EXTRACT FROM THE MINUTES OF THE RESEARCH COMMITTEE HELD ON 14 AUGUST 2008

ITEMS FOR THE ATTENTION OF ACADEMIC COUNCIL

8. UWA RESEARCH AND TRAINING CENTRES

(a) Centre for Genetic Epidemiology and Biostatistics (CGEB) – F24513

Members were asked to consider a proposal to establish the Centre for Genetic Epidemiology and Biostatistics as a UWA Research and Training Centre in the Faculty of Medicine, Dentistry and Health Sciences. The proposed Centre will focus on the application of genomic knowledge to complex human diseases, combined with novel biostatistical methodology. It involves collaboration with staff in a large number of UWA schools and centres in the Faculty, as well as external medical organisations. It has a budget of around $9 million over three years, including VCDF support of almost $1 million. The proposal has the support of the Dean. Details and costs of accommodation are yet to be finalised and will be provided by the Faculty as soon as possible.

RESOLVED - 5

To endorse the attached (Attachment RC5) proposal to establish the Centre for Genetic Epidemiology and Biostatistics for a 3-year period and to forward this application to Academic Council for their approval.

(b) Centre for Marine Futures – F24514

Members were asked to consider a proposal to establish the Centre for Marine Futures as a UWA Research and Training Centre in the Faculty of Natural and Agricultural Sciences. The proposed Centre will focus on marine resource assessment, mapping and diversity surveys in Western Australia. It involves collaboration with staff in a number of schools and centres in the Faculty, as well as with industry, state government and the community. It has the support of the Dean and a budget of around $3 million over three years.

RESOLVED - 6

To endorse the attached (Attachment RC6) proposal to establish the Centre for Marine Futures for a 3-year period and to forward this application to Academic Council for their approval.

(c) International Centre for Plant Breeding Education and Research (ICPBER) – F24515

Members were asked to consider a proposal to establish the International Centre for Plant Breeding Education and Research (ICPBER) as a UWA Research and Training Centre in the School of Plant Biology, Faculty of Natural and Agricultural Sciences. The proposed Centre will focus on research and training in genetics and plant breeding at an international and national level, addressing an emerging international deficiency. It involves collaboration of staff from a range of schools and centres within the Faculty with international, national and state organisations. It has the support of the Dean and a budget of over $1 million over five years.

RESOLVED - 7

To endorse the attached (Attachment RC7) proposal to establish the International Centre for Plant Breeding Education and Research (ICPBER) for a 5-year period and to forward this application to Academic Council for their approval.

(d) Centre for Environmental Economics and Policy (CEEP) – F24747

Members were asked to consider a proposal to establish the Centre for Environmental Economics and Policy (CEEP) as a UWA Research and Training Centre in the School of
Agricultural and Resource Economics, Faculty of Natural and Agricultural Sciences. The proposed Centre aims to improve the cost-effectiveness of Australia’s policy programs for land, water and biodiversity conservation. The stimulus for the Centre was the award of a Federation Fellowship to Professor David Pannell for his interdisciplinary work bringing together economics, social science and bio-physics to work closely with environmental managers and policy makers. The proposal has the support of the Dean and a budget of over $5.2 million over five years.

RESOLVED - 8

To endorse the attached (Attachment RC8) proposal to establish the Centre for Environmental Economics and Policy (CEEP) for a 5-year period and to forward this application to Academic Council for their approval.

(e) Centre for Mining, Energy and Natural Resources Law (CMENRL) – Ref F4617

Members were asked to consider a final report for the Centre for Mining, Energy and Natural Resources Law (CMENRL) for the period 2003-07 and a proposal to re-establish it as a UWA Research and Training Centre in the Law School. The Centre, currently established until November 2008, aims to promote, encourage and publish research in mining, energy, environmental and natural resources law in collaboration with professional and industry groups. The Centre has developed a successful conference and seminar program which it wishes to continue at a state, national and international level. Its activities are regarded as central to the Faculty’s research and research training program. The proposal has the support of the Dean and the President of the National Environmental Law Association of Australia.

RESOLVED - 9

To endorse the attached (Attachment RC9) proposal to re-establish the Centre for Mining, Energy and Natural Resources Law (CMENRL) for a 5-year period and to forward this application to Academic Council for their approval.