MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE BOARD OF THE GRADUATE RESEARCH SCHOOL HELD IN THE OLD SENATE ROOM, IN THE IRWIN STREET BUILDING, ON TUESDAY, 8 MAY 2007

PRESENT:

Pro Vice-Chancellor (Research and Research Training) (Professor Robyn Owens) as Chair
Nominee of the Chair of the Academic Board (Associate Professor Annette George)
Professor Craig Atkins (Deputy Chair)
Professor John Cordery
Professor Kevin Croft
Professor Arun Dharmarajan
Professor Matthew Knuiman
Dr Allan McKinley
Professor Susan Prescott
Professor Jim Whelan

Executive Officer (Mr Chester Cutinha)

BY INVITATION:

Manager, Graduate Research and Scholarships (Dr Sato Juniper)
Graduate Education Officer (Dr Michael Azariadis)

OBSERVERS:

Graduate Research Coordinator, School of Social and Cultural Studies (Associate Professor Van Ikin)

APOLOGIES:

Graduate Education Officer (Dr Krystyna Haq)
Postgraduate Students’ Association President (Ms Bronwyn Crowe)
Associate Professor Andrew Lynch
Associate Professor Ian McArthur
Associate Professor Brett Nener
Director, Research Services (Dr Campbell Thomson)

Ms Bronwyn Crowe and Dr Campbell Thomson did not attend the meeting as there were no items for discussion under Parts I, II and III.

WELCOME

The Chair welcomed the Graduate Research Coordinator of the School of Social and Cultural Studies, Associate Professor Van Ikin, to the meeting as an observer.

1. CALL FOR DECLARATIONS OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST

Members and invitees were requested to declare any conflicts of interest that they may have with respect to any items on the agenda.

Associate Professor Annette George declared a conflict of interest with respect to the candidate referred to in item 7(a)(iii) and did not speak to this item.

Dr Allan McKinley declared a conflict of interest with respect to the candidates referred to in items 7(a)(ii), 7(b)(i), 7(b)(v) & 8(b) and did not speak to these items.

Associate Professor Van Ikin declared a conflict of interest with respect to the candidate referred to in item 7(b)(vi) and left the room during the discussion of this item.
2. MINUTES – REF: F36

RESOLVED – 29

That the Minutes of the meeting of the Board of the Graduate Research School held on Tuesday, 10 April 2007 be confirmed.

3. HIGHER DEGREE BY RESEARCH ACHIEVEMENTS – CALL FOR NOMINATIONS – REF: F8211

Members were advised that submissions had been called for the 2006/2007 round of Higher Degree by Research Achievements. $1000 prizes were being offered for the best works accepted for publication in 2006 by an enrolled PhD or Masters by Research student from any discipline. All Deans of Faculties, Heads of School, Graduate Research Coordinators and others had been asked to disseminate the call for submissions and encourage eligible graduate research students to apply.

Noted.

4. WHITFELD FELLOWSHIPS – REF: RA/2889/1

Members were advised that nominations had been called for the 2007 round of Whitfeld Fellowships. Two Whitfeld Fellowships were available for allocation in 2007. The closing date for nominations is 8 June 2007. Members were also provided with an information sheet and a copy of the Conditions.

Noted.

5. ADMINISTRATION OF GLEDDEN VISITING SENIOR FELLOWSHIP – REF: F7013

Members were reminded that the purpose of the Gledden Visiting Senior Fellowships was to provide travel costs and living expenses for scholars from outside Western Australia to visit the University and contribute to its work and activities in applied science, particularly relating to surveying, engineering, mining and cognate subjects.

Members were provided with an extract from the minutes of a meeting of the Scholarships Committee held on 5 March 2007. At this meeting the Scholarships Committee agreed that, as the Gledden Visiting Senior Fellowships were not scholarships they were outside the core business of the Scholarships Committee. The Scholarships Committee resolved to request that the Academic Board appoint responsibility for the Fellowships to a more appropriate sector within the University. Until this was done the Scholarships Committee and the Graduate Research and Scholarships Office would continue to allocate and administer the awards.

Noted.