Mr. Larry O'Brien, ASA, Assistant Professor, School of MACS

I am in my sixth year as an Assistant Professor in Actuarial Science at the Malaysian campus, a member of Senate and UCQS, and have completed appointments as a member of the Heriot-Watt Malaysian Executive Management Committee and Associate Head of School for MACS. During that time, I gained familiarity with how Heriot-Watt handles several functions that are expected from a Dean:



- dealt with student discipline issues,
- improved the student experience by addressing concerns voiced during personal tutoring sessions and Student Staff Liaison Committee meetings,
- enhanced the university image after successful application to the Society of Actuaries to be listed on their website as a UCAP-Advanced Curriculum university, and
- ensured the quality of instruction by conducting peer review of professors and leading many interviews (quite skilled at identifying the best candidates).

I advised student and was a member of the Actuarial Advisory Board that awarded scholarships at the University of Minnesota during my twelve plus years of experience in academia. I also bring a decade of professional business experience from working for a couple of large multinational corporations as an Actuary.

I hope to receive your vote of confidence and be the next Science and Engineering Dean for Heriot-Watt University!

Nominated by: Dr. Alistair Wallis, Assistant Professor, MACS

Associate Head of School of MACS (Malaysia)

Seconded by: Mr. Urval Patel, Assistant Professor, EGIS

Programme Director, MSc Petroleum Engineering (Malaysia)