

Minutes
University Research Committee

Minutes of meeting 03/14 of the University Research Committee held on 27 August 2014 in the Research Services Office Presentation Room 20.109.

Present:

Prof J Raper (*Chair*)

Prof J Beck
A/Prof B Bunt
A/Prof L Dawson
Prof C Gibson
A/Prof R Gordon

A/Prof P Innis
Prof K Kautz
Prof R Lewis
Prof V Mackie
Prof T Marchant

Ms S Martin
Prof T Okely
Prof W Price
Prof W Vialle

Secretary:

Ms J Evans

PART A PRELIMINARY BUSINESS

A1 Welcome and Apologies

The Chair welcomed Prof W Vialle, new Chair of Academic Senate, to her first URC Meeting.

Apologies were received Prof N Dixon, Ms E Eastland, Ms S Flint, Prof B Garner, Prof P Perez, Prof R Roberts and A/Prof R Gordon representing was representing Prof K Eagar.

A2 Arrangement of the Agenda

Agenda items A4, B2, B3, and B4 were starred for discussion.

A3 Business from the Last Meeting

A3.1 Minutes of the Previous Meeting (02/14)

Resolved (07/14)

That the minutes of the University Research Committee meeting held on 16 July 2014 (02/14) be confirmed as a true record.

Action: J Evans

A4 Chair's Business

World renowned Biophysicist becomes UOW's fourth Laureate

The Chair congratulated Prof Antoine van Oijen, a leading expert from the Netherlands in the field of single-molecule biophysics, who has been named as an ARC Australian Laureate Fellow, one of 16 Laureate Fellows announced on 22 August.

Prof van Oijen joins Distinguished Professors Lesley Head, Gordon Wallace and Richard (Bert) Roberts, as the fourth researcher at UOW to be awarded this prestigious Fellowship.

Launch of ARC Steel Research Hub

The launch of the ARC Research Hub for Australian Steel Manufacturing is scheduled for Thursday 4 September at Parliament House in Canberra, by the Hon Ian McFarlane, Minister for Industry.

UOW Research Centres Policy

A URC Working Group is to be established to develop a UOW Research Centres Policy to commence in early 2015. The aim of the policy will be to outline the strategic role of research centres in strengthening the University's research capability, detail the attributes of UOW Research Centres, the process for establishing research centres and the responsibilities of research centre members and directors. The Chair asked Committee members to advise her if were interested in participating.

ERA Update

Prof Tim Marchant advised that:

- the ERA Management System is working well and citation profiles now refresh automatically;
- the number of journal papers has increased and the number of conference papers has decreased; and
- claw back is now limited to 40%

Global Challenges Program

Prof Gibson advised that the 2014 round of Global Challenges Seed Funding has now closed and the number of applications was down from 2013. The Global Challenges Team will survey staff and students in the coming months which will hopefully provide insights into the decrease in applications.

The Global Challenges PhD Scholars Program is now open. Successful candidates will be awarded a \$10,000 p.a. tax free top-up. In addition \$5,000 p.a. will be made available via the student's primary supervisor, to support their research and travel costs. Six top-ups are available to elite students and the program is very competitive, attracting high calibre applicants. Applications close on 17 October 2014. The Committee suggested that faculties should be more involved with the selection process.

Global Challenges is hosting a new series aimed at engaging with renowned academics and introducing their work to a wider audience. 'A Conversation With'

will enable people from across the university to meet experts, ask questions, and find out more about their work in a relaxed setting

PART B GENERAL BUSINESS

B1 Research and Innovation Division Report

The Research and Innovation Division Report was noted.

B2 Proposal for UOW Graduate Research School

Prof Marchant advised that the consultation period for feedback on the GRS proposal has been extended to 12 September 2014. The Committee sought clarification on the following aspects of the proposal:

- What capacity the GRS will have to deal with disciplinary differences.
- More detail on how the GRS relates to existing resources for HDR students already in place within faculties.
- More detailed costings and how these relate to the new faculty funding model.
- Better defined targets and KPIs for the GRS.
- Further information regarding GRS organisational structure and roles.

Prof Marchant asked Committee members to send any further comments directly to him for feedback and incorporation into the proposal.

B3 HDR Thesis by Compilation Rules

The Committee discussed the HDR Thesis by Compilation Rules and sought clarification on a number of issues to be considered further by Prof Marchant.

Resolved (08/14)

That the University Research Committee

- (i) approve the Higher Degree Research Thesis by Compilation Rules subject to the incorporation of revisions as requested, and*
- (ii) refer the rules to Academic Senate for approval.*

Action: T Marchant, S Flint

B4 Guidelines for Thesis Examination – PhD (Creative Arts)

The Committee noted the guidelines for Thesis Examination – PhD (Creative Arts).

Resolved (09/14)

That the University Research Committee

- (i) approve the Faculty of Law, Humanities and the Arts Guidelines for Thesis Examination of the Doctor of Philosophy(Creative Arts), and*
- (ii) refer the guidelines to Academic Senate for approval.*

Action: T Marchant, S Flint

B5 Animal Ethics Committee Fieldwork Monitoring Policy

Resolved (10/14)

That the University Research Committee approve the Animal Ethics Fieldwork Monitoring Policy and refer to Academic Senate for approval.

Action: P Potter

PART C MATTERS FOR NOTING

C1 Matters from Thesis Committee

C1.1 Minutes from Thesis Committee Meeting

Resolved (11/14)

That the University Research Committee receive the minutes of the Thesis Committee meeting of 2 July 2014.

Action: S Flint

C2 Matters from Research IT & Systems (RITAS) Committee Meeting

C2.1 Minutes from Research IT & Systems Committee

Resolved (12/14)

That the University Research Committee receive the minutes of the Research IT & Systems Committee (RITAS) meeting of 6 August 2014.

Action: B Cornwell

C3 Matters from UOWD Research Committee Meeting

C3.1 Agenda papers from the UOWD Research Committee Meeting

Resolved (13/14)

That the University Research Committee note the agenda papers and minutes of the UOWD Research Committee Meetings of 22 July 2014.

Action: S Martin

PART D NEXT MEETING & OTHER BUSINESS

D1 Next meeting will be held on Wednesday, 22 October 2014 at 9.30am in Building 20.109.

D2 The Chair advised the Committee that she will be travelling overseas in the next month and that Prof Marchant will be acting DVC(R) in her absence.

D3 The meeting closed at.10.40am.

ACTION ITEMS:

- A3.1 J Evans to file previous URC Minutes**
- B2 T Marchant to note feedback**
- B3 T Marchant, S Flint to make revisions and forward to Academic Senate for approval**
- B4 T Marchant, S Flint to forward to Academic Senate for approval**
- B5 P Potter to forward to Academic Senate for approval**
- C1.1 S Flint to file Thesis Committee Minutes**
- C2.1 B Cornwell to file Research IT & Systems Committee Minutes**
- C3.1 S Martin to note**

Signed as a true record

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Chairperson .../.../14