GRiffith University

Research Committee

AGENDA

1.0 APOLOGIES

Apologies may be recorded by contacting Gynelle Murray on extension 54106, or by emailing gynelle.murray@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 3/2014 meeting are attached for confirmation (attachment 3).

4.0 CHAIR’S REPORT

4.1 COMMISION OF AUDIT REPORT AND DIRECTION OF THE COMMONWEALTH BUDGET

The Chair will present a brief overview of the major recommendations on Higher Education in the Commission of Audit Report and likely directions of the Commonwealth Budget to be released on 13 May.

4.2 PRELIMINARY OUTCOMES OF NEW ESTEEM AND IMPACT INDICATORS – RESEARCH CENTRE STAIRCASE REPORTING

At meeting 3/2014 Research Committee endorsed the use of new esteem and impact indicators in the Research Centre Staircase reports in 2014 on a trial basis.

The Deputy Director Research Policy has prepared a summary of the results and the top level outcomes for both indicators. Also, an overview of the proposed implementation of the indicators including thresholds for performance levels for the impact indicator (citations indicator) is included (attachment 4a).
4.3 GRIFFITH UNIVERSITY RANKINGS UPDATE - LEIDEN CWTS RANKING 2014 AND THE TIMES HE TOP 100 UNDER 50

On 30 April 2014, two listings were released: Leiden CWTS Rankings 2014; and Times HE Top 100 Under 50. A brief summary of Griffith University’s current ranking and an update on strategies for improving reputational performance is presented in attachment 4b. This document is to be submitted to Executive Group.

4.4 RESEARCH ACTIVE STANDARDS IMPLEMENTATION

The new Research Active Standards have been introduced in 2014 for use in all University reporting from Council key performance indicators (KPIs) through to academic element Staircase reports. At the individual level, the new standards will inform the ASRP planning process from 2014 but will not have formal performance management implications until 2015.

Preliminary reporting to Council on the KPIs for 2013 will occur in June and therefore element level data is normally collected around early May to accommodate tight reporting deadlines. In order to meet these deadlines, preliminary Centre membership lists have been circulated to Centre Directors in April. A second updated Centre membership list will be circulated in June. Staircase data circulated to Centres in July should be used as the basis for annual Centre reporting. This data will necessarily include information on whether individual staff members are research active under the new definitions.

Decisions about the performance management implications of such classifications should only be made in the context of ASRP. Within the annual ASRP round in July supervisors, in consultation with the Group Deans (Academic and Research), may ‘deem’ a staff member who has been listed as research inactive to be research active based on quality considerations or other special factors. This will be approved only in exceptional circumstances.

The final Staircase report produced around September-October and used as the basis for Centre membership FTE and base funding calculations will include any approved ‘exceptions’ arising from the preceding ASRP round.

4.5 QUEENSLAND GOVERNMENT ‘ACCELERATE PARTNERSHIPS AND FELLOWSHIPS’ –APPLICATIONS FOR FUNDING IN 2014

The Queensland Government has offered research funding in 2014 under the ‘Accelerate Partnerships’ and ‘Accelerate Fellowships’ schemes. A report on Griffith applications submitted to these schemes in April 2014 is attached including details of the submissions by Group and the amount of funding requested (attachment 4d).

For noting

5.0 DEAN, GGRS REPORT

5.1 BGR MEETING 2/2014 ACTION SHEET

The Dean, GGRS will provide a report on the outcomes of the Board of Graduate Research meeting (2/2014). The BGR Action sheet is attached (attachment 5).

For noting
ORDERING OF THE AGENDA

SECTION I: MATTERS FOR DEBATE AND DECISION

6.0 RESEARCH INFRASTRUCTURE WORKING PARTY INTERIM REPORT AND REVISED GUIDELINES FOR GRIFFITH UNIVERSITY RESEARCH INFRASTRUCTURE PROGRAM

At the 2/2014 meeting, the Research Infrastructure Working Party was asked to provide a report to the Committee on progress in developing the University Research Infrastructure Plan. A key consideration for the Committee has been revision of the current GURIP guidelines to provide for a small number of large scale items of equipment for cross-Group or cross-discipline projects. The Working Party's Interim Report (attachment 6a) indicates that there is a significant need for equipment in the $100,000 to $400,000 range.

The revised GURIP guidelines with highlighted changes (attachment 6b) and application pro forma (attachment 6c) address this proposal and include a new assessment process to ensure that the equipment is strategically important and will be widely used.

For discussion

7.0 PROPOSED CHANGES TO THE ARC/NHMRC EXPRESSION OF INTEREST (EOI) SUBMISSION PROCESS

The Expression of Interest (EOI) process for major grant rounds has been refined following analysis of results and feedback from key participants.

Revised guidelines are attached for consideration (attachment 7). The new guidelines will provide for a greater focus on applications from researchers with a good track record but little recent success, and stronger support at the Academic Group and/or Research Centre/Institute level.

For discussion

8.0 SYMPLECTIC PROJECT

A description of the Symplectic project has been provided by the PVC INS (attachment 8). Symplectic is a commercial product with the capability to significantly reduce the manual work involved in uploading academic publications and verification. It has the capability to harvest publications and associated metadata from a range of commercial databases including Scopus, Thompson Reuters and Pub Med. It should provide an efficient and cost effective means of populating GRO and the Research Hub. Work is currently underway to determine the optimum model for integrating Symplectic with the new Research Information Management System.

Action

Research Committee is asked to endorse incorporation of the Symplectic project into the research portfolio component of the 2014 EICP program of work. The PVC INS will report regularly to Research Committee on EICP projects, and seek Committee endorsement at critical decision points.

SECTION II: MATTERS REQUIRING RATIFICATION OF EXECUTIVE ACTION

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

9.0 ERA 2015 UPDATE: ERA 2015 ACADEMIC ADVISERS

As part of the preparations for the Excellence in Research for Australia (ERA) 2015 submission, the University is in the process of appointing ERA Academic Advisers who are expected to assist the ERA Project Team, OR with the fine tuning of the submission at the Field of Research level (both 2 and 4 digit). Of the sixty-five appointees, most have accepted their role as Academic Advisers with only eight to be confirmed.

For noting

10.0 EICP RESEARCH PORTFOLIO PROJECTS – APRIL 2014 REPORT

The EICP Research Portfolio Projects report (attachment 10) includes portfolio and program summaries as well as project-by-project updates.

For noting

11.0 OTHER MATTERS FOR NOTING

a) Grants awarded for 01/04/14 - 30/04/14 (attachment 11a)
b) Applications submitted for 01/04/14 - 30/04/14 (attachment 11b)
c) Consultancies awarded 01/04/14 - 30/04/14 (attachment 11c)
d) AEC minutes meeting 2/2014 (attachment 11d)
e) HREC minutes meetings 3/2014 (attachment 11e)

12.0 OTHER BUSINESS

13.0 FUTURE MEETINGS

13.1 The next meeting of Research Committee will be held at 9:30 am on Tuesday 17 June 2014 at Gold Coast Campus.

13.2 FUTURE MEETING DATES

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#### Persons with rights of audience and debate

- Dr Vicki Pattemore: 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
- Dr Claudia Arango: Policy Officer Research Excellence, Office for Research (Secretary)

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