

School of Business, Economics and Public Policy

July 2008

- Dr Fredy Valenzuela received one of the Best Paper Awards at the International Conference on Business and Information held in South Korea. The title of the paper was “Managing Complaints in South American Retail Banking”.
- The Vice-Chancellor approved an extension of Professor Kay Harman’s contract as Dean of Graduate Studies until July 2009.
- Dr Omar Al Farooque presented conference papers at the International Conference on Business and Information, Seoul, Korea and the Accounting and Finance Association of Australia and New Zealand (AFAANZ) Conference Sydney.
- Mr Gazi Hossain has commenced his Masters of Economics by Research in the School.

CHEMP UPDATE

- Arrangements are currently being made for the last of the CHEMP staff to move to the new premises early in August.

CHEMP PROJECT WORK

- CHEMP has been involved in a number of Expressions of Interest for consultancy projects in Vietnam:
 - UNE bid for project on implementation of TRIG grants in second Vietnam World Bank Higher Education Project.
 - Bid by UNE in cooperation with the University of Melbourne and Southern Cross University for management of seven projects in the Second Vietnam World Bank Higher Education Project.
 - Bid with Illawara Education Solutions for consultancies in Vietnam World Bank Upper Secondary Education Project.
 - Bid with SMEC International with UNE as sub-contractor for Asian Development Bank Project in planning two world class universities for Vietnam.
- Discussions have been held with the Department of Education, Employment and Workplace Relations about possible CHEMP involvement in implementation of the Australian Higher Education Graduation Statement.

CHEMP OUT AND ABOUT

- Dr Harry de Boer, a visiting Erasmus Mundus Fellow from the University of Twente, The Netherlands, presented the 3rd CHEMP Seminar on *Higher Education Governance and Systems Performance: Experiences from Europe* in The Netherlands on 03 July 2008.

NEW CHEMP PUBLICATIONS

- Lynn Meek, Leo Goedegeburre and Jeannet van der Lee have finalised a chapter, “The Australian Academic Research Enterprise” to be published in the book *Innovation and the Academic Research Enterprise: Public Policy in International Perspective*, Johns Hopkins Press, 2009, edited by David Dill and Frans van Vught.

CHEMP IN THE MEDIA

- NUS decries transcript of failures (Australian Financial Review, 07 Jul) – “The national students union has slammed plans to disclose graduates’ full academic results, including failed subjects, on nationally issues statements of achievement.” more http://www.afr.com/home/viewer.aspx?EDP://20080707000020872685&magsection=weekly-education&source=/_xmlfeeds/education/feed.xml&title=NUS%20decries%20transcript%20of%20failures
- E-portfolios signal new digital dawn for universities (Australian, 23 Jul) – “A report commissioned by the Australian Learning and Teaching Council, formerly the Carrick Institute, is due next month to complete its investigation of e-portfolios and the project team is expected to recommend steps to encourage their use.” <http://www.theaustralian.news.com.au/story/0,25197,24061467-12332,00.html>