SUPPLEMENTARY AGENDA

SECTION I: MATTERS FOR DEBATE AND DECISION

ADDENDUM TO:

5.0 AUSTRALIAN QUALIFICATION FRAMEWORK ISSUES

5.1 Academic Awards, Programs, Nomenclature and Abbreviations Policy

5.1.1 The Qualifications Standards is one of three standards that form TEQSA’s Threshold Standards. TEQSA’s role is to ensure that higher education providers and their courses [‘programs’ in Griffith terminology] meet the Threshold Standards. In early 2012 the University assessed its compliance with the Threshold Standards and found itself to be least compliant with the Qualification Standards, in part because of the release in July 2011 of the strengthened Australian Qualifications Framework (AQF). Attached for the information of the Programs Committee is the 2012 assessment of the University’s compliance with the Qualification Standards (2013/0007037).

5.1.2 The University has until 1 January 2015 to be compliant with the AQF however programs being CRICOS registered by TEQSA since 2012 have been rejected for non-compliance with the AQF and the Qualification Standards. As 2015 programs will be decided at the end of 2013 and all existing Griffith programs that are AQF non-compliant in terms of their program and award titling will need to have compliant titles approved prior to the 2015 brochure production process that starts in December 2013, guidance to Groups about the naming of programs and awards needs to be developed by Programs Committee.

5.1.3 Programs Committee is asked to consider the attached:

- AQF Issuance Policy
- AHEGS Requirements January 2013 (refer to the attached Guidelines for the Presentation of the Australian Higher Education Graduation Statement and the Graduation Statement)
- Discussion Paper on Programs and Awards Titles (2013/0006503)
- Academic Awards, Programs, Nomenclature and Abbreviations Policy (2013/0007038); attached is a marked-up version showing changes as well as a ‘clean’ copy.

Recommendation

5.1.4 Programs Committee is asked to recommend to Academic Committee that the Academic Awards, Programs, Nomenclature and Abbreviations Policy (doc no) be adopted for implementation from 1 January 2014 and that the program and award titles of all programs being offered to 2015 commencing students are consistent with (doc no.)

For discussion