these award winners reflect that," Ms Tebbutt said. "Great teachers inspire, encourage, and challenge their students.