UWA Re-Entry Postdoctoral Research Fellowship Scheme
Notes of the Assessment Meeting
Thursday, 14 December 2006, 9:30-10:30am, Old Senate Room

- Professor Doug McEachern, Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Research & Innovation) (In attendance for the first ten minutes)
- Convenor: Professor Stephan Lewandowsky, School of Psychology
- Dr Rachel Cardell-Oliver, School of Computer Science and Software Engineering
- Dr Tanya Dalziell, School of Social and Cultural Studies
- A/Professor Gail Jones, School of Social and Cultural Studies
- Dr Sandra Saunders, School of Biomedical, Biomolecular and Chemical Sciences
- Professor Brendan Waddell, School of Anatomy & Human Biology

The meeting was opened by Prof McEachern, who thanked the assessors for their contribution, and stressed the important of this to the University. Prof McEachern asked that he be provided with a reserve list of applicants for the first ten minutes of the meeting, called for recommendations for future rounds to be put to his office, and noted that recent analysis of the scheme had shown it to be beneficial to both the University and the successful candidates.

Assessment & Decision

With preliminary scores having been provided to the Executive Officer prior to the meeting, the assessors had before them a ranked listing of the applicants (16 applicants were received in total). There was some discussion about the closeness of the top applicants in terms of their relative rankings, the difficulties of comparing applicants across disciplines, and scoring of proposals with respect to academic excellence versus strategic value of the research. There was broad consensus on the ranked order of the top 5 applicants, all of whom the assessors felt were excellent candidates.

It was decided to recommend that an appointment be offered to:

- Dr Lara-Louisa O'Sullivan, School of Humanities

It was also recommended that the following candidate be listed as the reserve:

- Dr Myra Taylor, Graduate School of Education

Policy

The following recommendations were made for the next round:

- That the option of 75% research, 25% teaching appointments of 4 years' duration be made available, with the 25% teaching appointment funded by the relevant school. This option is currently available in the University Postdoctoral Research Fellowship scheme.
- That the scheme be annualised. Presently there are calls for applications twice out of every three years, such that only two three-year UWA Re-Entry Postdoctoral Research Fellowships are supported at any one time.

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