SMU GETS SEPARATE SCHOOLS FOR ECONOMICS, SOCIAL SCIENCES

THE social sciences are also getting a boost at the Singapore Management University (SMU) with the reorganisation of its School of Economics & Social Sciences.

Now, there will be two separate schools, one for each area of study.

The new School of Social Sciences will play a substantial role in the teaching of non-law courses integral to SMU's new law curriculum, said the university in a press release.

The move has also enabled SMU to launch two tracks of studies: Public Policy, Development & Management and Culture, Organisations & Behaviour. These will be part of SMU's Bachelor of Social Science course, which offers students the choice of majoring in Psychology, Sociology or Political Science. Psychology professor David Chan, SMU's vice-provost of research, will serve as the interim Dean.

The new School of Economics will remain the second largest of SMU's schools. The university said there would be no impact on the intake sizes for the economics and social science degree programmes, which stand at 190 and 121 respectively this coming academic year.

[NB: Wrong reporting of Professor David Chan as SMU's vice provost of research]
CORRECTION

In our report, “SMU gets separate schools for economics, social sciences” (April 9), we said that Singapore Management University School of Social Sciences interim dean Professor David Chan is also SMU’s vice-provost of research. That is incorrect. Professor Roberto S Mariano is SMU’s vice-provost of research.