

EDITH COWAN UNIVERSITY UNIVERSITY COUNCIL

ACADEMIC STAFF MEMBER
31 AUGUST 2006

OLIVER, Ron

I have been an academic at ECU for over twenty years and I currently hold the position of Associate Dean (Teaching and Learning) in the Faculty of Education and Arts. I am Chair of the ECU Academic Board and have served for the past 3 years as a staff representative on the ECU Council. I am happy to continue in this role and for this reason am seeking re-election. Normally the Chair of Academic Board has observer status at Council meetings. Being a full member provides many extra opportunities for me to provide the perspectives of academic staff and the detail of academic issues in the decision-making processes of Council. It enables me to keep Council informed of academic matters and to provide advice and guidance where appropriate. I look forward to the support of my colleagues who would like to see the University served in this capacity.

OMARI, Arshad

ECU, and hence Council, is currently grappling with a range of issues at the heart of its very nature as a University into the future. An academic staff representative on Council needs to reflect and communicate the realities for academic staff in the changing and dynamic environment in which we are working, something I believe I can do positively and constructively. My experience within the ECU community at many levels will have a positive place in the operation of the ECU council and I therefore ask for your support as Academic staff representative.

LACHOWICZ, Stefan

I am honoured to be a candidate to the University Council for the term 2007-2009. I have been with Edith Cowan University for most of my professional career. I am a Senior Lecturer at the School of Engineering and Mathematics and the School Higher Degrees Coordinator, as well as the coordinator for several undergraduate Engineering courses. I have served on several committees of the Faculty of Computing, Health and Science. If elected, I will stand for academic freedoms and integrity, and for protection of ECU staff interests.

LUMMIS, Geoff

No candidate profile provided.

GRINGART, Eyal

I believe that the combination of my life experience, my familiarity with as well as love for ECU, my expertise in Social Psychology, my passion for social justice, and my excellent interpersonal skills will all make me a beneficial and productive member of the ECU Council. Having progressed from being an undergraduate ECU student through to becoming a full time academic in a continuing position I am familiar with ECU from various perspectives. I am a member of the T&L and the Exec Committees of the School of Psychology (SOP). I have been a member of the International & Commercial Committee at FCSESS and am the coordinator of these programmes at SOP. I am the Associate Director of the Centre for Psychological Research and am the First Year Coordinator in SOP. I will be delighted to represent FCHS, of whom SOP is not a part, on the ECU Council.

WOOD, Graham

Graham Wood will represent the interests of Performing Arts and Creative practice on the University Council.

POOLEY, Julie Ann

My name is Julie Ann Pooley and I am currently a Senior Lecturer in the School of Psychology. I have been employed at ECU for the past 15 years through which I have seen many changes. I am really interested in being involved at higher levels of the university as I am passionate about both teaching and research. I am a community environmental psychologist and teach at all levels. My principal research area is looking at community resilience. I have strong ties to the local community through being involved in many community based research consultancies, projects and workshops. One of my proudest achievements is as a team member within the School of Psychology in which we won a national AAUT teaching award for the Resistance and Persistence Transition Support Program (RaPTS) which aids the transition of first year university students to studying psychology at Edith Cowan University.

MCDONALD, Tim

Dr Tim McDonald is currently Program Director (Secondary Education) in the school of Education within the Faculty of Education and Arts. Tim came to ECU in 2001 from working and studying in Oxford. Tim's background is in education and has held middle and senior management positions in schools. Tim is currently directing a \$780,000 joint longitudinal research project with the Department of Education and Training looking at behaviour and academic progress. Tim has experience in consulting with other universities on course design, structure and implementation. As an educator and researcher Tim brings to this position a vision that is practical, creative and strength based.

NEEDHAM, Alan

I have been employed at ECU since 1987 and hold the position of Senior Lecturer in the School of Natural Sciences, with duties in both teaching and research. In the past few years I have served on a number of University committees and am currently a member of the Academic Services Committee, the Academic Staff Joint Consultative Committee and the Student Appeals Committee. For the past four years I have been Secretary of the Academic Staff Association and of the ECU Branch of the NTEU, and from 1st October I will be the President of the Branch. In those capacities I have been involved in negotiations leading to the last two Enterprise Bargaining Agreements. With 20 years of active commitment to the University, its students and staff, I believe I am well placed to serve on the Council and I look forward to the opportunity to contribute at this level.

SIMS, Margaret

I have worked at Edith Cowan University since 1992 where I am now in the School of International, Cultural and Community Studies. I have been through a lot of changes in that time. One of the skills I have found most useful is to seek opportunities in each set of changes whilst holding on to a set of core values around service and integrity. I have been active in a range of school, faculty and university positions and am interested in supporting the university community to grow and change in ways that strengthen our position as a premier provider of tertiary education in the service professions. I would like to represent academic staff interests at council level to ensure that our voices are heard when decisions are made.

ARMSTRONG, Leisa

I am a lecturer in the School of Computer and Information Science in the CHS faculty. I am actively involved in teaching, research and postgraduate supervision and have been awarded a number of teaching and research grants. I actively promote SCIS and the University at open days and university expos. My aim is to represent all academic staff on the University Council, by promoting the valuable role that Academics play in the teaching and research goals of the University. I also would like represent staff in helping to maintain a productive, yet staff oriented workplace where the academics role in shaping the direction of the Edith Cowan is acknowledged. I believe that it is in the best interests of the continued good standing of Edith Cowan University that an open supportive relationship between Academics and University management is maintained.