Wow! And just like that 2016 is gone in a flash (well almost). The second half of the year was a very busy one for all of our faculty clubs due to the multitude of end of year socials, STUVAC study sessions, and some of the biggest club-organised events of the year (not to mention that little thing called uni study). Every club should be proud of what they have accomplished this session.

Have a read below of some of the highlights of the 2016 Spring session.

**Philosophy Forum Training Conference:** The Philosophy Forum hosted a successful three-day conference in Bundanoon recently. The conference involved all things philosophy including; panel discussions, keynote addresses, philosophical activities, and workshops.

**Marketing & PR Society End of Session Party** at Humber was a great way to relax and celebrate the year. With both students and Business Faculty staff in attendance it provided a good opportunity to network.

**UOW FSAE won the Australasia Competition in Melbourne!** The UOW FSAE team travelled to Melbourne to compete not only against other Australian university teams but teams from all over the world. The team worked hard all year on their 2016 campaign car and it was put through its paces in the competition and came out on top, with a first place overall and first place in the petrol car division.

**Accounting Society** held an **Employability and Professional Development workshop** in October where students listened to talks informing them on personal branding, and the career path for a financial planner.
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WITS (Information Technology Society) held Kingdom Hack Wollongong at UOW in November. The event was a multidisciplinary hackathon where over 100 competitors participated in creating something amazing over 24 hours.

CABLE (Chinese Academic Business Learning and Education) had a very busy Spring Session with Badminton competitions and training, a networking event, and their very popular end of session workshops.

During Spring Session WUDFA (Diplomacy and Foreign Affairs Society) sent a delegation to represent UOW at the National Capital Model United Nations Conference (NCMUN) in Canberra and a delegation to the Sydney Model United Nations Conference (SydMun). Students compete at the Model UN conferences where they research and argue their point from their chosen country’s perspective. WUDFA had the chance to put their research and analytical skills into practice and gain insight into how the UN operates as well as see diplomacy in action.

Human Geography Society (HUGS) teamed up with ‘Green Connect’ to present a Q & A for ‘Fair Food Week’. The aim of the event was to bring attention to sustainable and equitable food production, in addition to highlighting what Green Connect does; a local social enterprise farm run by employees who are risk youth or migrants.

With lots of positive feedback HUGS deemed the event a great success.

Health Science Social Club once again held their Charity Ball and as always it was a great success. The Ball was held at ‘The Meatery’ in Wollongong and was a sold-out event with 250 people attending. HSSC’s chosen charity this year was the Indigo Foundation whom they helped raised over $2,000 for.

Both Groundswell and Mining Engineering Society (MineSoc) took club members to attend the New Leaders Conference and Mining Games held in Brisbane in September. The conference involved presentations covering a range of disciplines such as geology, mining, metallurgy, and environmental management. The 2016 National Mining Games consisted of the following events: Hand Mucking, Swede Saw, Airleg Drilling, Rail Set, Gold Panning, Rock Identification and Blast Face Tie-In. Overall, UOW representatives came out with over 10 awards, including a team placing first in the Mixed competition, and coming first, second and third in various individual events.

Thank you to everyone for all of your hard work and looking forward to an exciting 2017.