Leadership Workshop

A 2-day Leadership Workshop was held at the Stamford Grand Hotel in Adelaide on Monday 16 and Tuesday 17 June. The purpose of this workshop was predominantly for the Scholars to plan and prepare the National Assessment Roundtable. The feedback from Scholars was that the workshop was extremely worthwhile, timely and beneficial in progressing their planning and preparation for the Roundtable.

Assessment Roundtable

A National Roundtable on Assessment in higher education - The Culture of Assessment in Higher Education sponsored by the Australian Learning and Teaching Council, Flinders University, La Trobe University and the University of Wollongong will be held on Thursday 18 September 2008; at the Novotel, Brighton Le Sands from 9:30am – 5:00pm. The aim of the Roundtable is to stimulate discussion on a range of issues to do with assessment of learning within universities including:

- Alignment between assessment and learning outcomes;
- Alignment in practice; and
- Sustainable assessment.

Congratulations

Congratulations to a number of our Faculty Scholars, both past and present, and two members of the University of Wollongong (UOW) steering committee for recognition of their outstanding work in teaching and learning in receiving Australian Learning and Teaching Council Citations.

Dr Holly Tootell (with Ms Annette Meldrum) (2008 Scholar)

For developing leadership through a sustained and responsive team-based approach to curriculum development in a core ICT subject, targeting assessment and student engagement

Dr Margaret Wallace (2006-7 Scholar)

For creating stepping stones to evidence-based practice in nursing by drawing teaching teams into the ongoing process of curriculum development

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Mr Marcus O'Donnell (with Professor Stephen Tanner) (2007 Scholar)

For the engagement of media professionals and local community in ongoing review, implementation and refinement of a responsive and creative curriculum for journalism students

Associate Professor Rebecca Albury (UOW Steering Committee Member)

For enabling university recognition of diversity in teaching excellence and guiding cross-disciplinary teams to design a flexible arts curriculum

Professor Sandra Wills (UOW Steering committee member)

For strategic leadership to ensure learning technologies promote active, collaborative and global student learning


Five of the 2007 Faculty Scholars - John Littrich, Katina Michael, Glen Mitchell, Marcus O'Donnell, and Margaret Wallace presented a lunchtime seminar on assessment. Presentations and discussion focused on current issues in assessment and the link between assessment and graduate qualities reporting also on each of their faculty projects. This seminar was held on Thursday 3 April 2008 from 12:30pm - 2:00pm

Announcing the Safe Arrival of Sarah Jayne

Project participants, facilitators and steering committee members would like to congratulate Holly Tootell, a 2008 Faculty Scholar from UOW, and her husband Adrian on the safe arrival of their first child – a girl. Sarah Jayne (pictured below), arrived earlier than expected at 8:25am on July 31st. She weighed 7lb 8oz and is 45cms in length. Both Holly and Sarah are doing well.

Several of the 2007 Scholars and Fellows have contributed to a special edition of the Journal of University Teaching and Learning Practice (JUTLP). This edition of the journal will be available in August. Publications from the 2007 group, in this edition of the journal include:

