The 3/2011 meeting of the Research Committee will be held at 9.30-11.30am on Tuesday 12 April 2011, at Mt Gravatt Social Sciences M10 Room 5.0.

(Vicki Sherburd)
Secretary

AGENDA

1.0 WELCOME

1.1 APOLOGIES

Professor Ned Pankhurst

Apologies may be recorded by contacting the Gynelle Murray on extension 54106, or by emailing gynelle.murray@griffith.edu.au

2.0 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

The minutes of the 2/2011 meeting have been circulated.

3.0 CHAIR'S REPORT

3.1 AUSTRALIAN RESEARCH COUNCIL GRANT ROUND REPORT

Griffith University submitted 94 applications for ARC Discovery Projects this year, for funding commencing in 2012. This is a reduction of 20% on the 118 applications submitted last year. This reduction is largely the result of a change to the scheme where Australian Postgraduate Fellowships component of the Discovery scheme was removed. There will now be a new scheme called the Discovery Early Career Researchers Awards and we expect at least 30 applications to be made to this scheme later this year. Of the 94 Discovery applications submitted, 31 were reviewed by Emeritus Professor Bob Breakspeare.

Applications submitted
47 applications were submitted from the Science, Environment, Engineering and Technology Group
21 applications were submitted by the Arts, Education and Law Group
8 applications were submitted by the Griffith Business School Group and
19 applications were submitted from the Health Group

The attached report provides further details by Group on the applications.

For noting
3.2 GRIFFITH UNIVERSITY NATURE RANKING

On 24 March 2011 the prestigious Nature Publishing Index 2010 was released. The Index measures the output of research articles in the Nature family of journals. The attached report highlights Griffith's ranking in Australia and the Asia-Pacific Region.

For noting

4.0 DEAN’S REPORT

4.1 SCHOLARSHIP STRATEGY
   - End of Year Scholarship Round Report
   - Mid-Year Scholarship Round Report

4.2 BOARD OF GRADUATE RESEARCH ACTION SHEET
   - Online Business Processing System Update
   - New HDR Program Proposals
   - HDR Program Reviews

For noting

ORDERING OF THE AGENDA

At this point in the agenda, members may propose that any matter on the agenda, not included in Section I, be so included.

SECTION I: MATTERS FOR DEBATE AND DECISION

5.0 EARLY CAREER RESEARCHER VACANCY

At the March meeting of the Research Committee members were asked to identify a suitable Early Career Researcher in their Group to nominate and forward this information to the Secretary to the Research Committee. One nomination has been received for Dr Mark Kennard. Mark’s CV is attached.

The SEET Group would like to nominate Dr Mark Kennard for consideration as the Early Career Representative to the Research Committee.

Dr Kennard is a Senior Research Fellow with the Australian Rivers Institute. Mark has served as ECR representative on the ARI Executive and has extensive experience in managing research projects. He completed his Bachelor of Science, Master of Philosophy and Doctorate of Philosophy with GU and was awarded his doctorate in 2005. His thesis title was "A Quantitative Basis for the Use of Fish as Indicators of River Health in Eastern Australia". He has been employed with GU as a Research Assistant, Senior Research Assistant, Research Fellow, Post-Doctoral Research Fellow and Senior Research Fellow since 1995.

He has been part of numerous teams that have been awarded research grants, tenders and consultancies including $1,175,000 from the Department of the Environment, Water, Heritage and the Arts, the National Water Commission in 2009-2010.
Mark is widely published in Books and Book Chapters, Refereed Journal Articles, Refereed Conference Proceedings and Research Reports, Newsletters and Workshop Proceedings, Consulting Reports, Conference and Workshop Presentations and is establishing an international reputation in his research field. He was awarded the 2005 Whitley Medal (with co-authors) from the Royal Zoological Society of New South Wales for the book "Freshwater Fishes of North-Eastern Australia'.

Mark's nomination is strongly supported by the SEET Group Executive and Mark's direct supervisor, Professor Stuart Bunn, Director, ARI.

Recommendation

That the Research Committee endorse Dr Mark Kennard as the Early Career Researcher to the Research Committee.

6.0 SIMON FRASER UNIVERSITY-GRIFFITH COLLABORATIVE RESEARCH SCHEME

In April 2010, Griffith's Vice Chancellor and Dr Mario Pinto Vice President Research of Simon Fraser University in Canada signed an MOU between the two universities with the objectives of promoting:

- exchanges of graduate students and academic staff members
- collaborative research in selected disciplinary areas of mutual strength and interest leading to joint publications and grant applications
- adjunct and joint appointment of academic staff
- joint supervision of HDR students
- jointly organised seminars, conferences and workshops
- joint academic training programs and delivery of award and non-award courses.

At this time, the possibility of a jointly supported funding scheme to encourage research collaborations was canvassed.

Dr Pinto and a number of other senior staff of Simon Fraser University visited Griffith University in February of this year. During the visit, Griffith academics from disciplinary areas of shared strength presented an overview of research in relevant centres to Dr Pinto, leading to refinement of the list of areas of mutual interest for collaboration as:

- Drug discovery
- Environmental sciences and environmental planning
- Forest ecology, forest management and climate change adaptation
- Behavioural and cognitive neuroscience
- Mental health and addiction
- Public health
- Bioinformatics and genomics
- Criminology
- Business
- Tourism.

The two universities may agree to change or add to this list in the future.

Further discussions on options for a collaborative research funding scheme took place between Dr Pinto and Griffith senior staff during this visit. It was agreed that each institution would contribute $50,000 pa, for an initial period of three years, and that support should focus on travel awards to facilitate the building of collaborative research relationships and early stage collaborative projects in the above disciplinary areas. Proposals may include researchers at all career stages, with inclusion of HDR students strongly encouraged.
Each institution will manage its own funds and make its own call for applications. Each institution will independently rank its own applications in accordance with agreed guidelines, with final decisions on funding awards made jointly by DVCR (Griffith) and Vice President Research (SFU).

Comments are invited on the attached scheme guidelines and the Griffith application forms, which have been also been forwarded to Dr Pinto for consideration.

For noting

SECTION II: MATTERS REQUIRING RATIFICATION OR EXECUTIVE ACTION

NIL

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

7.0 RESEARCH HUB PROJECT UPDATE

Research Experts @ Griffith (RE@G) was developed some years ago to allow researchers to make information about their expertise widely available. Outside the research community, demand for a product of this kind was particularly strong from External Relations and Griffith International. While RE@G went some way to filling demand, the product had limited functionality and experienced ongoing technical problems which made it frustrating for researchers to use and limited its accessibility and usefulness to external parties. Uptake in the academic community has been variable at best, partly because many have experienced difficulties in entering personal information and keeping it up to date.

Last year, INS received EIF funding to develop a system directed initially at storing and making accessible metadata about research data collections. The system developed in response is based on open source software and it became apparent that it may provide better functionality and a far more attractive look and feel than RE@G for the same purpose. Importantly, the new system, called the Research Hub, draws a wide range of information automatically from central data sources, reducing the amount of data input required from academic staff.

Project management from INS eResearch team have been working closely with a range of clients to ensure the final product is fit for purpose and meets the widest possible range of needs for the University. Some very active interest from a number of AEL academic and support staff has led to the use of a number of personal web pages from this Academic Group being used to trial the product and refine its development and implementation. The INS team are now seeking input from other Academic Groups through meetings with Deans and Group Boards. Demonstrations of current functionality can be provided to such groups on request. An update on the project outlining its history and timeframe for implementation is attached.

For noting

8.0 OR RESPONSE TO HUMAN RESEARCH ETHICS COMMITTEE ANNUAL REPORT

The Human Research Ethics Committee (HREC) 2009 Annual Report was presented to the March 2001 meeting of Research Committee. Significant progress has been made implementing the 11 recommendations contained in the HREC report. Attached is a report on the implementation of the recommendations of the Human Research Ethics Committee Annual Report 2009.
9.0 **MATTERS FOR NOTING**

9.1 Research Applications for 3/03/2011 - 31/03/2011

9.2 Grants Awarded for 03/03/2011 - 31/03/2011

9.3 Consultancies Awarded for 03/03/2011 - 31/03/2011

9.4 Human Research Ethics Committee Minutes 01/02/2011

9.5 Animal Ethics Committee Minutes 07/12/2010 and 10/02/2011

10.0 **OTHER BUSINESS**

11.0 **NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting of the Research Committee will be held at 9.30-11.30am on Tuesday 17 May, 2011 at Nathan in Bray Centre N54 Room 2.01.

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