

Dept meeting 6th October 2015

- Faculty Strategic Plan
- Research – areas, update
- L&T update
- Safety in Spring winners (Marita)

Faculty Strategic Plan

(Exec Dean, Barbara Messerle)

Research areas - biology

	Ecology & conservation biology	Evolution	Animal behaviour	Human Biology / Medical Sciences / genomics
Alroy, John	x	x		
Allen, Drew	x	x		
Armand, Leanne	x			
Atwell, Brian	x			
Barron, Andy		x	x	
Barry, Kate			x	
Beamont, Linda	x			
Bishop, Mel	x			
Bulbert, Matt		x	x	
Brock, Glenn		x		
Brown, Culum	x	x	x	
Cheng, Ken			x	
Catullo, Renee	x	x		
Donald, Jenny		x		x
Dudaniac, Rachel	x			
Gillings, Michael		x		x
Griffith, Simon		x	x	
Hallinan, Jennifer		x		x
Harcourt, Rob	x		x	
Hart, Nathan		x		
Herberstein, Mariella		x	x	
Hose, Grant	x			
Hughes, Lesley	x			
Kemp, Darrell		x	x	
Kosnik, Matt	x			
Lanfear, Rob		x		
Leishman, Michelle	x			
Madin, Josh	x			
Nipperess, David	x			
Power, Michelle	x	x		
Raftos, David	x	x		
Raftos, Julia		x		x
Stow, Adam	x	x		
Taylor, Phil			x	
Whiting, Martin		x	x	
Williamson, Jane	x			
Wright, Ian	x			
Westoby, Mark	x	x		

Current:

- ecology & conservation biology
- evolution
- animal behaviour

To renew / expand:

- human biology / medical sciences (incl. genomics)

Research update (Mel)

Department grant review process

Open access publishing 2015

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Strategic plan

- soft launch L&T week
- people & planet units to be replaced with ~6 'big ideas' units. Students must take 2. Units will be cross-disciplinary, not within departments or faculties
- watch this space...

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- **2017 schedule of units**

- Changes for 2017 due February
- Please watch for requests
- Goal to minimise late changes – inefficient and increases workload of Dept, Faculty and Central admin
- Please be organised and plan early!

- **New Major rollout**

- There will be actions relative to 2017 schedule for 200 and 300 level units e.g. those new units in major, substantially revised unit at 300 level
- Meetings with ML and MP to be organised with relevant teaching staff over coming weeks

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- **Sessions working party report**
 - Circulated in Dept. Matters Sept. 25
 - Solicited feedback for preliminary comments to Dean (Oct 2)
 - Department response to session working group by 16 October
 - Detail only on models, limited information on format of study programs, student workloads etc,
- *All proposals modeled for 2016 introduction!*
- **Model 1: 2.5**
 - Minimal changes
 - Shifts start of S3 a week or two later
 - Allows students to receive S2 results before start
 - Reduces time between S3 and S1 following year

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- **Model 2: Trimester (3 x 9 week sessions)**
 - Recess weeks reduced and shifted
 - Tend to not align with school holidays
 - Proposals include formats with one or two weeks mid session break
- **Model 3:mixed module model**
 - 6 x 6 week modules
 - 2 week exam period
 - Unit can flow across modules and then the exam period becomes a break
 - 4 weeks holidays from ALL teaching Dec – Jan
 - To understand this one you should read the report

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- **Model 4: 4-mester model**
 - 9 week long
 - 2 units of study for a total of 8 units per year
 - Major changes
 - Mid year break 2 weeks

MRes

- Theses due (for most) on Friday
- Send submission forms to Grant
- Healthy enrolments for 2016

- Wanted... a few good people for working party to revise MRes Yr 1

MRes structure

Current		Proposed	
S1		S1	
BIOL700	Research Frontiers in Biol	BIOL700	Research Frontiers in Biol
BIOL711	Topics in Evolution	BIOL711	Topics in Evolution
XXXX	Elective	BIOL7XX	Research skills
XXXX	Elective	XXXX	Elective
S2		S2	
MRES700	Research Communication	MRES700	Research Communication
BIOL799	Lit review	BIOL799	Lit review
BIOL760	Lab intro (Research)	BIOL760	Lab intro (Research)
xxxx	Elective	BIOL7XX	Lab intro (Research)



Biology Spring
Safety Fair

WRAP-UP

Thank you!

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Secret Ingredient



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Winners !!!



Jennifer Rowland



Marcus Salton



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