

CDNM News

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Greetings from the Chair



Welcome to the March 2006 edition of CDNM (ANZ) news! I hope that the academic semester is progressing smoothly for all. The Executive has been busy following our recent meetings in Auckland, New Zealand. A meeting of the Executive was held recently by teleconference to progress work on a number of issues generated in the meetings in February. Plans are underway for our two-day Deans Summit to be held in Sydney in June, 2006. Jenny Martin our Executive Officer is actively engaged in making arrangements for this important meeting and she will no doubt be keeping in touch with you regarding arrangements for the event between now and June. We will circulate an Agenda for the meeting in due course. Information on recent activities and/or issues is summarised below for your information.

Productivity Commission Research Report (PCRR)

This report is receiving a lot of attention across a range of nursing and midwifery organisations. It is sparking much needed deliberation and debate. We recently received a response to our letter to the Prime Minister regarding this report. His office has advised 'The report was considered by all governments at the Council of Australian Governments (COAG) on February 10 2006. COAG has welcomed the Productivity Commission's report and supports its key directions. Given the significance of the recommendations of the report, COAG has asked Senior Officials to undertake further work on the recommendations and related issues and report to it in mid-2006'.....The Prime Minister has asked that CDNM (ANZ) views regarding the PCRR are raised with the 'Minister for Health & Aging, the Hon Tony Abbott MP, who has portfolio responsibility for this matter'. The PM expressed thanks to Council for its correspondence to him regarding the PCRR.

Progress with our Political Lobbyist

Professor Kim Usher and I recently had a teleconference with our Lobbyist, Rosslyn Bates regarding our needs in the next 3 to 6 months. Rosslyn is working to arrange a meeting for representatives of the Council Executive with the Hon. Julie Bishop MP, Minister for Education, Science and Training. We will be preparing a briefing paper for the Minister in advance of the meeting. It is envisaged that we will be able to arrange a meeting in May to discuss CDNM (ANZ) issues with the Minister. We have also invited the Minister to address Council at its next general meeting in October and to formally open the meeting of GANE in Sydney in December 2006. We are awaiting the Minister's response to these invitations.

The week commencing on 7 May, 2006 is a busy time in Canberra. In addition to the Federal Budget being handed down, numerous events are being held over a 3 day period where it is possible (with prudent planning) for leaders from the professions, industry and other organisations to gain access to most of the members of the Federal Cabinet. We are arranging to have Council representatives at a number of events to meet and engage in dialogue with the Federal Ministers for Health, Ageing and Education, Science and Training. Rosslyn Bates is working with the Executive on plans for this initiative.

Australian and New Zealand Ranking of Refereed Journals Project

Council has now circulated a call for expressions of interest from individuals or research groups interested in undertaking this important research project. The circular also contained information on the time line/milestones for the project. This information was sent out to all Deans on 10 March, 2006. The Executive is in the process of establishing an Independent Advisory Panel which will consider and rank research proposals submitted through the tender process.

Research Advisory Group

We have also circulated a call for expressions of interest in membership of the proposed new CDNM (ANZ) Research Advisory Group. The circular (also issued on 10 March, 2006) contained information on the purpose of the RAG and its interim Terms of Reference. EOIs must be received by Jenny Martin by the close of business on 31 March, 2006.

Preliminary Review of the CDNM (ANZ) Constitution

Professor Kim Usher has been leading a preliminary review of our Constitution. I know that we all agree that this is due for modifications. We will have a good opportunity to critique this and rework it at the Deans Summit in June. Following this review Council will employ a Solicitor with appropriate expertise to do the necessary work on this important instrument.

Australian and New Zealand Nurse Supply and Demand to 2010

Interest in the Preston report is growing and we have received a request for information on preliminary findings. Professor Kim Usher and I will be speaking with Barbara Preston in the next week or so to discuss the report and to consider when it may be finalised and released. We will keep you apprised of developments with this.

Executive Director of The Carrick Institute for Learning & Teaching in Higher Education to address Council

We are pleased to advise that the Executive Director of The Carrick Institute for Learning & Teaching in Higher Education, Professor Richard Johnstone has accepted our invitation to address Council on 12 October, 2006 in Melbourne. This address will be included in the program for our Professional Development day on quality teaching and learning. Jenny Martin will keep us posted regarding plans for the day and a program for the event will be distributed as soon as possible.

Professor Jan Duke to join the CDNM(ANZ) Executive

We are pleased to advise that Professor Jan Duke of the Graduate School of Nursing & Midwifery, Victoria University of Wellington, New Zealand will replace Professor Jo Walton on the Council Executive. CDNM(ANZ) has formally thanked Professor Walton for her contributions to its work.

Best wishes to all

Professor John Daly

Chair

Membership Update

Recent Head of School Appointments

Professor Sanchia Aranda, Head, School of Nursing, University of Melbourne

Dr Chris Au, Acting Head, School of Nursing, Victoria University

Professor Di Brown, Professor of Clinical Nursing, Charles Darwin University

Professor Gerry Farrell, Head, School of Nursing & Midwifery, La Trobe University

Associate Professor Denise Fassett, Head, Tasmanian School of Nursing, University of Tasmania

Professor Michael Hazelton, Head, School of Nursing & Midwifery, University of Newcastle

Ms Wendy Horne, Head, Division of Health Care Practice, Auckland University of Technology

Dr Jennifer Kelly, Head, School of Nursing, ACU National (QLD)

Associate Professor Violeta Lopez, Head, School of Nursing, ACU National (NSW)

Dr Judy Magarey, Head, Dept of Clinical Nursing, University of Adelaide

Professor Helen McCutcheon, Head, School of Nursing & Midwifery, University of South Australia

Dr Tony O'Brien, Head, Dept of Nursing & Health Care Practices, Southern Cross University

Associate Professor Lina Shahwan-Akl, Acting Head, Dept of Nursing & Midwifery, RMIT University

Faculty Practice

Adjunct Professor Colin Holmes from James Cook University was commissioned to prepare a position paper on Faculty Practice. The following recommendations were made:

1. When considering adopting faculty practice, its value in assisting the School to meet university expectations for the School's academic performance should be established, and confirmed in a formal faculty practice policy.
2. Where faculty practice is adopted, it should be the subject of formal policy and the mission statements of the School. It should be the subject of formal agreements between all stakeholders, and all issues relating to costs and legal liabilities must be resolved in advance.
3. Faculty practice should generally be seen as optional, it should:
 - have unambiguous aims and projected outcomes;
 - be factored into staff workloads; and,
 - there should be formal mechanisms for ensuring safe and competent practice.
4. The value of faculty practice to the career prospects of the individual must be explicit, and it should be incorporated into personal performance review procedures approved by the university.
5. Schools considering introducing faculty practice should address potential problems in:
 - integrating clinician, educator, and researcher roles for academic staff;
 - establishing interdisciplinary collaboration and support networks that enhance creativity and increase funding opportunities; and,
 - overseeing professional practice and, developing and implementing relevant policies.

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Global Alliance on Nursing Education



↑The GANE Team

→L to R: Professor Kim Usher, Professor Pauline Nugent, Professor Dame Jill Macleod Clark, Professor John Daly

Professors John Daly, Kim Usher and Pauline Nugent attended a Global Summit in London in December 2005 and met with their international counterparts from the UK, USA and Canada. The meeting was hosted by Professor Dame Jill Macleod Clark, Chair of the UK Deans (pictured below with the Deans from Australia). A key outcome of the Summit was the establishment of the Global Alliance on Nursing Education (GANE). GANE are committed to enhancing the educational preparation of registered nurses and expanding opportunities for nursing education. Two GANE meetings are scheduled in 2006, firstly, in Washington DC on 13 -15 July and secondly, in Sydney on 18 - 19 December.



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Calendar of Events

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| 12 May | Closing date for submissions for Australian and New Zealand ranking of refereed journals project |
| 14-15 June | Deans Summit: A Strategic Way Forward
Carlton Crest Hotel, Sydney |
| 12-13 October | Teaching & Learning Day
General Meeting/AGM
Melbourne |
| 18-19 December | GANE (Global Alliance on Nursing Education) Meeting
Sydney |
| 7-9 March 2007 | CDNM meetings in Darwin |

Faculty Practice recommendations cont'd

6. The trend toward a range of innovative roles which straddle academic and clinical systems should be encouraged. In view of the dangers of overload and role ambiguity, there should be clear objectives, precise indicators of performance, regular review, and support mechanisms specially developed for each appointee.

7. Research should be conducted to evaluate all existing and projected forms of faculty practice and all roles which combine academic and clinical work.

8. The development of faculty health services, as a preferred site for faculty practice, should be given consideration as a long term objective for Australian Schools of Nursing, and further discussed as a possibility within New Zealand.

The Position Paper is available on the CDNM web site at <http://www.cdnm.edu.au>