GRIFFITH UNIVERSITY

RESEARCH COMMITTEE

A meeting of the Research Committee was held from 9.30-10:35 am on Tuesday 14 April 2015 at the Gold Coast Campus (G34_2.02).

MINUTES

PRESENT:

Professor Ned Pankhurst
Professor Sue Berners-Price
Professor Graham Cuskelly
Professor David Shum
Professor Jason Sharman
Professor Greer Johnson
Professor Wendy Moyle
Professor Nam-Trung Nguyen
Dr Sean Horan
Ms Daina Garklavs
Ms Julene Finnigan
Mr Nicholas Mathiou
Mr Stewart Whiteside (Acting)

Visitor:
Ms Maureen Sullivan

Secretary:
Dr Claudia Arango

APOLOGIES:

Professor David Lambert
Professor Gerry Docherty
Ms Linda O’Brien
Professor Susanne Becken
Dr Neda Todorova
Dr Vicki Pattemore
Mr Tony Sheil

1.0 APOLOGIES AND WELCOME

Apologies were received from Professor David Lambert, Professor Gerry Docherty, Ms Linda O’Brien, Professor Susanne Becken, Dr Neda Todorova, Dr Vicki Pattemore and Mr Tony Sheil (Mr Stewart Whiteside, Acting Deputy Director Research Policy attended on his behalf).

2.0 DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

No conflicts of interests were declared at the meeting.

3.0 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

The minutes of the 1/2015 meeting were confirmed.

4.0 CHAIR’S REPORT
4.1 PROPOSAL FROM IP AUSTRALIA FOR STANDARD PORTAL FOR PATENTS AND COMMERCIALISATION INFORMATION

The Chair briefed the Committee on the development of a website called ‘Source IP’ by IP Australia aiming to facilitate access by business especially Australian SME’s, to intellectual property developed by Australian universities and public sector research agencies.

The Committee agreed on the benefits of the initiative especially in strengthening engagement between research institutions and the Commonwealth government.

4.2 UPDATE ON ATSE PROPOSAL ON RESEARCH IMPACT ASSESSMENT

The Chair updated the Committee on a proposal by the Australian Academy of Technological Sciences and Engineering (ATSE) for research impact assessment and a pilot proposed involving Queensland universities. Griffith submitted a response letter expressing suggestions for improvement.

The proposal document – and Griffith’s response will be circulated to members later in the month, once the ATSE proposal is publicly available.

4.3 FORTHCOMING ROUND ARC CENTRES OF EXCELLENCE

The Chair briefly commented on the forthcoming round of ARC Centres of Excellence funding. Guidelines are to be released soon followed by ARC briefings. It is expected there would be a two-phase process including an Expression of Interest phase, about 80% of the EOIs would not proceed to interview. The Chair commented that Griffith would be involved in several proposals submitted by other universities but was unlikely to lead an application.

4.4 DRAFT NATIONAL RESEARCH PRIORITIES

The Chair presented an overview of the Chief Scientist’s draft National Research Priorities and commented that they would impact on national infrastructure priorities and the ARC funding applications guidelines. The Priorities proposed excluded HASS discipline areas which would potentially disadvantage Griffith.

4.5 UPDATE ON 2016 ARC AND NHMRC FUNDING ROUNDS

Griffith submitted 79 ARC Discovery Project applications, 20 ARC DECRA applications and 61 NHMRC Project grants applications for funding in 2016. Resubmissions of previously unsuccessful projects were the largest class of applications under each scheme. The Committee discussed the need for stringent selection of best quality resubmissions and well established EOI processes at the centre level. A report on the ARC LIEF applications was tabled showing that Griffith led 4 applications. The Deputy Director Research Services reported that a decision had been made to increase the cash contributions from applicants to 35% although the ARC only required a 25% contribution. The increase is consistent with recently successful LIEF applications.

Requests for centres to conduct their own EOI processes for the 2017 funding rounds (agenda item 4c, meeting 1/2015) will be considered at the next Research Committee meeting.

5.0 DEAN, GGRS REPORT

5.1 BOARD OF GRADUATE RESEARCH ACTION SHEET MEETINGS 01/2015 and 02/2015

The Dean, GGRS reported on the outcomes of the Board of Graduate Research (BGR) meetings on 4 February and 11 March 2015 (attachment 5a).
5.2 UPDATE ON STUDENT REVIEW AND APPEALS POLICY AND PROCEDURE REVISIONS

The revision of the *Student Review and Appeals Policy* and *Student Review and Appeals Procedures* was approved by Council on 7 April 2015. The Dean GGRS highlighted the changes related to HDR matters, in particular the clarification of steps and decision-makers (i.e. step 1 Dean GGRS, step 2 SDVC) responsible for academic decisions related to HDR student academic misconduct.

SECTION I: MATTERS FOR DEBATE AND DECISION

6.0 ORCID DISCUSSION PAPER

Ms Maureen Sullivan, INS, reported on the proposal by the Council of Australian University Librarians (CAUL), the Australasian Research Management Society (ARMS), Universities Australia (UA) and the Australian National Data Service (ANDS) to adopt ORCID as a common researcher identifier across the Australian university research sector.

Action

INS and OR will coordinate nominations for an Advisory Group responsible for discussing the mechanics and best strategy for implementation at Griffith.

SECTION II: MATTERS REQUIRING RATIFICATION OF EXECUTIVE ACTION

Nil

SECTION III: MATTERS FOR NOTING AND, WHERE APPROPRIATE, ACCEPTANCE OF RECOMMENDATIONS

7.0 OTHER MATTERS FOR NOTING

a) Projects awarded for 24/02/15 - 31/03/15
b) Applications submitted for 24/02/14 - 31/03/15
c) Consultancies awarded 24/02/14 - 31/03/15
d) AEC minutes meetings 01/2015
e) HREC minutes meetings 01/2015
f) UBC minutes meetings 04/2014

Noted

8.0 FUTURE MEETINGS

The next meeting will be held at 9:30 am on Tuesday 12 May 2015 at Mt Gravatt Campus room M10_5.01.

Confirmed: ........................................

(Chair)
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#### Persons with rights of audience and debate

- Dr Vicki Pattemore: Director, Office for Research
- Mr Nicholas Mathiou: Director, Griffith Enterprise
- Ms Daina Garklavs: Deputy Director Research Services, Office for Research
- Mr Tony Sheil: Deputy Director Research Policy, Office for Research
- Ms Julene Finnigan: Resource Manager, Finance
- Dr Claudia Arango: Policy Officer Research Excellence, Office for Research (Secretary)

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