GROWING GRIFFITH – UNIVERSITY BUDGET 2006-2008

Council adopted the document “Growing Griffith – University Budget 2006-2008”.

The Vice Chancellor advised that the 2006-2008 budget was a growth budget with increased allocations for all areas. Allocations had been aligned with the new Strategic Plan approved by Council at its July 2005 meeting, and incentives had been maintained for academic Groups to achieve excellence in research and teaching and learning.

In accordance with the new Strategic Plan, a new three-year budget and planning cycle will be introduced in 2006 to commence from 2007. As part of the introduction of the new budget and planning cycle, a review of the current methodology will be carried out in the first half of 2006. This timing will enable the University to take account of the Commonwealth Government’s final decisions on the Research Quality Framework and its inaugural allocation of funds from the Learning and Teaching Performance Fund.

REPORT ON SOUTH BANK CAMPUS ISSUES

At its February 2005 retreat, Council requested that a short report on key campus issues be prepared for the particular campus at which the Council meeting was scheduled. Council noted a report on South Bank Campus issues which addressed the following matters: strategic vision for the South Bank campus and planning for the future; development of teaching and learning profile including proposed new programs; new research initiatives and current research performance; linkages with community, industry and government; major capital development plans; staff and student issues; and strategic challenges and key opportunities.

PRESENTATION TO COUNCIL

Council viewed a screening of the video “Blue Flowers”.

A stylish film-noir project directed by 2004 Griffith Film School student Michael Calvino, “Blue Flowers” was earlier this year invited to official competition in Europe’s most prestigious student film festival, the Rencontres Internationales Henri Langlois, held in Poitiers, France. Michael was able to represent the University at the festival with support from the Film School’s new Festival Assistance program. “Blue Flowers” was also selected for competition in the prestigious New York University International Student Film Festival held in New York from 25 September – 1 October 2005.

AMENDMENT TO STUDENT MISCONDUCT POLICY

Council approved a revision to the definition of ‘Dean’ in the Student Misconduct Policy to include Associate/Deputy Deans.
AMENDMENT TO STAFF COMMITTEE CONSTITUTION

Council amended the membership provisions of the Staff Committee to allow the appointment of an appropriate Associate Dean from the Griffith Business School to chair the GBS Staff Committee.

UNIVERSITY CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS

Council resolved to declare as ex gratia University holidays Wednesday 28 December, Thursday 29 December and Friday 30 December 2005, and authorise the granting of equivalent time off in lieu of one or more of these days to staff required to work on any or all of those days.

DELEGATION OF AUTHORITY TO SIGN CONTRACTS AND AGREEMENTS

Council approved the revised document “Authority to Sign Contracts and Agreements Schedule of Delegations”(2005/0030258) to include the following additional delegation:

“The Director - Office of Facilities Management, Deputy Director - Office of Facilities Management, Campus Facility Managers and Director - Campus Life have delegated authority to sign standard Campus Site Licences.”

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