APPOINTMENT OF ADDITIONAL MEMBER TO COUNCIL

In accordance with section 16 of the Griffith University Act, Council appointed Mr Rob Borbidge as an additional member to Council for a term of office from 3 May 2006 to 31 December 2007.

REVISED RESEARCH PLAN

Council adopted the “Griffith Research Plan” (2006/0003757) and appendices 1-3 (2006/0003762, 2006/0003763, 2006/0003764). The revised Griffith Research Plan is intended to establish a framework to build on University initiatives and to ensure that the University achieves the vision described in The Griffith Project and the Strategic Plan 2006-2010. This document modifies and updates the previous Griffith Research Plan which was approved by Council in December 2004. In addition to outlining the external environment in which Griffith operates, the revised Research Plan sets out key issues that need to be addressed for the five years of the University’s current Strategic Plan and identifies a set of Action Plans to address these issues.

REVISED RESPONSIBILITIES RELATING TO THE EQUITY AND COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIPS PORTFOLIO

Council resolved to approve the following recommendations as outlined in the paper “Revised Responsibilities Relating to the Equity and Community Partnerships Portfolio”:

a. the responsibility for the equity portfolio be shared between the Deputy Vice Chancellor (Research) and the Deputy Vice Chancellor (Academic) as outlined in section 4 of the paper.

b. the constitutions of the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Advisory Committee and the Equity Committee be amended by replacement of “Pro Vice Chancellor (Equity and Community Partnerships)” by “a Deputy Vice Chancellor nominated by the Vice Chancellor”.

c. Professor Max Standage, as Provost of the Gold Coast and Logan campuses and Pro Vice Chancellor (Community Partnerships), undertake the responsibilities outlined in section 5 of the paper.

d. the responsibility for the Eco-Centre be delegated to the Dean, Faculty of Environmental Sciences.

STAKEHOLDER ENGAGEMENT PRIORITIES

The Vice Chancellor made a presentation to Council on strategic priorities for stakeholder engagement. Council noted key priorities for the learning and teaching and research portfolios, and for each of the four academic groups. The Vice Chancellor invited Council members to notify him of any engagement priorities to which they may be able to contribute.

REVIEWS
In May 2003, Council adopted a framework for the regular, five-yearly, systematic, independent review of current activity and future plans of faculties and their constituent elements through a Faculty Review Process. A parallel process for administrative areas was also instituted.

Council noted that the Department of Tourism, Leisure, Hotel and Sport Management; the Division of Information Services; the Office of Finance and Business Services; and the Office for Research were reviewed under the University’s policy.


**UPDATE ON RESEARCH QUALITY FRAMEWORK**

The Deputy Vice Chancellor (Research) provided an update to Council on the Research Quality Framework. Council was advised that the new Minister for Education, Science and Training, the Hon Julie Bishop MP, had released the paper prepared by the Expert Advisory Group in December last year on the RQF preferred model and had announced the names of the members of a RQF Development Advisory Group. The Minister's statement indicated that the RQF Development Advisory Group would provide her with further advice before a final decision was made on the RQF.

**PRESENTATION ON UNIVERSITY ADVERTISING STRATEGY**

Mr Peter Cunningham, Partner - Redsuit Advertising, made a presentation to the meeting on the next phase of the University’s advertising strategy.

**APPOINTMENT OF DEANS**

Council resolved to offer the following appointments: Professor Debra Creedy as Dean (Academic), Griffith Health for the period 3 May 2006 to 2 May 2009; Associate Professor Nick Buys as Dean (Learning and Teaching), Griffith Health for the period 3 May 2006 to 2 May 2009; and Professor Yew-Chaye Loo as Dean, Faculty of Engineering and Information Technology for the period 1 July 2006 to 31 December 2006.
APPOINTMENT OF HEADS OF SCHOOL

Council resolved to offer the following appointments: Professor Sandra Berns as Head, Griffith Law School for the period 3 May 2006 to 12 March 2008; Dr Lewis Adams as Head, School of Physiotherapy and Exercise Science for the period 1 July 2006 to 31 March 2007, or until such time as a new Head of School was appointed by Council whichever was the sooner; Associate Professor Clyde Wild as Head, School of Environmental and Applied Science for the period 1 July 2006 to 30 June 2008; Dr Neil Sipe as Head, School of Environmental Planning for the period 1 July 2006 to 30 June 2008; and Associate Professor Paul Bates as Head, School of Aviation for the period 1 July 2006 to 30 June 2008.

APPOINTMENTS TO ABORIGINAL AND TORRES STRAIT ISLANDER ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Council approved the reappointment of the following community Elders to the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Advisory Committee for a term of office up to 31 December 2007: Mr Reg Knox, Ms Jianna Richardson and Mr Thomas Sebasio.

REVISION TO COMMITTEE CONSTITUTIONS

Council approved revised constitutions for Academic Committee (2006/004505) and Faculty Boards (2006/0003771).

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