GRIFFITH UNIVERSITY
RESEARCH COMMITTEE

The 5/2015 meeting of the Research Committee will be held from 9:30 - 11:30am on Tuesday 4 August at the Gold Coast Campus (G34_2.02).

Dr Claudia Arango
Secretary

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 4/2015 meeting are attached for confirmation (attachment 3).

4.0 CHAIR’S REPORT

4.1 QUEENSLAND BUDGET 2015-16

The Queensland Budget 2015-2016 was announced on 14 July. The Chair will give a brief overview of the budget highlights and the proposed development of closer links between industry and research. ‘The section ‘Turning Ideas into New Products and Services’ from the ‘Budget Highlights’ document (www.budget.qld.gov.au/budget-highlights/) is in attachment 4.

4.2 UPDATE ON THE UNIVERSITIES AUSTRALIA DVCR MEETING 24 JULY 2015

The Director Office for Research will brief the Committee on the discussions at the DVCR meeting around the NHMRC revision of the Code and the ARC research integrity and research misconduct policy.

4.3 REVIEW OF THE NEW RESEARCHERS GRANTS SCHEME (NGR)

The Office for Research is preparing a review of the NRG to determine the success of the scheme in assisting early career researchers to apply for and obtain external grants. While the review continues, the Senior DVC has approved the conduct of the 2016 round. The report on the review of the NGR scheme will be considered at the September meeting of the Research Committee.
4.4 **UPDATE ON LINKAGE PROJECTS NOI SUBMISSIONS**

Thirty-eight submissions of Notification of Intent (NoI) for ARC Linkage Projects applications were received by the Office for Research. The Deputy Director Research Services will outline the success factors for the Linkage scheme and ask Deans Research to ensure appropriate peer review and support are provided to applicants.

5.0 **DEAN, GGRS REPORT**

5.1 **UPDATE ON THE BGR MEETING 5/2015**

The Dean GGRS will speak to the actions from the BGR meeting on 29 July 2015. The Action Sheet arising from the meeting will be included in the next Research Committee meeting.

### ORDERING OF THE AGENDA

**SECTION I: MATTERS FOR DEBATE AND DECISION**

6.0 **REVIEW OF THE INTERNATIONAL GRANTS SCHEME**

A report on the grants awarded through the International schemes is attached (attachment 6). Based on the reports submitted by grantees, the grants have resulted in significant collaborative activities including publications and grants. As a number of due reports have not been submitted, the Office for Research will work with the Deans Research to follow up on outstanding reports.

**Recommendation:** The International schemes to continue to be funded for the next three years after which a further review will be undertaken.

7.0 **STRATEGIC PLAN FOR THE GRIFFITH CRIMINOLOGY INSTITUTE**

The Griffith Criminology Institute (GCI) was officially opened at the Mt Gravatt campus on July 16 2015. The Dean Research AEL will present the Strategic Plan for the GCI (attachment 7) for the Committee’s endorsement.

8.0 **EXPANDED FOUR-YEAR STRATEGIC PLAN FOR THE QUEENSLAND CONSERVATORIUM RESEARCH CENTRE**

The Dean Research AEL will present the 2015-2019 Strategic Plan for the Queensland Conservatorium Research Centre (attachment 8) for the Committee’s approval. The Plan addresses the Review Panel request of an expanded four-year strategic plan to be submitted under the new leadership.

**For approval**

9.0 **DEEMING STAFF RESEARCH ACTIVE**

The Dean Research, Griffith Business School has raised the issue of consistency of approach during the current ASRP round for deeming academic staff research active under the provisions of the Research Active Standards:

“To date the Business Group have not deemed any staff research active under the Research Active Standards policy but has been under some pressure to do so, particularly from Research Centre Directors who appear to be concerned about their membership. I am aware that there seems to be different approaches being taken across the academic groups. One concern the Business Group has about deeming staff RA is that it could have the effect of setting up an alternative RA standard. However, not deeming staff RA who may have a deserving case could...
impact negatively on a staff member’s morale and sense of identity as a researcher. With the ASRP round upon us it would be helpful to have some consistency regarding the deeming of staff. Further it would be useful if staff approved as deemed were recorded officially on the RA staff lists compiled centrally. Such an approach would reduce the risk of institutional memory forgetting who has been deemed RA thus reducing disputes in future ASRP rounds. Perhaps it would be helpful if each academic group could explain their group’s approach to this issue and we find some common ground as a Research Committee.”

The Office for Research can confirm that only one Academic Group (AEL) implemented the ‘deeming’ option during the 2014 ASRP round and that these staff were recorded as a separate category ‘Research Active – Deemed’ on the Research Active lists maintained by the Office of Planning Services. According to the Standards, the Research Active Deeming provisions can be invoked in “exceptional circumstances” during the ASRP round by academic supervisors with a view to building in “quality consideration or other special factors”.

To assist the discussion the following documents are attached: ‘Research Active Standards’ (attachment 9a) and ‘AEL Procedure for Deeming AEL Staff Research Active’ (attachment 9b).

For Discussion

10.0 REVISED ACADEMIC GROUP RESEARCH INFRASTRUCTURE PLANS AND PROPOSED STRUCTURE FOR CORE RESEARCH FACILITIES

At the June meeting (4/2015), the Deans Research presented an overview of their Academic Groups Research Infrastructure Plans. The Chair asked for some amendments to these plans for resubmission to the Committee. Since the meeting the Deputy Director - Research Services has had separate discussions with the Deans Research for the Health and Sciences Groups to bring their plans in line with the current proposal to implement a system of centrally supported Core Research Facilities.

The revised Group Research Infrastructure Plans are attached (attachment 10a) for the Committee’s approval. A document outlining the current concept for the centrally supported Core Research Facilities is attached for discussion (attachment 10b).

For Discussion

SECTION II: MATTERS REQUIRING RATIFICATION OF EXECUTIVE ACTION

Nil

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

11.0 UPDATE ON THE ‘GRIFFITH EXPERTS’ PROJECT

The PVC INS will present an update on the Scholar’s Hub project now formally named Griffith Experts (attachment 11).

12.0 UPDATE ON THE RIMS PROJECT

The Director Office for Research will present an update on the progress of the RIMS project.

13.0 OTHER MATTERS FOR NOTING

a) Projects awarded for 01/06/2015 – 30/06/2015 (attachment 13a)
b) Applications submitted 01/06/2015 – 30/06/2015 (attachment 13b)
c) Consultancies awarded 01/06/2015 – 30/06/2015 (attachment 13c)
d) AEC minutes meeting 05/2015 (attachment 13d)
e) UBC minutes 01/2015 (attachment 13e)
14.0 OTHER BUSINESS

15.0 FUTURE MEETINGS

15.1 NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be on Tuesday 15 September 2015 at the Mt Gravatt Campus (M10_5.02).

15.2 MEETINGS IN 2015

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**Persons with rights of audience and debate**

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- 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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