FROM THE ACADEMIC DEAN

Student surveys
Soon you will be prompted to fill out the online student satisfaction survey. Please take time and do this! It is very important that we receive your feedback. In particular these forms are used to assess our teaching capability, and provide direct feedback to the lecturers. As well, they are closely monitored by the Deputy Vice-Chancellor Academic, who is very keen to hold the Head of School accountable to your comments and views. So these are a real and well used pathway to improvement for our teaching and your learning. I would like to see a return rate of around 70%: your voice is critical to our teaching and this is the most transparent and constructive vehicle we have.

Lecturers, could you similarly encourage students to participate.

New students
Do you know anyone interested in studying? Please encourage them to contact us, come and look, discuss, and if keen enroll. We believe that there is a lot on offer through our courses, our student experience, our admin staff and faculty, our library staff and library resources, cross cultural engagement, and open community life. So don’t be shy: encourage your friends and members of your congregations to come and see.

Conclusion of Ministry for William Emilsen and farewell to Carolyn Craig Emilsen
A Conclusion of Ministry Service for William Emilsen will be held on Sunday 16th November at 2:30pm at St Andrew’s Chapel, please join us afterwards for Afternoon Tea.
Please RSVP before Monday 10th November to carlah@nswact.uca.org.au

End of Year Service
Friday 17th October service commencing at 7:30pm.
Please RSVP before Wednesday 8th October to carlah@nswact.uca.org.au

FROM THE FACULTY

Q&A Evening Tuesday 21 October
The Centre for Ministry is hosting a Q&A evening on Islam in Australia, featuring Rawaa Gebara and Nada Roude, PhD students at UTC. Nada is an educator and trainer advising on cross-cultural/religious issues and a leading speaker on issues affecting the settlement and integration of Muslim Australians. Her PhD explores best practice model for engaging Muslim communities as partners in the fight against extremism. Rawaa El Ayoubi Gebara is a tutor in Arabic and Islamic studies at Charles Sturt University, and is writing her thesis on “the concept of Islamic jurisprudence and its relevance on the development of the identity of Muslims in Australia”.
7 pm to 9 pm, Tuesday 21 October at the Centre for Ministry.

Send your questions to William Emilsen, williame@nswact.uca.org.au. Contact Duncan Macleod, 0439 828 718 for more details.

FROM STUDENT ASSOCIATION

End of Year Celebration
The UTC Student Association 2014 warmly invites students, staff, faculty, family and friends to our End Of Year Celebration - a time to commemorate the end of the 2014 academic year, and to farewell our graduating students and exit candidates.

Date: Friday 17th October
Venue: United Theological College - 16 Masons Dr North Parramatta
Time: Canapés and live jazz from 6:30pm; closing service at 7:30pm; dessert to follow.
Dress: Black and White (smart-casual)
Cost: Adults $15; children $5

Tickets are now on sale, and will close on Monday 13th October.
To purchase tickets, go to: http://www.ticketbo.com.au/utccelebration
or purchase directly from the UTC reception desk.
For any queries, please contact Radhika Sukumar-White (rads.sukumar@gmail.com)
We look forward to celebrating with you!

FROM STUDENT ADMIN

International Student Leadership and Ambassador Program
Applications for the 2015 International Student Leadership and Ambassador (ISLA) program are now open, please click on the link below for more details.

2015 New Students
For new students interested in studying Theology in 2015, on time applications to CSU for session 1 2015 close on the 30th of October, late deadline for applications is 30th of November and FINAL DEADLINE FOR APPLICATIONS is the 6th of February 2015. If you know of anyone who is thinking of studying with us next year, please feel free to circulate these dates to them. If potential students have any queries about the application process, they can contact Renee or Jenny on 8838-8914.

Student Counsellors are available at CSU
Information on counselling services can be obtained from the website at http://student.csu.edu.au/support/counselling or contact the Manager of Inclusion and Counselling, Vicki Pitcher on 6051 9972.
FROM THE LIBRARY

October is…

Mental Health Month NSW

Mental Health Month NSW is part of a national mental health promotion campaign held throughout October each year. The timing of the campaign centres on World Mental Health Day, which is marked each year on October 10.

Mental Health Month this year is ‘beYOUunique!’ This theme promotes acceptance and an understanding of the impact that being proud of who we are can have on our wellbeing. Let’s celebrate our strengths and differences and be ourselves! This theme aims to encourage all of us to consider our strengths and challenges and nurture our own ‘unique worth’. We should also take the opportunity to support the people in our lives and celebrate their own individual qualities that make them unique.

Please take the time to come and look at the wide range of resources the Library holds to support your own mental health or if you are seeking to support somebody with mental health problems.

Books for sale
Camden Theological Library has a small selection of special books for sale. Please drop in to make some purchases. Very good value.

COMMUNITY NOTICES

Unveiling of David Holden’s Memorial Plaque
Thursday 16th October at 3:30pm, Afternoon Tea will be served in the Atrium following a short dedication commemorating the work of David.

KEEPING IN TOUCH

Remember to visit the NSW ACT Synod Community Connection http://nsw.uca.org.au/e-news

The newsletter is from the Faculty & College Assistant
Please direct news items to carlah@nsw.uca.org.au