PRESENT

Members
Professor Ned Pankhurst, Chairperson
Professor Parlo Singh, Deputy Chairperson
Professor Andy Bennett
Associate Professor Michael Blumenstein
Mr Malcolm Wolski
Professor Graham Cuskelly
Professor David Shum
Professor Howard Wiseman
Professor Claire Wyatt-Smith
Professor Andrew O’Neil
Professor Joe Lee
Dr Heidi Russo (Secretary)

Rights of Audience and Debate
Dr Vicki Pattemore (Director, OR)
Dr Calvin Smith (Deputy Director, Griffith Institute for Higher Education)
Mr Tony Sheil (Deputy Director, OR)

Invited
Dr Freya Mearns (Policy Officer – Research Excellence)

1.0 APOLOGIES
Professor Lyn Griffiths
Professor Lesley Chenoweth
Ms Linda O'Brien (PVC INS)
Ms Daina Garklavs (Deputy Director, OR)

2.0 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES
2.1 The minutes of the 04/10 meeting were confirmed.

3.0 CHAIR’S REPORT
3.1 Election outcomes – verbal report
The Chair reported on the implications of the Election outcomes and the Commonwealth Budget for the higher education sector, particularly the distribution of resources for regional issues which is likely to impact on Education Investment Fund infrastructure funding. Higher education funding may be reduced or be deferred due to the constrained fiscal environment and it is improbable there will be any short term increases in ARC/NHMRC funding. The Mission based compacts and transparent costing financial review process is incomplete and it is unclear that the sector will be informed of the allocation of Joint Research Engagement and Sustainable Research Excellence components until early 2011.

Noted
3.2 Intellectual Property Policy consultation update – verbal report
The Chair reported on the Intellectual Property Policy consultation undertaken across the University. There has not been any major issues raised with the IP Policy but some formal feedback from the NTEU that will be considered in a revised version. The Chair is continuing to receive useful feedback on the IP Policy which will inform the final Policy draft and the development of an IP Guidelines document for the December Council.

Noted

3.3 ERA and SRE Update
3.3.1 The Chair reported on the IRU DVC(R) meeting where ERA and the role of TEQSA was discussed.

Action:

3.3.2 Chair to provide an ERA agenda update on IRU comparison for briefing to Executive Group in November and for Council in December
3.3.3 The Deputy Director, OR (Policy, Ethics and ERA, OR) Tony Sheil reported on the latest ERA developments, Research Evaluation Committees and potential outcomes.
3.3.4 Mr Sheil reported on the SRE transparent costing survey.

3.4 Nature Publications
3.4.1 The Chair commended Professor Howard Wiseman and Professor Stuart Bunn on the Nature publications.

Noted

3.5 University Rankings
3.5.1 Mr Sheil reported on the latest Shanghai Jiao Tong, QS World University and Times Higher Education rankings. The consistent message is that Griffith University is improving.
3.5.2 The Chair noted that in order for the University to gain higher research intensive status, researchers need to publish more and in high quality journals. The Chair provided an update from the DVC(R) IRU meeting where the issue of the proportion of research active staff is not consistent or clear across the sector.

Noted

3.6 ARC and NHMRC update
3.6.1 The Chair noted that Linkage and Discovery outcomes will be announced on 25 October 2010.
3.6.2 The Chair reported that the NHMRC taskforce are developing strategies to improve the quality and success rate of applications.

Noted

3.7 Research Centre and Institution Funding
3.7.1 To be discussed as part of Agenda Item 5: Research Centre Fourth Year Reviews.
4.0 DEAN’S REPORT

4.1 The Dean provided an update about all the matters mentioned in the Action Sheet from the September meeting of the Griffith Board of Graduate Research including the Scholarships Business Processing Strategy and Timeline for 2010.

4.2 The Dean presented the Supervisor accreditation policy and implementation plan and workshops for convenors.

4.3 The Dean reported on the Changes to English Language Proficiency Requirements.

4.4 The Dean and Dr Calvin Smith (Deputy Director, GIER) presented the HDR Graduate Attributes and Implementation Plan to Match New Milestones. The Committee requested more information on how attainment of attributes and quality assurance of the achievement would be measured.

Action:

4.4.1 Dean GGRS to request the Working Group provide more information on the quality assurance measures re: monitoring student attainment of graduate attributes.

5.0 RESEARCH CENTRE FOURTH YEAR REVIEWS

5.1 The Chair reported that feedback from the Panel Assessment to the five research centres who underwent their Fourth Year Reviews will be strongly positive. Feedback from external panel members will be a discussion item for next year to review the Fourth Year assessment process and whether and how external experts may be involved.

Action:

5.1.1 Chair to review involvement of external panel members in the Fourth Year review process in 2011.

5.1.2 OR to generate individual performance output graphs/reports to show how research performance of members is distributed for each Research Centre.

5.2 Research Centre Funding Model and Assessment criteria

5.2.1 The Chair updated the Committee on the Funding Model and Assessment Criteria that will be used this year and announced the funding cap of 10% will come off in 2012.

Action:

5.2.2 OR to bring summary showing shifts in Centre performance funding to the November Research Committee meeting.

6.0 CREATIVE AND PERFORMING ARTS OUTPUTS INCLUSION IN RESEARCH KEY PERFORMANCE INDICATORS

6.1 Tony Sheil advised the Committee that the AEL Research Committee in August and key stakeholder meeting in September have endorsed the recommendations:

6.1.1 That research statements be mandatory for Q1, R1, S1 and T1 creative works so that their research components are easily identified;
6.1.2 That Q1, R1, S1 and T1 creative works each count as one point towards Research Active status;

6.1.3 That traditional publication points per FTE not be combined with creative works per FTE in the Staircase indicators;

6.1.4 That creative works per FTE be included as an additional research Operational Excellence indicator in Staircase reports;

6.1.5 That only staff who produce research-based creative outputs should have their FTE included in the creative works indicators denominator on the Staircase

Resolution:

6.1.6 The Research Committee resolved to approve to proceed with items 6.1.1, 6.1.2, and 6.1.3 and to test items 6.1.4 and 6.1.5.

7.0 2011 NRG AND GU/JCU COLLABORATIVE SCHEMES

7.1 The Committee noted the great process and applications for this year’s GU/JCU Collaborative scheme.

7.2 The Committee reviewed the proposed membership of the assessment panels for the Griffith University New Researcher Grants for funding to commence in 2011

Action:

7.2.1 That the Research Dean for Health nominate a senior Professor to be included on the Biotechnology and Health Sciences panel.

8.0 2010 Griffith University Postdoctoral and Research Fellowship Scheme - Statistics

8.1 The Committee noted the statistics for this year’s scheme.

Noted

9.0 Academic Committee Review - Consultation

9.1 The Committee discussed the documents for consultation and noted Recommendations 2, 3, 7 and 8 from the Implementation Plan.

Resolution:

9.1.1 The Research Committee recommends to Academic Committee that it has noted Recommendations 2, 3, 7 and 8 from the Implementation Plan.

10.0 REPORTS FROM THE OFFICE FOR RESEARCH

The following reports were noted by the Committee:
- Research Applications for 01/08/2010 – 30/09/2010
- Grants Awarded for 01/08/2010 – 30/09/2010
- Consultancies Awarded for 01/08/2010 – 30/09/2010
- Animal Ethics Committee Minutes meeting 5/10
- Human Research Ethics Minutes meeting 7/10 and 8/10

Noted
## 11.0 2010 SCHEDULE OF MEETINGS

2010 Meeting Schedule listed below

**Meeting Day:** Tuesdays 9:30am - 11:30am  
* meetings will proceed only if business warrants  
** Chaired by Professor Parlo Singh

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