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PROGRESS / UPDATES

Student Lifecycle Project

In the interview with Tim Westlake and Clive Agnew in Will's CoreMunicate video, you will have heard Clive give an update on the project to replace the Student Records System, part of the broader Student Lifecycle Programme, which the University has now put in motion to be delivered over the next three years. I would like to add to Clive's comments with my own thanks to staff across the Faculty who have taken part in workshops and other activity to do with the Student Lifecycle Programme. Your willingness to take part in this at short notice is very much appreciated, and will serve to provide a better experience for students – and for staff – once the new system has been fully rolled out.

Communications and Marketing

- ***Sharing news across the Faculty***

At the start of the month, you will have received the refreshed version of *Humanities eNews*, which will now be sent weekly. The Internal Communications team will post all new items as they receive them to HumNet, meaning that more items can be shared overall. You will always be able to see the latest news at www.humanities.manchester.ac.uk/humnet/news-events/

Please remember that if you have a news story, some media coverage or an event you'd like to share, you should send details to humsnews@manchester.ac.uk. The information you send to the Humanities Internal Communications team via this email address may be used not only in eNews and on HumNet, but could also feed into monthly CoreMunicate briefings for PSS staff, to the Dean and DoFO CoreMunicate briefings for academic staff, or be used on the external website. The Internal Communications team will also pass on your email to anyone else who might be interested – relevant staff in Schools or elsewhere in the Faculty or the University. Sharing with humsnews@manchester.ac.uk will ensure that all news items and success stories are promoted across the widest range of channels.

PEOPLE

- ***Changes within the Faculty Senior Management Team***

As you will be aware, I have been appointed to the role of Programme Director for a new University-wide Programme Board, which is being set up to manage strategic projects and activities across the University. The Board will be led by Deputy President and Deputy Vice-Chancellor, Colin Bailey. Recruitment to the Humanities Director of Faculty Operations role will begin immediately. In the meantime, I have already begun to take on some activities associated with this new role, while still continuing in my Faculty role until a replacement is appointed.

Also, Humanities Director of Faculty Finance, Ian Rodd, is moving to the Faculty of Science and Engineering as Head of Faculty Finance. Philippa Woods has been appointed as Interim Head of Faculty Finance, and will support the Faculty until a permanent appointment is made.

Finally, the Head of the School of Environment, Education and Development, Professor Tim Allott, is now in the final year of his three-year term and will step down as Head of School in July 2017. The recruitment process to identify a replacement will begin shortly.

Communications and Marketing

- ***Faculty Marketing Team***

Adi Gal-Greenwood recently started as Faculty Marketing Officer for the School of Arts, Languages and Cultures, covering Sarah Howarth's maternity leave.

- ***Policy@Manchester***

Policy@manchester has recruited three new Communications and Engagement Officers.

Aimee Lawless – Aimee has most recently worked as a Press Officer at Royal Manchester Children's Hospital Charity. She formerly worked for Gordon Birtwistle MP as his PR Assistant/Caseworker. Aimee will start on Monday 17 October.

Jess Lishak – Jess has recently finished two years as Executive Women's Officer at the Students' Union. She was also a member of the Government Taskforce looking at Harassment and Violence Against Women at Universities, and has been responsible for organising the successful Reclaim The Night events in Manchester. Jess will start on Tuesday 18 October.

Craig Whittall – Craig currently works for the Association of Liberal Democrat Councillors as Campaigns and Communications Organiser. By coincidence, he was also previously a caseworker in the office of Gordon Birtwistle MP. Craig will start on Monday 14 November.

Recruitment is still on-going for a Senior Communications and Engagement Officer.

- ***Faculty Web Team***

A new website for the School of Arts, Languages and Cultures was launched on Monday 12 September. The site benefits from a suite of new mobile-friendly templates, new navigation elements including megamenus, a revised site structure including subject microsites, new design for course profiles and newly commissioned videos and photography. This was the last of four School websites redeveloped as part of phase one of the Faculty Web Team's responsive web design project – a project which involved the entire team, the redevelopment of thousands of web pages, and which took 12 months to complete. Phase Two of this project, currently underway, involves the redevelopment of websites for research institutes and centres.

Best wishes

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