MEMBERS OF THE FACULTY ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICERS/SUB-DEANS’ GROUP

A meeting of the FAO/Sub-Deans’ Group will be held on Friday 11 February 2011 in the Senate Room commencing at 9:30pm

1. UPDATE FROM ACADEMIC COUNCIL
Sylvia Lang will provide an update on the Academic Council items recently circulated for approval.

2. SHOW CAUSE PROCESS UPDATE
Show Cause applications will be considered on the afternoon of Friday 11 February and decisions will be communicated as soon as possible after the meeting.

3. AMENDMENTS TO RULES
Members have been advised previously of changes to the rules and policies framework that are currently underway. A summary of these is attached together with a draft of the Architecture, Landscape and Visual Arts rules illustrating the proposed new format for rules. Members will be invited to provide feedback on the general direction taken and to raise any specific issues. Claire McIlroy, Senior Legislative Officer will attend for discussion. (Attachments A – D)

4. REPORT OF THE WORKING PARTY ON STUDENT TRANSITION
Members will be aware that the report of the Student Transition Working Party was considered by Council at its meeting of 3 November 2010. Council approved (R128/10) the recommendations. The report is attached. Members are invited to raise any issues associated with the report recommendations. (Attachment E)

5. EXTERNAL HONOURS APPLICATION PROCEDURE
Marion Bateman has asked that members be reminded that external honours applicants are required to submit originals or certified copies of their official academic transcripts to the Admissions Centre, before unconditional offer letters can be generated by Admissions. Academic eRecords, for example, are not considered to be official transcripts.

6. REVIEW OF POSTGRADUATE COURSEWORK ADMISSIONS AT UWA
Marion Bateman has provided the following update.

The Issues and Options Paper was circulated to Deans by the Registrar in late December 2010, with a request for feedback by the end of February 2011 if at all possible. An online survey of currently-enrolled postgraduate coursework students was conducted in 2010, which elicited a response rate of 26 per cent. Given the timing of the survey - November and December - the response rate was quite pleasing. The IRU has reported the survey findings. It is anticipated that feedback obtained from the survey will be included in a Final Report, although the timeframe for compilation of the Final Report is unclear at this stage.

10. OTHER BUSINESS
Members will be invited to raise any other issues for consideration by the group.