VICE CHANCELLOR'S REPORT

A copy of the Vice Chancellor's Report to Council can be accessed from the following web site:


GRIFFITH RESEARCH PLAN 2011-2013


Council noted that the University had met or exceeded several of the goals of the Griffith Research Plan 2009-2013, including success in competitive grant schemes, the award of a National Health and Medical Research Council (NHMRC) Australia Fellowship and a NHMRC Centre of Research Excellence, and a national top-10 position for the initial rounds of the Australian Research Council (ARC) Future Fellowships, and this success had occasioned a mid-cycle review of the current Research Plan.

The Deputy Vice Chancellor (Research) advised Council that the goals of the Griffith Research Plan 2011-2013 would enable the University to maintain and expand upon its success, and would align with the changed circumstances arising from the current Australian and global research environment including Excellence in Research for Australia (ERA), and the shift in perspective that the University’s own success required. Council noted that the Griffith Research Plan 2011-2013 aligns with the recently revised Academic Plan 2011-2013 and the University’s Strategic Plan 2009-2013.

REVIEWS OF THE SCHOOL OF MEDICINE AND THE SCHOOL OF NURSING AND MIDWIFERY

In May 2003, Council adopted a framework for regular, five-yearly, systematic, independent reviews across the University. Council noted that during 2010 the School of Medicine and the School of Nursing and Midwifery had been reviewed under the University’s policy.

Council endorsed the review reports and implementation plans.

FRAUD CONTROL POLICY AND PROCEDURE

Council resolved to approve the Fraud Control policy (2011/0006018) and the Fraud Control Procedure (2011/0006019) with immediate effect.

AMENDMENT TO HEALTH AND SAFETY POLICY

Council resolved to approve a revised Health and Safety Policy (2011/0006024) with immediate effect.

PRESENTATION ON GRIFFITH HEALTH
Professor Allan Cripps, Pro Vice Chancellor (Health) made a presentation to members on Griffith Health. Council noted the progress that had been made since the Group’s formation in 2005 with regard to growth in student numbers; the successful introduction of a suite of professional programs; the research activities and achievements of the Griffith Health Institute; the developments and innovations in learning and teaching led by the Health Institute for the Development of Education and Scholarship (IDEAS); and the establishment of health clinics that provide dentistry, physiotherapy, dietetics and psychology services to the community. Council also noted the strategies that the Group had implemented to attract high quality international students, and to increase Indigenous participation in Health programs.

Council noted that Griffith Health was now one of the largest and most comprehensive health faculties in the Australian higher education sector, with a breadth of expertise spanning the biomedical, social and clinical health sciences. Members noted that co-location with the Gold Coast University Hospital and Gold Coast Health and Knowledge Precinct would provide Griffith Health with significant and substantial opportunities for future growth.

SCHOOL OF PSYCHOLOGY NAME CHANGE

Council resolved to approve a change of name of the School of Psychology to the School of Applied Psychology with immediate effect.

APPOINTMENT OF DEAN (LEARNING AND TEACHING) HEALTH

Council resolved to offer Professor Nick Buys a further appointment as Dean (Learning and Teaching) Health for the period 31 August 2011 to 30 August 2014.

PROFESSOR EMERITUS

Council conferred the title of “Professor Emeritus” on Professor Peter Brown in recognition of his distinguished service to scholarship and to the University.

COUNCIL APPOINTMENTS TO UNIVERSITY COMMITTEES

Council resolved to make appointments to the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Advisory Committee, Finance and Resources Committee, the Gold Coast Advisory Council, the Honorary Degree Committee and the Tender Board.

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