GRiffith University

Programs Committee Agenda 1/2/2010
4 March 2010

GRIFFITH UNIVERSITY

PROGRAMS COMMITTEE

A meeting of the Programs Committee will be held on Thursday 4 March 2010 at 9.30am via videoconference in Room 2.06, Bray Centre (N54) Nathan campus, Room 2.27, Information Services (L03) Logan campus and Room 1.04, The Chancellery (G34), Gold Coast Campus.

Sharon Clifford
Secretary

SUPPLEMENTARY AGENDA

SECTION I: MATTERS FOR DEBATE AND DECISION

30.0 PES FULL PROGRAM PROPOSAL (2009/0002595)
6019 DOCTOR OF PHYSIOTHERAPY

30.1 The Programs Committee, on the recommendation of the Health Group Faculty Board 8/2009 (2 December), is asked to consider the attached New Program Submission proposing to establish the Doctor of Physiotherapy (PhysioD, 6019), as detailed in 2009/0002595, for introduction in summer semester (November/December) 2011.

30.2 During the 2009 program planning round held in December 2008 the Deputy Vice Chancellor (Academic) approved the articulated Bachelor of Exercise Science (Pre-Physiotherapy) and Doctor of Physiotherapy programs for development and advertising.

30.3 Graduates of the Bachelor of Exercise Science (Pre-Physiotherapy) who achieve a GPA of 5.0 are guaranteed entry into the Doctor of Physiotherapy program. The programs have been advertised in QTAC and Griffith University marketing brochures as a ‘packaged’ program. Demand has been comparable with the enormously high demand for the articulated Bachelor of Physiotherapy/Bachelor of Exercise Science.

30.4 Members may wish to note comments made by the Griffith Health Group Board included the following:
- Change in market forces and demand for such qualifications, including the recent introduction of similar programs at Edith Cowan University (2010) and the University of Melbourne (2011). The Board noted that the proposed programs research component is more substantial than current competitors.
- The research component of the proposed program and its connection with the three-year pre-physiotherapy program.
- The School of Physiotherapy has the capacity to meet the research supervisor workload and clinical placements required.
- The proposed program meets the requirements of the Australian Physiotherapy Council (APC) (the national accrediting body).

30.5 Also attached for the Committee’s consideration is a Discussion Paper which includes proposed changes to the Professional Doctorate Policy (2009/0005789).

30.6 Programs Committee is advised the University is expected to comply with the Australian Qualifications Framework (AQF) and the proposed structure currently falls outside the revisions to the AQF.

30.7 A representative from the School of Physiotherapy and Exercise Science will attend the meeting to speak to this item.

For consideration