

**AUSTRALIAN NATIONAL UNIVERSITY  
UNIVERSITY RESEARCH COMMITTEE**

**Meeting No. 4, 2007**

Meeting No. 4, 2007 of the University Research Committee will be held on

**Thursday 25 October 2007**

**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**

- 1. Minutes**
- 2. Matters Arising**
- 3. Announcements and Apologies**

**PART 2: REPORTS AND POLICY ITEMS**

- 4. Report from the Deputy Vice-Chancellor**
- 5. ANU College Research Committees (AUQA Report)**
- 6. Research Quality Framework**
- 7. University Research Plan**
- 8. Grant Outcomes**
- 9. Research Development**
- 10. National Collaborative Research Infrastructure Strategy (NCRIS)**

**PART 3: ITEMS OF OTHER BUSINESS**

- 11. 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 174a/2007 (at [http://info.anu.edu.au/OVC/Committees/060PP\\_Research/\\_urcmtg1\\_2007/174aurefuncsmar07.pdf](http://info.anu.edu.au/OVC/Committees/060PP_Research/_urcmtg1_2007/174aurefuncsmar07.pdf)).

**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.

**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 Meeting No. 3, 2007 of the University Research Committee (663/2007 attached) held on 26 July 2007 have been circulated (published at [http://info.anu.edu.au/OVC/Committees/060PP\\_Research/meetings.asp](http://info.anu.edu.au/OVC/Committees/060PP_Research/meetings.asp))

**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. 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 including:

- Research Integrity
  - Joint NHMRC/AVCC National Statement and Guidelines on Research Practice (May 1997)
  - Human Research Ethics Committee
  - Attachment: HREC Terms of Reference ([659b/2007](#)) – final version
- Policies in progress
  - . Responsible Practice of Research Policy: Review of policy is in progress
  - . Policy on Commercialisation - Draft Principles: Work to develop a policy is on hold, pending drafting of the proposed Intellectual Property Statute
- HDR Training Review: a report from the Reference Group is expected in November
- Research Support Planning Day
- Common Research Infrastructure Services (CRIS)
- Computing Infrastructure
- Reviews:
  - . Review of Biosciences
  - . Review of Chemistry
- Go8 Research Intensive Universities
  - ANU College Research Committees were invited, following the July meeting:
    - . to engage in discussion about our future research
    - . share in the analysis of performance presented at the meeting
    - . bring forward ideas and strategies

**SPONSOR:** Deputy Vice-Chancellor

#### **RECOMMENDATION**

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

**ITEM 5. ANU COLLEGE RESEARCH COMMITTEES (AUQA REPORT)**

**PURPOSE**

For consideration of the AUQA advice regarding the interrelationship of the University Research Committee and ANU College Research Committees.

**BACKGROUND**

Attachments:

- University Research Committee and ANU College Governance Arrangements document ([960/2007](#))
- ANU College Research Committees: terms of reference or statement of functions ([959/2007](#))

These documents describe the current operations of the University Research Committee and the ANU College Research Committees. At the briefing following the audit in July, the AUQA panel advised that the University should consider ways for effective interchange between the University and College Committees.

**SPONSOR:** Deputy Vice-Chancellor

**RECOMMENDATION**

That the Committee's advice about the future interrelationship of the University and ANU College research committees be noted and taken forward for implementation.

**ITEM 6. RESEARCH QUALITY FRAMEWORK (RQF)**

**PURPOSE**

To receive a report on actions taken and progress in the lead up to implementation of the RQF since the July meeting of the Committee.

**BACKGROUND**

The RQF newsletters may be accessed at:

[http://www.dest.gov.au/sectors/research\\_sector/policies\\_issues\\_reviews/key\\_issues/research\\_quality\\_framework/rqf\\_newsletters.htm](http://www.dest.gov.au/sectors/research_sector/policies_issues_reviews/key_issues/research_quality_framework/rqf_newsletters.htm)

**SPONSOR:** Deputy Vice-Chancellor

**RECOMMENDATION**

That the Committee note the report and matters raised in discussion.

**ITEM 7. UNIVERSITY RESEARCH PLAN**

**PURPOSE**

For consideration of a proposal relating to research management reporting.

**BACKGROUND**

Attachment:

- University Research Plan: Monitoring Capacity and Capability for Research Management and Development ([953/2007](#)); and
- Attachment A: College Research Management Capabilities (953/2007 pages 3-4)

**SPONSOR:** Deputy Vice-Chancellor

**RECOMMENDATION**

That the Committee agrees to the development of a Research Management Capability Report as part of the University's Research Plan with regular reporting from Colleges to enable us to track and improve our research management capacity and capability.

## **ITEM 8. GRANT OUTCOMES**

### **PURPOSE**

To receive reports and to comment on the outcome of the ARC and NHMRC grant rounds and processes.

### **BACKGROUND**

Attachments:

- 2008 ARC Grants ([955/2007](#)) report on ANU's success in each of the schemes:
  - . Discovery Projects
  - . Discovery Indigenous Researchers Development
  - . Linkage Projects Round 1
  - . Linkage Infrastructure Equipment and Facilities
  - . Linkage International Awards Round
- 2008 ANU Results for ARC Discovery DP08 spreadsheet ([957/2007](#))
- 2008 NHMRC ([956/2007](#)) funding report on ANU's success in each of the schemes
  - . Project Grants
  - . Australia Fellowships
  - . Special Program Grants
  - . Research Fellowships
  - . Equipment Grants

**SPONSOR:** Deputy Vice-Chancellor

### **RECOMMENDATION**

That the Committee note the outcome of the grants rounds for 2008 and any matters raised in discussion.

**ITEM 9. RESEARCH DEVELOPMENT**

**PURPOSE**

For discussion of ANU's research relationships and future directions.

**BACKGROUND**

Attachment:

- ANU Discussion Paper – Research Relationship Development ([993/2007](#))

**SPONSOR:** Deputy Vice-Chancellor

**RECOMMENDATION**

That the Committee note comments arising in discussion and provide advice to the Deputy Vice-Chancellor on the directions proposed in the document (993/2007).

**ITEM 10. NATIONAL COLLABORATIVE RESEARCH INFRASTRUCTURE STRATEGY (NCRIS)**

**PURPOSE**

To receive a report on ANU's current involvement in NCRIS.

**BACKGROUND**

Attachment:

- Report on National Collaborative Research Infrastructure Strategy (NCRIS) ([958/2007](#))

**SPONSOR:** Deputy Vice-Chancellor

**RECOMMENDATION**

That the Committee note the report.

**PART 3. ITEMS OF OTHER BUSINESS**

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

**PURPOSE**

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

**BACKGROUND**

- Grants and Consultancies 1 July to 30 September 2007 ([952/2007](#))

**SPONSOR:** Deputy Vice-Chancellor

**RECOMMENDATION**

That the Committee note the matters raised and the responses.