AGENDA: PARTS I – III

The next meeting of the Board of the Graduate Research School will be held in the Senate Room on Tuesday, 8 December 2009 at 2.15 p.m.

Parts I and II of the agenda are to be dealt with en bloc by motion of the Chair. Parts III and IV are for discussion. A member may request the removal of an item from Parts I or II to Part III.

Cheryl Wenninger/ Dr Janice Chong
Executive Officers
Board of the Graduate Research School
1. **CALL FOR DECLARATIONS OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST – REF: F34**

The Chair will invite members to declare potential for conflict or perceived conflicts of interest, if applicable, with regard to items on the agenda.

2. **MINUTES – REF: F36**

Confirmation of the Minutes of the meeting of the Board of the Graduate Research School held on Tuesday, 10 November 2009.

3. **ITEMS/BUSINESS IN PROGRESS FOR NOTING FROM PREVIOUS MEETINGS**

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**PART I – ITEMS FOR COMMUNICATION TO BE DEALT WITH EN BLOC**

4. **POSTGRADUATE WELCOME SEMESTER 1, 2010**

The tentative date for the Postgraduate Welcome is Friday, 5th March 2010, from 2.30 to 5.30pm. The location will be advised when the booking is confirmed. Members are asked to note the date in their diaries.

For noting

5. **REPORT - POSTGRADUATE ON-LINE SCHOLARLY LITERACY (POSL) PROJECT**

*The Research Journey*

The Postgraduate On-line Scholarly Literacy (POSL) project began in 2006 as a collaborative initiative between the Graduate Research School and the Library. The aim was to create for postgraduate students a program of on-line tutorials (or 'learning objects') to develop their research, writing and professional skills. There was also a desire to incorporate into this framework information for postgraduate students on the many face-to-face training and learning opportunities available to them across the University. It was envisaged that this would provide a more flexible delivery of skills training for those postgraduate students who, due to the demands of family or employment, spend most of their time off-campus. Funding for the project was provided from the UWA Teaching and Learning Performance Fund.

The learning objects were developed on the feedback from the Postgraduate User Needs Survey 2006. The survey identified several areas which respondents felt were important in their skills development, some of which could be developed by Library staff (i.e. ‘effective searching of electronic sources’) whilst others were better suited to development by Graduate Education Officers (i.e. ‘writing a literature review’). Since then 10 on-line learning objects have been created, including: finding information sources; searching techniques; managing information; evaluating information; writing a research proposal; writing a literature review; communicating your research and so on.
These POSL resources – collectively named The Research Journey - are hosted on the Graduate Research School website and can be found at: http://www.postgraduate.uwa.edu.au/students/journey
A promotion plan is in place to communicate to postgraduate students the existence of The Research Journey and we are looking at ways to encourage its use. We are also looking at ways to integrate the learning objects into other programs in the faculties.

Dr Michael Azariadis
Graduate Education Officer

For Noting

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

There are no items

PART III – ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION AND DECISION

6. REGISTRATION OF SUPERVISORS FOR HIGHER DEGREES BY RESEARCH

Members will recall that at its October meeting the Board resolved (R74) to recommend to Academic Council that Rule 1.3.1.7 (4) be amended as follows:

(4) Any new staff member who wishes to supervise higher degree by research students must attend an approved workshop on supervising postgraduate students, either before the supervision commences or within their first year of employment.

Deleted: (4) A supervisor who has not previously supervised a research higher degree student to successful completion at this or another recognised tertiary institution must attend an approved workshop on supervising postgraduate students.

The Academic Council has returned the item for further comment by the Board. The Associate Director of the Graduate Research School will speak to this Item.

Attached for members' information are the following extracts:

EXTRACT from the Minutes of a Meeting of the Academic Council on 25 November 2009 (Attachment A1)

EXTRACT from the Minutes of a Meeting of the Board of the Graduate Research School on 13 October 2009. (Attachment B1 – B4)

For discussion