

**AUSTRALIAN NATIONAL UNIVERSITY
UNIVERSITY RESEARCH COMMITTEE**

Meeting No. 2, 2008

Meeting No. 2, 2008 of the University Research Committee will be held on

Thursday 1 May 2008

at 9.30 am in the

Ross Hohnen Room of the Chancelry

Apologies:
Ext.54080

J A Bruce
Secretary to the Committee

AGENDA SUMMARY

PART 1: PROCEDURAL ITEMS

1. **Minutes**
2. **Matters Arising**
3. **Apologies, Announcements and Confidential Items**

PART 2: REPORTS AND POLICY ITEMS

4. **Report from the Deputy Vice-Chancellor**
5. **Innovation Review**
6. **Excellence in Research for Australia: Status Report on the ANU's Response**
7. **Major Equipment Committee**
8. **Commercialisation and Innovation**
9. **Research Related Policies and Annual Reports**

PART 3: ITEMS OF OTHER BUSINESS

10. **Other Business and Question Time**

Procedural Matters for Members to note:**OPERATING PROCEDURES**

The operating procedures of the University Research Committee are detailed in paper 69/2008 (at http://info.anu.edu.au/OVC/Committees/060PP_Research/index.asp).

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 3.3. After consideration of the confidential items, observers will be admitted to the meeting.

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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: PROCEDURAL ITEMS

ITEM 1. MINUTES

The unconfirmed minutes of Meeting No. 1, 2008 of the University Research Committee (85/2008 attached) held on 11 March 2008 have been circulated (published at http://info.anu.edu.au/OVC/Committees/060PP_Research/meetings.asp).

For confirmation

ITEM 2. MATTERS ARISING

Item 5. Research Governance Matters

Chairs of ANU College Research Committees have been asked to revise the terms of reference for their Committees.

For noting

ITEM 3. APOLOGIES, ANNOUNCEMENTS AND CONFIDENTIAL ITEMS

3.1 Apologies

To be received

3.2 Announcements

Membership:

- Postgraduate student representative: Ms Tegan Kelly (following Mr Choo's resignation)
- ANU College of Asia and the Pacific representative: Professor Hugh White

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. REPORT FROM THE DEPUTY VICE-CHANCELLOR

PURPOSE

For the Deputy Vice-Chancellor to report on matters of interest to the Committee.

BACKGROUND

The Deputy Vice-Chancellor will report on current issues:

- Update on Platforms for Collaboration
- Go8 Future Research Leaders Scheme
- Open Access and presentation of ANU research
- Principles for Research Contract Negotiations
Attachment:
In the interests of innovation: time for a new approach to negotiating research contracts with Australian universities (366/2008) – Draft for ANU Review only
- Agreements
- Australian Research Council (ARC) Fellowships
- Commercialisation Training Scheme

SPONSOR: Deputy Vice-Chancellor

RECOMMENDATION

That the Committee note the report from the Deputy Vice-Chancellor.

ITEM 5. INNOVATION REVIEW

PURPOSE

To receive a report on the progress of the Government's review of Australia's innovation system.

BACKGROUND

Attachments and References:

- Submission from ANU to the Review: draft to be distributed separately
- Go8 Submission: url to be provided
- Universities Australia: url to be provided

SPONSOR: Deputy Vice-Chancellor

RECOMMENDATION

That the Committee note the report and ANU's submission to the Innovation Review.

ITEM 6. EXCELLENCE IN RESEARCH FOR AUSTRALIA: STATUS REPORT ON THE ANU'S RESPONSE**PURPOSE**

To receive a status report on the University's response to the Government's proposed new approach to quality assurance in research.

BACKGROUND

Attachment:

- The RQF and ERA Status Report April 2008 ([365/2008](#))
- *Evaluating Research Excellence*, presentation of 2 April 2008 by Professor M Shiel, CEO, ARC

The Minister for Innovation, Industry, Science and Research, Senator the Honourable Kim Carr, announced in December 2007 that implementation of the Research Quality Framework would cease and that the Government was committed to a new streamlined, internationally-recognised, research quality assurance process using a combination of metrics and expert review, by committees comprising experienced, internationally-recognised experts, appropriate to each research discipline.

The *Excellence in Research for Australia (ERA)* initiative announced on 26 February 2008 is to be developed by the Australian Research Council (ARC) in conjunction with the DIISR. Pending further details, work has continued through the Research Office at ANU in anticipation of the ERA requirements.

SPONSOR: Deputy Vice-Chancellor

RECOMMENDATION

That the Committee note the status report and any matters arising in discussion.

ITEM 7. MAJOR EQUIPMENT COMMITTEE

PURPOSE

For:

- (i) Discussion of the review of major equipment funding;
- (ii) The Committee to note the appointment of members and chairs of the MEC and its sub-committees.

BACKGROUND

7.1 Review of Major Equipment Funding

Attachment:

- ANU Major Equipment Funding Discussion Paper ([369/2008](#))
- Review of ANU Major Equipment Funding - terms of reference ([368/2008](#))

The Chair of the Major Equipment Committee, Professor Elliman, will attend for this item.

7.2 Major Equipment Committee and Sub-Committees

Attachment:

- Appointment of Chairs and Members:
 - Major Equipment Committee ([377/2008](#))
 - Electron Microscopy Management Committee ([372/2008](#))
 - ANU Bioscience Services Advisory Committee ([372/2008](#))

SPONSOR: Deputy Vice-Chancellor

RECOMMENDATION

That the Committee note the proposed review of major equipment funding and the membership of the Major Equipment Committee, the Electron Microscopy Management Committee, and the ANU Bioscience Services Advisory Committee.

ITEM 8. COMMERCIALISATION AND INNOVATION

PURPOSE

To receive an update on developments in commercialisation and innovation at ANU.

BACKGROUND

The Chair will speak to the following:

- Innovation ANU
- Personnel, Office of Commercialisation
- ANU Connect Ventures

SPONSOR: Deputy Vice-Chancellor

RECOMMENDATION

That the Committee note the report.

ITEM 9. RESEARCH RELATED POLICIES AND ANNUAL REPORTS

PURPOSE

For the Committee:

- (i) to consider comments received on the draft responsible practice of research policy;
- (ii) to note the 2007 Annual Reports from the ANU research ethics sub-committees.

BACKGROUND

9.1 Research Related Policies

- Draft Policy: *Responsible Practice of Research* (74b/2008) with ANU College Research Committee comments incorporated.

The policy is under revision by the Director, Office of Research Integrity, following receipt of comments from ANU College Research Committees. A number of issues have been identified where the recognised practices of academic disciplines will necessitate a legitimate departure from the *Australian Code for the Responsible Conduct of Research*.

9.2 Annual Reports for 2007

Attachments:

- Animal Experimentation Ethics Committee Annual Report ([81/2008](#))
- Human Research Ethics Committee Annual Report ([371/2008](#))
- Institutional Biosafety Committee/Recombinant DNA Monitoring Committee (IBC) Annual Report ([80/2008](#))

The Chairs of the University research ethics committees or their representatives will be available at the meeting to answer any questions about the annual reports.

SPONSOR: Deputy Vice-Chancellor

RECOMMENDATION

That the Committee:

- (i) Provide advice to inform further revision of the Policy: *Responsible Practice of Research*;
- (ii) Note the 2007 Annual Reports to Council from the University's ethics committees.

PART 3. ITEMS OF OTHER BUSINESS

ITEM 10. OTHER BUSINESS AND QUESTION TIME

PURPOSE

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

BACKGROUND

10.1 Grants and Consultancies

A report on grants and consultancies awarded between 1 February and 31 March 2008 may be viewed at the Committee's website ([364/2008](#)).

SPONSOR: Deputy Vice-Chancellor

RECOMMENDATION

That the Committee note the matters raised and the responses.