MEMBERS OF THE RESEARCH COMMITTEE

Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Research and Innovation) (Professor D McEachern) - Chair
Nominee of the Chair of the Academic Board (Professor K Simmer)
Pro Vice-Chancellor (Research and Research Training) (Professor R Owens)
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Mr S Anderson
Professor H Barrett
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Associate Professor A Lynch
Professor K Miller
Professor N Morgan
Professor S Morgan
Professor D Pannell
Professor C Raston
Professor Z Rengel
Professor J Sweeney
Associate Professor L Vidovich
Professor G Yeoh

Standing Invitees:
Pro Vice-Chancellor (Research Initiatives) (Professor Alistar Robertson)
Director, Energy and Minerals Initiative (Mr Tim Shanahan)

By Invitation in an Observing Capacity:
Dr A Buti
Dr E Chapman
Professor K Croft
Professor J Davidson
Associate Professor J Lee
Associate Professor I McLean
Dr S Stewart

RESEARCH COMMITTEE MEETING – 14 February 2008

The next meeting of the Research Committee will be held in the Senate Room on Thursday 14 February 2008 at 2.15pm.

Dr Campbell Thomson
Executive Officer, Research Committee

AGENDA

1. APOLOGIES

2. MINUTES

   Confirmation

   Confirmation of the minutes of the meeting of the Research Committee held on 1 November 2007.
3. DECLARATIONS OF POTENTIAL FOR CONFLICT OR PERCEIVED CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

PART 1 – ITEMS FOR COMMUNICATION TO BE DEALT WITH EN BLOC

4. PRINCIPLES AND RULES OF OPERATION OF UNIVERSITY COMMITTEES, AND MEMBERS’ CODE OF CONDUCT

Members are asked to refresh their knowledge of the Principles and Rules of Operation of University Committees, and the Members’ Code of Conduct which is attached (Attachment RC1).

5. RESEARCH COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP IN 2008 – REF F14662

Attached (Attachment RC2) for noting is the 2008 membership of the Research Committee.

6. UWA SUPPLEMENTARY TRAVEL GRANTS FOR NEW ACADEMIC STAFF – REF F896

Attached (Attachment RC3) for noting are the final reports of Dr Penelope Hawken Plant Biology, Dr David Nelson CPEB, Dr Michael Shane Plant Biology, Dr Danica Cvejanovic Physics, Dr Guicheng Zhang Paediatrics & Child Health, Dr Surya Singh Mechanical Engineering, Dr Aleksandra Filipovska UWA Centre for Medical Research, Dr Oliver Rackman UWA Centre for Medical Research, Dr Chang Yau Hoon Social & Cultural Studies, Dr Chantal Ferguson UWA Centre for Asthma, Allergy & Respiratory Research, Dr William Macdonald BBCS, Larry Neale Business School, Dr Ingrid Laing Paediatrics & Child Health, Dr Nathan Pavlos Surgery & Pathology, Dr Samantha Clarke Plant Biology, and Dr Jason Wu Medicine & Pharmacology, for their UWA Supplementary Travel Grants for New Academic Staff.

7. STATISTICS CLINIC QUARTERLY REPORT – REF F19621

Attached (Attachment RC4) for noting is a report by the Director of the UWA Statistical Consulting Group on activities of the Statistics Clinic for Postgraduate Research Students for the period 1 July 2007 to 30 September 2007.

This Report is relevant to the meeting because the Statistics Clinic is funded as part of the Central Research Allocation (CRA) approved by the Research Committee each year.

PART 2 – ITEMS FOR DECISION TO BE DEALT WITH EN BLOC

There are no items in this part of the agenda.

PART 3 – ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION AND DECISION

8. REPORT OF THE DEPUTY VICE-CHANCELLOR (RESEARCH AND INNOVATION)

The Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Research and Innovation) will report on items of interest which have arisen since the previous meeting. Of particular note are the attached (Attachment RC 5) media releases by the new Minister for Innovation, Industry, Science and Research, Senator Kim Carr, announcing a review of the national innovation system which will include a comprehensive review of the innovation programs in Australia, including the Cooperative Research Centre (CRC) Programme.
9. RESEARCH REVIEW 2007

The University of Western Australia has set itself the goal of being one of the top 50 universities in the world in the next 50 years. Towards this goal the Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Research and Innovation) has produce the attached (Attachment RC6) report which considers appropriate benchmarks to help understand the base from which UWA can achieve this goal.

The conclusions drawn from the paper are summarised on the last page of the Report and highlight UWA’s strong research foundation from which to respond to the challenge of becoming a top 50 university. Members are asked to consider the Report with the view of having a detailed discussion at the meeting of the crucial next steps.

10. REPORT FROM THE UWA SENIOR LEADERSHIP PROGRAMME

The UWA Senior Leadership Programme will be held on 7 and 8 February 2008 with the theme “Connecting to the world – how can we best do it?”. During the two day retreat participants will be invited to reflect on how the University can strengthen its international standing, particularly in the areas of teaching and research.

Professor Robyn Owens will provide a brief overview of the issues raised at the Retreat that impact of research and research training at UWA.

For discussion.

11. OTHER BUSINESS