AGENDA

1.0 WELCOME AND APOLOGIES

Welcome to Professor Sheena Reilly and Professor Andrew Worthington as new members of the Research Committee. Professor Susanne Becken, Professor Greer Johnson and Professor Nam-Trung Nguyen continue as members for another two-year term. Welcome to Professor Nigel Stork, Acting Dean Research Griffith Sciences.

Apologies received from Professor Susanne Becken and Ms Linda O’Brien.

Apologies may be recorded by contacting the Secretary on extension 54110 or by emailing c.arango@griffith.edu.au

2.0 DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

Members are required to identify any conflict of interest, including family or other personal relationship/s as outlined in the University policies on Conflict of Interest and Personal Relationships in the Workplace, which may exist in respect of any of the items on the agenda.

When an interest has been declared, the Chair may resolve that the member:

• leaves the meeting while the item of business is discussed; or
• participates in the discussion but withdraws from the meeting before the vote and/or decision; or
• stays but does not participate in either the debate or vote/decision; or
• stays with full debating and voting/decision rights.

All declarations of interest will be recorded in the minutes, together with any ensuing action.

3.0 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

The minutes of the 8/2015 meeting are attached for confirmation (attachment 3).

4.0 CHAIR’S REPORT

4.1 ERA 2015 OUTCOMES

The Chair will briefly report on the outcomes of the ERA 2015 evaluation. Ten specific fields of research (FoR) were rated the maximum score 5 (well above world standard) and 23 FoRs were rated 4 (above world standard) (attachment 4a). Griffith ranked 9th amongst Australian universities based on the number of FoRs rated at world standard or above.

The next ERA submission is expected to occur in 2018. Based on current guidelines the reference period for publications would be 2011-2016 and for income 2014-2016. The cut-off for research staff eligibility would be the end of March 2017.
4.2 **2016 ARC DISCOVERY AND DECRA — GRAPHICAL REPRESENTATION OF APPLICATION RANK (DOT PLOTS) FOR GRIFFITH AND BY UNIVERSITY NETWORK**

Griffith outcomes from the DP16 and DE16 rounds were presented at the November meeting (8/2015). The ARC has since prepared graphs for each institution and each university network showing the rank of successful (blue dots) and unsuccessful (red dots) applications by discipline grouping. Griffith’s dot plot charts (attachment 4b) and the charts for each university network for Discovery (attachment 4c) and DECRA (attachment 4d) are attached. The rank is determined by assessor scores, while the College of Experts panels determine which applications will be funded. This explains why some highly ranked applications are not funded and some lower ranked applications are.

4.3 **REPORT ON THE ARC FUTURE FELLOWSHIPS OUTCOMES**

Griffith University performed well in the 2015 ARC Future Fellowships scheme. A report on University’s performance relative to other universities is attached (attachment 4e).

4.4 **UPDATE ON 2016 ARC LINKAGE ROUNDS**

The Chair will brief the Committee on the ARC changes to the Linkage applications rounds and will initiate conversations on how to manage Griffith’s submissions (attachment 4f).

4.5 **PROGRESS REPORT ON PROPOSED SUBMISSIONS TO CURRENT GRANT ROUNDS**

In 2015, the University implemented the approach of an Expression of Interest (EOI) process for the major round schemes. Based on feedback from the academic community some Centres were approved to run their own EOI process for new ARC Discovery Projects and new NHMRC Project Grants. EOIs for all other centres, resubmission of unsuccessful applications and all fellowship schemes are coordinated for the Senior DVC by the Office for Research.

A summary of the number of proposed applications for 2017 rounds and confirmed numbers for the 2016 round is attached (attachment 4g). There has been a significant increase in numbers across all but the NHMRC fellowship schemes. It is likely that not all proposed 2017 applications will be submitted to the Office for Research. To avoid a high rate of unsuccessful applications, the Office for Research will monitor applications and refer uncompetitive applications to either the Centre Director and Dean Research or Senior DVC for a decision on whether to proceed with the submission.

5.0 **DEAN, GGRS REPORT**

5.1 **UPDATE ON THE BGR MEETINGS 9/2015 AND 1/2016**

The Dean, GGRS will present the outcomes of the Board of Graduate Research Meetings from December (9/2015) (attachment 5) and February (1/2016) (late item to be distributed).
The Federal Government launched their National Innovation and Science Agenda (NISA) in December 2015. The agenda is far reaching and includes a range of actions of which the research community needs to be aware. To inform discussion of the NISA by the Committee, three documents have been included in the agenda papers:

A short paper from the Director, Office for Research highlighting some operational implications is included (attachment 6a) together with the Universities Australia analysis (attachment 6b).

For discussion

7.0 Highlights from the Report ‘Characteristics of High-Performing Research Units: A Preliminary Analysis’ by the Policy Institute at King’s College London and RAND Europe

The document ‘Characteristics of High-Performing Research Units: A Preliminary Analysis’ was prepared for the Higher Education Funding Council for England (HEFCE) in November 2015. The report looks at the characteristics shared between research units whose submissions in the Research Excellence Framework (REF) 2014 scored highly in research and impact, and signals strategic approaches to delivering excellent research.

The front end of the report including the headline findings is attached for discussion (attachment 7). The complete report will be distributed electronically to members after the meeting.

For discussion

SECTION II: Matters Requiring Ratification of Executive Action

Nil

SECTION III: Matters for Noting and, Where Appropriate, Acceptance of Recommendations

8.0 Research Centres and Institutes Annual Reports and 4th Year Review Outcomes

The outcomes of the assessment of annual reports and fourth year reviews provided by each institute or centre are in attachment 8 for noting. The document also includes the centres and institutes funding in 2016.

9.0 2015 Griffith University/Southern Denmark University Collaborative Travel Grants Scheme Outcomes

The outcomes of the GU/SDU Collaborative Travel Grants in 2015 are attached for noting (attachment 9).

10.0 Other Matters for Noting

a) Projects awarded for 01/11/2015 – 31/01/2016 (attachment 10a)
b) Applications submitted 01/11/2015 – 31/01/2016 (attachment 10b)
c) Consultancies awarded 01/11/2015 – 31/01/2016 (attachment 10c)
d) HREC summary minutes meetings 8/2015, 9/2015, 10/2015 (attachment 10d)
e) AEC summary minutes meetings 9/2015, 10/2015 (attachment 10e)
f) UBC minutes meeting 3/205 (attachment 10f)
g) UBC 2015 Annual Report (attachment 10g)

11.0 OTHER BUSINESS

12.0 FUTURE MEETINGS

12.1 NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be on Tuesday 15 March 2016 at the Gold Coast Campus (G34_2.02).

12.2 MEETINGS IN 2016

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Persons with rights of audience and debate

- Professor Andrea Bishop - Director, Office for Research
- Ms Daina Garklavs - Deputy Director Research Services, Office for Research
- Mr Tony Sheil - Deputy Director Research Policy, Office for Research
- Mr Nicholas Mathiou - Director, Griffith Enterprise
- Ms Julene Finnigan - Resource Manager, Corporate Resource Management, Planning and Financial Services
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