

**THE AUSTRALIAN NATIONAL UNIVERSITY**

**UNIVERSITY RESEARCH COMMITTEE**

A meeting of the University Research Committee will be held on

**Thursday 18 May 2006**

**at 9.30 am in the**

**Ross Hohnen Room of the Chancelry**

Apologies:  
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Secretary to the Committee

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**AGENDA SUMMARY**

**PART 1: GENERAL ITEMS**

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**PART 3: ITEMS OF OTHER BUSINESS**

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**Procedural Matters for Members to note:****CONFIDENTIAL ITEMS**

Consistent with the policy and practice of Council, all matters in the agenda of the University Research Committee relating to individual persons, including appointments, enrolment, candidacy for degrees, personal details, performance and conduct are declared to be confidential. If any member wishes to raise a confidential matter in relation to any other item, he or she should do so under Item 3. After consideration of the confidential items, observers will be admitted to the meeting.

**DISCLOSURE OF PECUNIARY OR MATERIAL PERSONAL INTEREST**

Sections 27F to section 27H of the *Commonwealth Authorities and Companies Act 1997* <http://scaleplus.law.gov.au/html/pasteact/2/3067/top.htm> impose a duty to disclose any material personal interest in a matter which relates to the affairs of the University. This disclosure must give details of the nature and extent of the interest, the relation of the interest to the affairs of the University, and be given at a meeting as soon as practicable after the person becomes aware of the interest. The nature and extent of the interest must be recorded in the minutes of the meeting. Unless the meeting determines otherwise, a person who has a material personal interest in a matter must not be present while the matter is being considered at the meeting, and must not vote on the matter.

**USE OF INSIDE INFORMATION OR POSITION**

Under sections 24 and 25 of the *Commonwealth Authorities and Companies Act 1997*, a member of the University Research Committee must not make improper use of his or her position or of inside information to gain an advantage for himself or herself or to cause detriment to the University or to another person.

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**PART 1: GENERAL ITEMS**

**ITEM 1. MINUTES**

The unconfirmed minutes of the meeting of the University Research Committee (33/2006 attached), held on 15 March 2006, have been circulated. (published at <http://www.anu.edu.au/cabs/ucrp/meetingdates.htm>)

**For confirmation**

**ITEM 2. MATTERS ARISING**

**ITEM 3. ANNOUNCEMENTS AND APOLOGIES**

**3.1 Apologies**

**To be received**

**3.2 Announcements**

**For noting**

**3.3 Confidential Items**

Confidential Items will be dealt with in this part of the agenda.

**For consideration**

**PART 2: REPORTS AND POLICY MATTERS**  
**ITEM 4. UNIVERSITY RESEARCH COMMITTEE**

**PURPOSE**

To receive an update on University governance arrangements and research issues to be taken up by the Committee.

**BACKGROUND**

**4.1 University Committee Structure**

The Policy, *Academic Board and Policy Sub-committees of the Academic Board*, was approved following the March meeting of Council.

The Policy has been published at: <http://info.anu.edu.au/policies/Policies/Governance/Other/AcademicBoardandPolicySubCommittees.asp> )

**4.2 University Research Committee**

The University Research Committee membership reported to the March Committee meeting has been expanded to include:

- One member of the general staff appointed by the Chair of the Committee:  
Ms Melina Wood, ANU College of Business and Economics
- Additional members appointed by the Chair:  
One senior academic researcher: Professor Caryl Hill, JCSMR, ANU College of Medicine and Health Sciences  
One early-career academic researcher: Appointment in progress

Attachment:

- The revised membership of the University Research Committee and terms of office of appointment members are detailed in [518/2006](#).

**4.3 Research Issues**

The terms of reference contained in the *Academic Board and Policy Sub-committees of the Academic Board* read:

“The Committee may advise the Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Research) and the Academic Board on all matters pertaining to the research portfolio.”

The Chair will:

- Outline possible research areas around which Key Research Principles affecting research at ANU may be developed;
- Invite comments from members regarding the presentation of research issues for discussion by the Committee at meetings.

**SPONSOR:** Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Research)

**RECOMMENDATION**

That the Committee note the arrangements for the University Research Committee from 2006 and the discussion of Key Research Principles.

**ITEM 5. REPORT FROM THE DEPUTY VICE-CHANCELLOR  
(RESEARCH)**

**PURPOSE**

For the Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Research) to report on matters of interest.

**BACKGROUND**

The Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Research) will report on:

- Federal budget 2006
  - . 2006-07 Science and Innovation Budget Tables attached (<http://www.dest.gov.au/ministers/bishop/budget06/scitables.pdf> )
- RQF – media release attached  
<http://www.dest.gov.au/ministers/bishop/budget06/bud2006.htm>
- Research Office Structure:
  - . Office of Commercialisation - progress report
- Grants rounds
- Export Controls and Terrorism
- Go8/AVCC DVC® Meetings
- Focus on Business
- Research Planning Day: Thursday, 10 August 2006

**SPONSOR:** Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Research)

**RECOMMENDATION**

That the Committee note the report from the Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Research).

**ITEM 6. ANU TO 2010: UPDATE**

**PURPOSE**

For the Committee to receive a briefing on ANU's strategic plan, *ANU to 2010*, processes and to comment on development of the Research component of the plan.

**BACKGROUND**

Work has been in progress since the February 2006 Retreat to develop the ANU strategic plan, and the supporting College plans for 2006-2010. The intention is to launch *ANU Futures*, the operational strategic plan of *ANU to 2010*, on 1 August, which is ANU Foundation Day.

The Policy and Planning office has been consulting closely with ANU Colleges throughout the process. The following documents are attached for comment:

- Strategic Planning Process: 2006-2010 (43/2006)
- Draft ANU Directions (44a/2006)
- College Plan template (45/2006)
- Strategic Planning – checklist (46/2006)

Dr Powles has been invited to attend the meeting for this item and to respond to any matters members may wish to raise.

**SPONSOR:** Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Research)

**RECOMMENDATION**

That the Committee note the strategic planning processes and advise the Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Research) on any aspects of the development of the Research component of *ANU to 2010*.

## ITEM 7. RESEARCH INTERITY

### PURPOSE

To receive a progress report on the review of two National Codes on research integrity.

### BACKGROUND

- **Review of National Statement**

*Joint NHMRC/AVCC Statement and Guidelines on Research Practice (1997)*

Extract from: <http://www7.health.gov.au/nhmrc/funding/policy/code.htm>

The National Health and Medical Research Council (NHMRC), the Australian Vice Chancellors Committee (AVCC) and the Australian Research Council (ARC) have established a Joint Working Group (JWG) to review the NHMRC/AVCC Statement and Guidelines on Research Practice (the Statement). The ARC is participating in the review of the Statement with the intention of formally endorsing the revised Statement. Consistent with the combined responsibilities of the ARC and the NHMRC, the revised Statement is required to have broad relevance across all research disciplines.

The JWG has carriage of two major projects:

1. revising the Statement, and
2. the identification of models designed to facilitate the investigation and management of research misconduct across all spheres of research.

While these projects will be managed separately, there will be substantial interaction between the two processes.

Submissions for the **Second Round Consultation closed in early May 2006**

- **National Statement on Ethical Conduct in Research Involving Humans: Second Round of Public Consultation**

The National Health and Medical Research Council (NHMRC), the Australian Research Council (ARC) and the Australian Vice-Chancellors' Committee (AVCC) are jointly undertaking a revision of the *NHMRC National Statement on Ethical Conduct in Research Involving Humans 1999* (the National Statement). Further information, including the draft National Statement and submission procedures can be found

<http://www.nhmrc.gov.au/ethics/human/ahec/projects/statementsec.htm>

**SPONSOR:** Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Research)

### RECOMMENDATION

That the Committee note the report on the progress of the reviews of the National Statements.

## **ITEM 8. RESEARCH INFRASTRUCTURE: NCRIS**

### **PURPOSE**

To receive an update about measures being put in place to facilitate ANU's engagement with NCRIS.

### **BACKGROUND**

Since the release in late February of the NCRIS Roadmap which identifies areas in which Australia should aim to develop, or further develop research capability through significant infrastructure investment, the Minister for Education, Science and Training, The Hon Julie Bishop approved the NCRIS Investment Framework (See: [http://www.dest.gov.au/sectors/research\\_sector/policies\\_issues\\_reviews/key\\_issues/ncris/default.htm#What's\\_new?](http://www.dest.gov.au/sectors/research_sector/policies_issues_reviews/key_issues/ncris/default.htm#What's_new?) )

The Investment Framework describes

- how NCRIS will use facilitators to develop investment plans in consultation with the research community;
- how interested parties can participate in the development of investment plans;
- the role of the NCRIS Committee in ensuring the quality of investment plans;
- the role of the Minister in providing final approval of funding for Investment Plans; and
- administrative arrangements for implementing investment plans.

Attachment:

- [ANU Co-ordinators](#) with NCRIS

**PONSOR:** Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Research)

### **RECOMMENDATION**

That the Committee note the report from the Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Research).

## **ITEM 9. RESEARCH-RELATED POLICIES**

### **PURPOSE**

To note minor revisions to the policy on Intellectual Property.

### **BACKGROUND**

- Intellectual Property: Ownership, Protection and Commercialisation (517/2006).

[A memorandum](#) from the Director, Research Office, detailing minor changes that have been made to the policy and major revisions planned for the future, is attached.

**SPONSOR:** Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Research)

### **RECOMMENDATION**

That the Committee note the revision of the *Policy on Intellectual Property: Ownership, Protection and Commercialisation*.

## **ITEM 10. ANU COLLEGE GOVERNANCE ARRANGEMENTS**

### **PURPOSE**

For the meeting to note progress with the establishment and implementation of ANU College Research Committees.

### **BACKGROUND**

Information received from College Convenors following the March meeting of the University Research Committee is attached:

- ANU College of Arts and Social (<http://cass.anu.edu.au/committees.php>)  
Note: Research Committee terms of reference regarding postgraduate students are under review
- [ANU College](#) of Asia and the Pacific (terms of reference to be provided)
- [ANU College](#) of Business and Economics
- ANU College of Engineering and Computer Science  
(<http://cecs.anu.edu.au/index.php?module=ContentExpress&func=display&ceid=95> )
- [ANU College](#) of Law
- ANU College of Medicine and Health Sciences (in progress)
- ANU College of Science (in progress)

**SPONSOR:** Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Research)

### **RECOMMENDATION**

That the Committee note the governance arrangements in ANU Colleges and progress towards the establishment of College Research Committees.

**PART 3. ITEMS OF OTHER BUSINESS**

**ITEM 11. OTHER BUSINESS AND QUESTION TIME**

**PURPOSE**

For members to ask questions and raise items of other business.

**BACKGROUND**

- **Grants and consultancies** awarded between 1 March and 30 April 2006 ([519/2006](#)) are available electronically.

**SPONSOR:** Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Research)

**RECOMMENDATION**

That the Committee note the matters raised and the responses.