

**THE AUSTRALIAN NATIONAL UNIVERSITY**  
**UNIVERSITY RESEARCH COMMITTEE**

**Meeting No. 5, 2006**

Meeting No. 5, 2006 of the University Research Committee will be held on

**Thursday 16 November 2006**

**at 9.30 am in the**

**Ross Hohnen Room of the Chancelry**

Apologies:  
Ext.54080

J A Bruce  
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. Research Quality Framework (RQF)**
- 6. National Collaborative Research Infrastructure Strategy (NCRIS)**
- 7. Grants Rounds for 2007**
- 8. Research and Research Training Plan**
- 9. Reports from ANU Colleges**

**PART 3: ITEMS OF OTHER BUSINESS**

- 10. Other Business and Question Time**

**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 3.3. 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. 4, 2006 of the University Research Committee (997a/2006 attached) held on 14 September 2006 have been circulated (published at [http://info.anu.edu.au/OVC/University\\_Research\\_Committee/meetings.asp](http://info.anu.edu.au/OVC/University_Research_Committee/meetings.asp) )

An amendment has been incorporated into the attached minutes at:  
Item 7. 4<sup>th</sup> dot point: ANU College of Engineering and Computer Science

**For confirmation**

### **ITEM 2. MATTERS ARISING**

#### **Item 10. Research Policies**

##### **Terrorism Offences under the *Anti-Terrorism Act (No. 2) 2005***

Responses received from three ANU Colleges (CASS, CAP and CoL) to the Summary of Changes to Legislation (954a/2006) are being taken-up by the Legal Office. Once finalised, the document and procedures for dealing with notification of requests will be published at the Legal Office website and staff and students advised.

**For noting**

### **ITEM 3. ANNOUNCEMENTS AND APOLOGIES**

#### **3.1 Apologies**

**To be received**

#### **3.2 Announcements**

##### **Changes to Membership of the Committee:**

ANU College of Business and Economics:

Professor Tom Smith (replacing Professor Bruce Stening)

Early Career Researcher: Mr Chris Ikin, ANU CBE

PARSA representative: Ms Ivana Kuo, JCSMR

Chair, Recombinant DNA Monitoring Committee: Dr David Jones

The position of Dean of Graduate Studies: disestablished

**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 5. REPORT FROM THE DEPUTY VICE-CHANCELLOR**

#### **PURPOSE**

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

#### **BACKGROUND**

A report will be made by the Deputy Vice-Chancellor on current issues:

- ANU Executive structure
- Graduate Research School
- Reviews of:
  - National Statement on Ethical Conduct in Research Involving Humans
  - Joint NHMRC/AV-CC Statement and Guidelines on Research Practice
- Human Research Ethics
- Impact study on the Cooperative Research Centres (CRC) Programme  
[https://www.crc.gov.au/HTMLDocuments/Documents/PDF/CRC\\_Economic\\_Impact\\_Study\\_Final\\_121006.pdf](https://www.crc.gov.au/HTMLDocuments/Documents/PDF/CRC_Economic_Impact_Study_Final_121006.pdf)
- CSIRO Science Health Report  
<http://eprints.anu.edu.au/archive/00003519/>
- Productivity Commission Report  
[http://www.dest.gov.au/sectors/research\\_sector/publications\\_resources/profiles/economic\\_impact\\_of\\_public\\_research.htm](http://www.dest.gov.au/sectors/research_sector/publications_resources/profiles/economic_impact_of_public_research.htm)

**SPONSOR:** Deputy Vice-Chancellor

#### **RECOMMENDATION**

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

## **ITEM 5. RESEARCH QUALITY FRAMEWORK (RQF)**

### **PURPOSE**

To receive an update on progress towards implementation from 2008 of the RQF.

### **BACKGROUND**

The papers summarising the advice provided to the Development Advisory Group from the Technical Working Groups may be viewed at:

- [http://www.dest.gov.au/sectors/research\\_sector/policies\\_issues\\_reviews/key\\_issues/research\\_quality\\_framework/rqf\\_development\\_2006.htm#wga](http://www.dest.gov.au/sectors/research_sector/policies_issues_reviews/key_issues/research_quality_framework/rqf_development_2006.htm#wga) :
- Quality Metrics ([http://www.dest.gov.au/NR/rdonlyres/EC11695D-B59D-4879-A84D-87004AA22FD2/14099/rqf\\_quality\\_metrics.pdf](http://www.dest.gov.au/NR/rdonlyres/EC11695D-B59D-4879-A84D-87004AA22FD2/14099/rqf_quality_metrics.pdf))
- Research Impact ([http://www.dest.gov.au/NR/rdonlyres/D51500F4-A864-4227-B67A-1A5B983A924F/14100/rqf\\_research\\_impact.pdf](http://www.dest.gov.au/NR/rdonlyres/D51500F4-A864-4227-B67A-1A5B983A924F/14100/rqf_research_impact.pdf))
- IT Requirements ([http://www.dest.gov.au/NR/rdonlyres/D45B6105-AC9E-470B-AC70-048273ABBDC3/14098/rqf\\_it\\_requirements.pdf](http://www.dest.gov.au/NR/rdonlyres/D45B6105-AC9E-470B-AC70-048273ABBDC3/14098/rqf_it_requirements.pdf))

**SPONSOR:** Deputy Vice-Chancellor

### **RECOMMENDATION**

That the Committee note the report on the RQF.

**ITEM 6. NATIONAL COLLABORATIVE RESEARCH  
INFRASTRUCTURE STRATEGY (NCRIS)**

**PURPOSE**

To receive a report on the Minister's forthcoming announcements.

**BACKGROUND**

The NCRIS Committee has made funding recommendations to the Minister for Education Science and Training on a number of national research capabilities.

Further information about investment plans and processes is available at the website:  
[http://www.dest.gov.au/sectors/research\\_sector/policies\\_issues\\_reviews/key\\_issues/nocris/Investment\\_Plans](http://www.dest.gov.au/sectors/research_sector/policies_issues_reviews/key_issues/nocris/Investment_Plans)

**SPONSOR:** Deputy Vice-Chancellor

**RECOMMENDATION**

That the Committee note the report.

## **ITEM 7. GRANTS ROUNDS FOR 2007**

### **PURPOSE**

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

### **BACKGROUND**

#### **2007 ARC Grants**

A report on ANU's success in each of the schemes is attached ([1004/2006](#)):

- Discovery Projects (DP)
- Discovery Indigenous Researchers Development (DIRD)
- Linkage Projects Round 1 (LP)
- Linkage Infrastructure Equipment and Facilities (LIEF)
- Linkage International Awards Round 2 (LX)

#### **2007 NHMRC Funding**

A report on ANU's success in each of the schemes is attached ([1003/2006](#)):

- Research Projects
- Capacity Building Grants
- Career Development Awards
- Enabling Grants
- Research Fellowships

#### **ANU Results for ARC Discovery Projects**

- A spreadsheet of the 2007 round is attached ([1006/2006](#))

**SPONSOR:** Deputy Vice-Chancellor

### **RECOMMENDATION**

That the Committee note the outcome of the grants rounds for 2007 and any matters raised in discussion.

## **ITEM 8. RESEARCH AND RESEARCH TRAINING PLAN**

### **PURPOSE**

For the Committee to review some metrics for research planning.

### **BACKGROUND**

Attachments:

- Bibliometric analyses ([1007/2006](#)) (assembled by Office of DVC):
  - . Thomson ISI data
  - . Other performance measures, plus current performance measures used by DEST for RRTMR
  - . Assessment reviews
- Independent Rankings of the World's Top Universities – 2006 (prepared by Policy and Planning Office)
- International Comparisons – The world's top 200 universities (The Times Higher Education Supplement [http://www.thes.co.uk/statistics/international\\_comparisons/](http://www.thes.co.uk/statistics/international_comparisons/))

**SPONSOR:** Deputy Vice-Chancellor

### **RECOMMENDATION**

That the Committee note the discussion.

**ITEM 9. REPORTS FROM ANU COLLEGES**

**PURPOSE**

To receive reports from the Chairs of ANU College research committees and for members to raise any research issues.

**BACKGROUND**

The Chairs of ANU College Research Committees are invited to report on current research activities and to raise any issues for discussion.

**SPONSOR:** Deputy Vice-Chancellor

**RECOMMENDATION**

That the Committee note the reports and matters arising in discussion.

**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**

- Grants and Consultancies:  
Reports for the periods 1 July to 30 September 2006 may be viewed at the website ([1001/2006](#) and [1002/2006](#)).

**SPONSOR:** Chair, University Research Committee

**RECOMMENDATION**

That the Committee note the matters raised and the responses.