



Staff Meeting No. 04/09

Faculty of Education Gippsland Campus
Wednesday 29 April 2009 9.30am
Faculty of Education Staff Room, 2S120

Agenda

1.	Apologies: Dr J Rennie, M Green, Dr P de Carteret
2.	Attendance: Guests – Prof S Willis & Prof M Somerville via v/conference (Clayton)
3.	Minutes of previous meeting: Available on Onsite: http://www.education.monash.edu.au/staff/governance/staff-meetings/2009/
4.	Report: ADG – A/Prof B Waldrip
5.	Report: Course Director Primary - Dr J Rennie (attached)
6.	Report: Deputy Course Director Secondary - Dr M Plunkett
7.	Report: Research Leader - Prof M Somerville
8.	Report: Honours – Dr C Charles
9.	Report: HDR – A/Prof L Brearley
10.	OHSE: D Wood
11.	Retention Rates – A/Prof B Waldrip
12.	Room Usage – A/Prof B Waldrip
13.	Other Business
14.	Next meeting: 29 May 11.00am.

Report - Primary Course Director – April 2009

Dr Jennifer Rennie

We have held two course management meetings to date. These now encompass business to do with both the primary course and placement issues. Placements have been a little more challenging this year with the introduction of the new course. It will be important for staff in BSOR, EC and Primary to work out the placement calendar in collaboration for 2010 to ensure that there are no clashes. This was experienced in EDF 1307 where the EC students were out on placement at different times to the Primary students. This caused considerable organisational issues for staff involved in those units.

CEP (Country Education Program) cluster placements

The cluster placement planned for the BEd third years has been cancelled this year due to other pressures on the placements office. We are going ahead with the planned CEP cluster placement for the Grad Dips from the 24th August – 4th September and the 26th October to the 13th November. These will occur at both Maffra and Inverloch. Cluster placements supported by the Country Education Program are also happening for EC and Secondary students.

Unit writing day

A very successful unit writing day was held on Thursday 16th April at Berwick. Teams continued their work on all new Semester 2 units. The day began with an overview of the course development process to date and a presentation from a Pearson representative. Teams then worked for a couple of hours on their respective units. We ended the day with a discussion around issues experienced with the new course to date. As a consequence of this discussion we have set up a couple of working parties to address the various concerns. These included a working party to look at a number of issues to do with placement throughout the new course and one to look at the development of the professional portfolio. It was also suggested that we have another faculty forum at the end of semester as a means for staff to discuss their experiences with the new units and to raise any other issues to do with the roll out of the various courses.

Grad Dip OUA

The OUA version of the Graduate Diploma is going well. Three units are currently being offered including, Multiliteracies: Mediating the World; Movement, Environment and Community and Professional Contexts 1A. Staff involved in the development of these units, have put all of their unit content on line. Numbers enrolled in the course are around 50 and there have been no reported issues from staff. Three more units will be offered next semester. These include Reimagining Children's Learning, Spaces of Difference and Professional Contexts 2A.

Report – HDR Coordinator – April 2009

Assoc. Prof Laura Brearley

- There will be an HDR induction on May 14 for Gippsland research students.
- I have joined a Research Committee working party to explore effective supervisory support strategies in the Education Faculty.