The 5/2014 meeting of Research Committee will be held from 9:30-11:30am on Tuesday 15 July 2014 at Nathan Campus, N54_2.02.

Dr Claudia Arango
Secretary

AGENDA

1.0 WELCOME AND APOLOGIES

Welcome to Professor Marie Cooke who replaces Professor Wendy Moyle while on leave until December 2014.

Apologies received from Professor Susanne Becken and Professor Gerry Docherty.

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 4/2014 meeting are attached for confirmation (attachment 3).

4.0 CHAIR’S REPORT

4.1 GRIFFITH POSITION ON CHANGES TO RTS INCOME AND DOMESTIC STUDENTS FEES

The Chair will present a brief overview of the University’s position on changes to the Research Training Scheme (RTS) and the fees structure for domestic students after the recent announcement of the Commonwealth Budget and its impacts on the Australian higher education system.

4.2 PROPOSED CHANGES TO THE ARC FUNDING RULES
In late June 2014, the ARC initiated a consultation process with universities on changes proposed to the Funding Rules of the Discovery Program Schemes (attachment 4a). The proposed changes would impact upon Chief Investigator eligibility for the Discovery Scheme and Future Fellowship scheme, amongst other things.

Griffith submitted a response to the ARC consultation on 2 July 2014 (attachment 4b).

4.3 ARC FUTURE FELLOWSHIPS UPDATE

In the recent Federal budget, $139.5 m funding was allocated to continue the ARC Future Fellowships Scheme with a renewed focus on Australian researchers. The ongoing funding for the scheme will enable the award of 100 fellowships per year which is approximately half the number of annual fellowships previously awarded.

Budget announcements earlier in the year indicated that the scheme may be restricted to Australian citizens. Griffith has sought clarification from the ARC on whether the scheme will only be open to Australian citizens or residents and has been advised that ‘The ARC is considering any restrictions that might be placed on the eligibility of an applicant to apply based on nationality’.

Intending Griffith applicants will be required to submit an Expression of Interest. Process details and timelines will be presented to the Committee once the ARC releases final rules and deadlines for the next round.

4.4 ARC LINKAGE PROJECTS OUTCOMES 2014

A total of 23 Griffith applications was submitted to the round of ARC Linkage projects closing on 13 November 2013. Seven Griffith proposals were approved and a total of $2,333,055 awarded (details in attachment 4c).

Six Griffith CIs were also included on successful proposals submitted by other institutions. Griffith was ranked 24th nationally on success rate and 15th on total funding awarded. Griffith’s success rate was 30% (national average 36%). Griffith received the largest number of funded projects and total funding awarded amongst the IRU universities.

5.0 DEAN, GGRS REPORT

5.1 BGR MEETING 3/2014 ACTION SHEET

The Dean, GGRS will provide a report on the outcomes of the Board of Graduate Research meeting on 14 May (3/2014). The BGR Action sheet is included (attachment 5a).

5.2 DRAFT OF THE REVISED HDR POLICY

As agreed in the last meeting (4/2014), the Dean GGRS will brief the Committee on the work in progress to revise the HDR Policy.

The Research Committee is invited to provide feedback on the attached draft, which is presented as both a clean copy and a ‘tracked changes’ version (attachment 5b).

ORDERING OF THE AGENDA

SECTION I: MATTERS FOR DEBATE AND DECISION

6.0 SUMMARY OF PROPOSED RESEARCH GRANT APPLICATION PEER REVIEW PROCESSES BY RESEARCH CENTRES AND INSTITUTES
As part of the ongoing refinement of the EOI process for major grant rounds, all research centres and institutes are now required to implement internal peer review processes aimed at improving the quality of all applications and at providing applicants with the best possible support.

Proposed peer review and application support processes for each centre and institute are summarised in attachment 6.

SECTION II: MATTERS REQUIRING RATIFICATION OF EXECUTIVE ACTION

Nil

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

7.0 EICP RESEARCH PORTFOLIO PROJECTS – UPDATE

The PVC INS will present an update of the EICP Research Portfolio Projects (attachment 7a). Under revised governance arrangements for EICP projects adopted in 2013, Research Committee replaces the former Supporting Research Portfolio Board as the final approving authority for all key decision points for EICP projects.

Project Initiation Documents (PIDs) for two EICP projects (Symplectic and Scholars Hub) have been approved by both the relevant Project and Program Boards. They are presented here (attachments 7b and 7c) for Research Committee endorsement.

Two further documents relating to the Scholar’s Hub project are provided to the Committee for information – a Project Plan (attachment 7d) and associated timeline (attachment 7e). The Project Plan is an evolving document over the life of the project.

8.0 REVISED HREC CONSTITUTION

The revision of the HREC Constitution incorporates new titles for executive positions (eg DVCR to SDVC), broadens the scope of advice which may be provided to the Senior Deputy Vice Chancellor on potential ethical conduct breaches, clarifies the administrative role of the Secretary, incorporates new Conflict of Interest provisions (consistent with University policy), and addresses the audit requirement to incorporate a review timetable (attachment 8).

9.0 OTHER MATTERS FOR NOTING

a) Grants awarded for 01/05/14 - 30/06/14 (attachment 9a)
b) Applications submitted for 01/05/14 - 30/06/14 (attachment 9b)
c) Consultancies awarded 01/05/14 - 30/06/14 (attachment 9c)
d) HREC minutes meetings 3/2014 and 4/2014 (attachment 9d)
e) AEC minutes meeting 3/2014 and 4/2014 (attachment 9e)
f) UBC minutes meeting 1/2014 (attachment 9f)
g) HREC Annual Report 2013 (attachment 9g).

10.0 OTHER BUSINESS

11.0 NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of Research Committee will be held at 9:30 am on Tuesday 5 August 2014 at Gold Coast Campus.
12.0 FUTURE MEETING DATES

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- 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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