GRiffith University
Research Committee
Agenda 5/2012
Tuesday 14 August 2012

The 5/2012 meeting of the Research Committee will be held at 9.30-11.30am on Tuesday 14 August 2012, at Gold Coast, Chancellery G34 Room 2.02 (Council Chambers).

(Freya Mearns)
Secretary

AGENDA

1.0 WELCOME
1.1 APOLOGIES

Apologies have been received from Ms JoAnne Sparks – Mr Malcolm Wolski will be attending on her behalf. Apologies may be recorded by contacting Gynelle Murray on extension 54106, or by emailing gynelle.murray@griffith.edu.au

2.0 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

The minutes of the 4/2012 meeting are attached for confirmation.

3.0 CHAIR’S REPORT

3.1 ARC FUTURE FELLOWSHIPS

On 25 July the Senator the Hon Chris Evans, Minister for Tertiary Education, Skills, Science and Research, announced the results of the 2012 ARC Future Fellowships scheme. Seven Griffith University applicants were successful. The outcomes of the scheme are outlined in an attachment.

3.2 AUSTRALIAN LAUREATE FELLOWSHIPS

The ARC recently announced the outcomes of the 2012 Australian Laureate Fellowships round. Griffith had submitted 3 applications with all being unsuccessful. The Scheme received 108 applications of which 17 or 15.7% were successful. 14 were awarded to resident Australians, 2 to Foreign Nationals and 1 to a returning Australian.

3.3 GRIFFITH UNIVERSITY POSTDOCTORAL AND RESEARCH FELLOWSHIPS 2012 SCHEME

The outcomes of the 2012/2013 Griffith University Postdoctoral and Research Fellowships scheme are outlined in an attachment.

3.4 2012 GRIFFITH UNIVERSITY/JAMES COOK UNIVERSITY COLLABORATIVE GRANTS SCHEME

The outcomes of the 2012 Griffith University/James Cook University Collaborative Grants Scheme are outlined in an attachment.
3.5 APPOINTMENT OF RESEARCH INTEGRITY ADVISERS

3.5.1 With the release of the Australian Code for the Responsible Conduct of Research (2007), Griffith implemented the Griffith Code for the Responsible Conduct of Research. As discussed at the May meeting of Research Committee, an important element of this implementation is the appointment and role of our Research Integrity Advisers (RIAs).

3.5.2 In July, the University appointed a number of RIAs from the AEL, GBS and SEET Groups – the Health Group is currently in the process of confirming its representatives:

**Arts, Education and Law**
- Professor Andrew Brown, Queensland Conservatorium, South Bank Campus
- Professor Greer Johnson, Griffith Institute for Educational Research, Mt Gravatt Campus
- Professor Paul Tacon, School of Humanities, Gold Coast Campus

**Business**
- Professor John Kane, School of Government and International Relations, Nathan Campus

**Health**
- Associate Professor Eleanor Milligan, School of Medicine, Gold Coast

**Science, Environment, Engineering and Technology**
- Professor Rod Connolly, School of Environment, Gold Coast Campus
- Professor Denis Crane, School of Biomolecular and Physical Sciences, Nathan Campus

3.5.3 Griffith University's RIAs are experienced researchers from campuses across the University. In addition to their knowledge of the Griffith Code, RIAs have considerable knowledge of the responsible conduct of research and the challenges new and experienced researchers face. Their roles are not discipline-specific and researchers may choose who to consult. RIAs do not investigate or assess allegations; rather, they are available to provide advice to Griffith University researchers on research conduct issues and can explain the options open to people considering reporting an alleged breach of the Griffith Code or making an allegation of research misconduct.

For noting

4.0 DEAN'S REPORT

4.1 BOARD OF GRADUATE RESEARCH ACTION SHEET

The Action Sheet for the July meeting is attached. The Dean will present items for discussion.

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 UNIVERSITY BIOSAFETY COMMITTEE

5.1 In late 2011, the Internal Audit Unit performed an audit of Griffith University’s management of risks in the use of biological materials (report no. 2011/18). The audit’s recommendations included the establishment of a University Biosafety Committee to replace the current Institutional Biosafety Committee. The attached paper outlines the relevant recommendations made by the audit report and related issues associated with the establishment of a University Biosafety Committee; it proposes a constitution for this Committee, a Schedule of High Risk Biological Materials Monitored by the University Biosafety Committee, and a revision of the Research Committee constitution to include the proposed University Biosafety Committee as a standing sub-committee, in alignment with the Animal Ethics Committee and the Human Research Ethics Committee. The proposed constitution is not intended to take the place of a biosafety policy – once established, the University Biosafety Committee will need to develop a biosafety policy, review the project approval procedures for research with genetically modified organisms, and establish project approval procedures for research with Security Sensitive Biological Agents, quarantine-regulated materials, and other high risk biological materials listed in the Schedule.

Recommendations

5.2 That Research Committee recommends to the PVC (SEET) and PVC (Health) that they disestablish the current Institutional Biosafety Committee, with effect from 30 September 2012, at the September Academic Committee meeting.

5.3 That Research Committee recommends to Academic Committee that it establishes the proposed new University Biosafety Committee as a replacement for the current Institutional Biosafety Committee, with effect from 30 September 2012, at the September Academic Committee meeting.

5.4 That Research Committee recommends to Academic Committee that it approves the proposed constitution for the University Biosafety Committee.

5.5 That Research Committee recommends to Academic Committee that it approves the proposed revisions to the constitution of Research Committee.

5.6 That Research Committee agrees to appoint the current external independent members of the Institution Biosafety Committee as external independent members of the proposed new University Biosafety Committee, should they agree to an invitation from the DVC(R) to join the UBC.

6.0 FUNDING OF FELLOWSHIP SALARY GAPS AND ON-COSTS

6.1 ARC and NHMRC fellowships, while prestigious, do not always meet the salaries awarded by Griffith University, leading to the University having to fund the salary gap; additionally, these fellowships do not cover salary on-costs. The fellowship funding shortfalls can in some instances be quite significant, putting considerable pressure on Research Centre funds.

This item will be introduced by Professor Lyn Griffiths.

Recommendation

6.2 That Research Committee consider ways that these prestigious fellowship appointments can continue to be supported.
7.0 UNSOLICITED APPROACHES FROM PUBLISHING HOUSES

7.1 The Griffith Business School has noted that a number of staff and PhD students are receiving unsolicited invitations from print-on-demand publishing houses such as Lambert Academic Publishing (and VDM Publishing, its parent company), which admits on its website that it “tend[s] not to edit works”. Publication by such publishers does not meet the current DIISRTE Guidelines for HERDC-eligible publications, and may restrict future publication of the work. An email sent to all GBS staff and HDR students by the GBS Dean, Research and Dean, Academic, in relation to this issue, is provided as an attachment. This item will be introduced by the Dean, Research GBS.

Recommendation

7.2 That Research Committee discusses options for providing advice to Griffith researchers about publishing with such companies.

SECTION II: MATTERS REQUIRING RATIFICATION OR EXECUTIVE ACTION

NIL

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

8.0 MATTERS FOR NOTING

8.1 Grants awarded for 01/07/2012 – 31/07/2012
8.2 Applications submitted for 01/07/2012 – 31/07/2012
8.3 Consultancies awarded for 01/07/2012 – 31/07/2012
8.4 Animal Ethics Committee 2011 Annual Report
8.5 Animal Ethics Committee Minutes 0412

9.0 OTHER BUSINESS

10.0 NEXT MEETING

10.1 The next meeting of Research Committee will be held at 9:30-11:30am on Tuesday 18 September 2012 at Nathan, Bray Centre N54 Room 2.01.

10.2 2012 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
- Associate Professor Duncan Nulty: Griffith Institute for Higher Education nominee
- Ms Julene Finnigan: Resource Manager, Corporate Resource Management, Planning and Financial Services
- Dr Freya Mearns: Secretary

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