Dean's Message

Welcome to 2007 and another time of change for the Faculty of Architecture, Design and Planning. As you are aware, Professor Tom Kvan resigned as Dean to take up the same post at the University of Melbourne. I am Acting Dean, while the University searches for a new Dean. Tom was farewelled at a function in the Hearth on 16 January (photos). There was a minimum of speeches but all praised his achievements in 2006. He will be missed as a humane but firm leader, as an agent for change, as a colleague and as a passionate supporter of the Faculty's staff and students. Everyone wished him well in his move to Melbourne. I will continue the renewal process started by Tom, including the appointment of new staff (see below).

Our undergraduate intakes into both undergraduate programs look as though they will be on target, with slightly higher UAIs than in 2006. I look forward to meeting you at the many functions that the Faculty hosts throughout the year. Don’t hesitate to contact me if you have any concerns.
Warren Julian
Acting Dean

Alumnus in the News

Paul Pholeros honoured with AM

Congratulations to Paul Pholeros, who was honoured with the Australia Medal AM recently, in recognition of his persistent and outstanding service to the health and well-being of the indigenous population of Australia and the Torres Strait Islands. In conjunction with his partners, Dr Paul Torzillo (Royal Prince Alfred Hospital) and Stephen Rainow, Healthhabitat was established to ensure that aboriginal housing met basic health standards. 5000 homes have been repaired in 5 years.

Along with Louise Cox AM and Col James AM, Paul is a recipient of the University of Sydney's Alumni Award for Community Achievement. Well done!!!!

President's Message

Welcome to the New Year, and to our new/old Acting Dean. Warren has acted in this capacity before, and we are very
pleased that he will, once again, be 'holding the fort'. Welcome, also, to two new members of the Alumni Council - Ken Woolley (BArch'55) and Brian Griffin (BArch'54). We are very grateful that they have volunteered their time and considerable experience to support the Faculty. Brian has courageously offered to catalogue the collection of student art work that is housed in the Faculty with the assistance of Barry Wollaston. They would be very grateful if anyone could spare a few moments to assist them. More information

This year the Alumni Council will host a variety of events that will both support the Faculty and engage with current students. The first event will be SHOWCASE 07, an exhibition of recent graduates work to be held in the Hearth. This is an outstanding opportunity to bring the achievements of young alumni to the attention of the professional, academic and student communities and to give alumni the chance to meet and review their recent successes. More information

The Alumni Council is extremely pleased that the Student Bursary Fund has had a wonderful start. This Fund will assist disadvantaged students in the Faculty who need financial help, for any reason. During the year, students face many crises, not just submission dates. This bursary will assist cases such as those needing a rental bond, those with unforeseen medical expenses, etc. The aim is to raise sufficient money to ensure that the fund is self-sustaining.

Hope to see you all at the Faculty during the coming year. Michael Neustein BArch '71 President

New Staff

Greg Castillo has now joined us as Senior Lecturer in Architecture, History and Theory, having been appointed in 2006.

Ross Anderson will commence in July 2007 as a Lecturer in Architectural Design, History and Theory. Ross' post-graduate studies at the University of Cambridge have been primarily concerned with European architecture in the nineteenth and twentieth centuries from a philosophical perspective. The title of Ross's dissertation is: From the Bauhütte to the Bauhaus. The medieval masons' lodge as an aesthetic and cultural paradigm from German Romanticism to Early Modernism. Ross's research is concerned with understanding the grounds for the persistence of the Bauhütte (medieval stone-mason's lodge) as a guiding idea within architectural movements in modernity.

Lee Stickells will also commence with the Faculty in July 2007, as Lecturer in Architecture and Urban Design. Lee is currently a senior lecturer in the School of Planning and Architecture at the University of the West of England.
Additionally, Chris L Smith will also commence with the Faculty in July 2007, as Lecturer in Architectural Design and Technology. Currently working in the School of Architecture, Planning and Landscape at Newcastle University UK, he has made a significant contribution in the last four years, as the Degree Program Director for the Bachelor of Arts (Honors in Architectural Studies), Deputy Director of the Tectonic Cultures Research Group and member of the School’s Architecture Management Committee.

John Dee has been re-appointed as Honorary Senior Lecturer in the Urban and Regional Planning and Policy Discipline for a three year term with effect from 1 January 2007.

Congratulations to all!