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Minutes
University Research Committee

Minutes of meeting 02/16 of the University Research Committee held on 8 June 2016
in the Presentation Room, Building 20.109.

Present:

Prof J Raper (*Chair*)

Prof D Adams
Prof J Beck
A/Prof H Chen
Prof N Dixon
Ms K Grove
A/Prof P Innis

Prof K Kautz
Prof V Mackie
Prof T Marchant
Ms S Martin
Ms K McCollim
Prof L Moxham

Prof T Okely
Prof P Perez
Prof R Roberts
Prof A Sims
Prof W Vialle

Secretary:

Ms S McGaffin

PART A PRELIMINARY BUSINESS

A1 Welcome and Apologies

Apologies were received from Prof P Chandler, Prof K Eagar, Ms S Flint, Prof W Price.

Prof L Moxham representing Prof C Gibson and Prof A Sims representing Prof R Lewis.

A2 Arrangement of the Agenda

Agenda items A4, B2, B3, B5, C1 were starred for discussion.

A3 Business from the Last Meeting

A3.1 Minutes of the Previous Meeting (01/2016)

Resolved (08/16)

That the minutes of the University Research Committee meeting held on 24 February 2016 (01/2016) be confirmed as a true record.

Action: S McGaffin

A3.2 Revised University Research Committee Terms of Reference

Resolved (09/16)

That the University Research Committee note that the Revised University Research Committee Terms of Reference will be carried over to the next Academic Senate meeting on 27 July 2016.

Action: S McGaffin

A4 Chair's Business

Associate Dean (Research), Faculty of Social Sciences

Prof Noel Castree has been appointed as Associate Dean (Research) in the Faculty of Social Sciences. The Chair thanked Associate Professor Honglin Chen for her achievements and contributions whilst acting in the Associate Dean (Research) position.

Women Leaders Trade Mission

On 13-19 May, the DVC(R&I) participated in the Women Leaders Trade Mission to Israel. The mission was led by Lucy Turnbull AO and Jillian Segal AM and organised by the Australia-Israel Chamber of Commerce. The group visited with the Supreme Court, business and philanthropic groups, and a number of start-ups in Jerusalem and Tel-Aviv.

HDR Lifecycle Review

The HDR Student Lifecycle Review examined the policies, procedures and practice that constitute UOW's HDR student lifecycle.

The Review involved desktop benchmarking and consultation with staff and students and was overseen by a Working Group chaired by the DVC(R&I). The Working Group found that UOW's current framework, policies, procedures and guidelines to be comparable to those of the benchmarked institutions and at least as stringent as, and in some cases more so, than the benchmarked universities.

While the Review did not uncover any significant policy gaps, it did highlight aspects of the student lifecycle that could be enhanced, such as streamlining the admissions process to reduce application processing times; additional information on UOW webpages for new and future HDR students, and a revised HDR orientation program. A small internal working group will be established to oversee the implementation of the supported initiatives. The Review Final Report will be released to the campus community once finalised.

UOW Women of Impact Launch

The launch of the UOW Women of Impact launch will be held on 5 July 2016 at the University Hall. The Women of Impact initiative profiles and promotes the high-quality research and teaching contributions of women academics across all levels and disciplines at the University. The event includes the launch of the UOW Women of Impact booklet.

iAccelerate Opening

The construction and fitout of the iAccelerate Centre is nearing completion. Current iAccelerate Hub resident companies have started moving into the Centre. The official Centre opening will be held on 19 July.

Faculty Research Performance meetings

These have now been held with all faculties.

- Faculty based Research Active definitions – most faculties progressing with this, the Faculty of Social Sciences has produced a draft Research Active definition.
- The current research strength funding triennium ends in December 2017, with a review pending mid next year.

Research Data Management Review - Survey

Progress has been made toward revising the Research Data Management Policy and developing supporting Guidelines. A survey has been developed to assess stakeholder views on research data storage and infrastructure needs. The RSO will be seeking assistance from Associate Deans Research to disseminate the survey to researchers in their faculties shortly.

It is anticipated that the final revised Data Management Policy and supporting Guidelines will be submitted to the October URC meeting for endorsement.

Medical Research Future Fund (MRFF) Submission

On 6 June, UOW provided submissions to the MRFF Consultation Paper on the development of the MRFF Strategy and related Priorities as follows:

- **MRFF 5 year Strategy:** Research and Innovation for a sustainable health care system and empowered communities
- **MRFF 2 year Priorities:** Fighting antimicrobial resistance; Medical devices in the ageing population

MRFF funding will be available from 2016/17. Funding over the first 2 years, the period covered by the first set of Priorities, is \$160 million and will grow over several years until it reaches \$1 billion per annum.

Horticultural Innovation Australia (HIA)

The Chair noted that UOW recently submitted a research proposal to the HIA Green Cities Fund. The Fund uses a co-investment model where HIA match 37 cents for every \$1 that partners provide, but unusually requires that the partners (in this case UOW) transfer their cash commitments to the HIA at each milestone and then HIA gives the partner their funding back together with the HIA funding for that milestone.

HIA advised that a number of other universities have complied with this requirement and that the Meat and Livestock Association have a similar funding model.

PART B GENERAL BUSINESS

B1 Research and Innovation Division Report

The Research and Innovation Division Report was noted.

B2 Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander Education, Research Engagement Strategy

Kath McCollim and Kate Grove gave a brief summary of the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Education, Research and Engagement Strategy. Committee members discussed the item and provided feedback.

Resolved (10/16)

That the University Research Committee note and endorse the Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander Education, Research and Engagement Strategy

Action: S McGaffin

B3 National Innovation and Science Agenda: Engagement & Impact Assessment Consultation Paper

The ARC Consultation Paper aims to seek feedback from stakeholders on the framework for developing the national assessment of the engagement and impact of university research. It provides an overview of the Government's policy rationale, parameters and key issues regarding university research engagement and impact. The ARC is also seeking feedback on the indicators and data sources for the assessment, as these have not yet been determined.

A UOW Research Engagement and Impact Working Group, chaired by the DVC(R&I), will be established to assist in the development of UOW strategies and management processes for the roll out of the national engagement and impact pilot in 2017 and full assessment exercise in 2018.

Resolved (11/16)

That the University Research Committee note the National Innovation and Science Agenda: Engagement & Impact Assessment Consultation Paper and provide feedback to Sharon Martin by 17 June.

Action: S Martin

B4 Sharper Incentives for Engagement: New Research Block Grant Arrangements for Universities: Consultation Paper

Resolved (12/16)

That the University Research Committee note the Sharper Incentives for Engagement: New Research Block Grant Arrangements for Universities Consultation Paper.

Action: S Martin

B5 Proposed HDR student space at Innovation Campus

Prof Marchant discussed the proposed HDR Student Hub in the Michael Codd building at the Innovation Campus, in the space being vacated by iAccelerate.

The new Hub will accommodate approximately 75 HDR students from across all faculties. There will be hot-desks and personalised desks in the smaller offices. Users of hot-desks will need to provide their own laptops. Surveys will be conducted into the space utilization to ensure adequate usage.

Resolved (13/16)

That the University Research Committee note the proposed HDR student space at the Innovation Campus.

Action: T Marchant

B6 ARROW Guidelines (Annual Register of Research Outputs, Wollongong)

Resolved (14/16)

That the University Research Committee note the ARROW Guidelines (Annual Register of Research Outputs, Wollongong)

Action: C Carter

PART C MATTERS FOR NOTING

C1 Matters from Thesis Committee

C1.1 Thesis Committee Meeting Executive Summaries

Resolved (15/16)

That the University Research Committee note the Thesis Committee Executive Summaries for the 3 February, 2 March, 6 April and 4 May 2016 meetings.

Action: S Flint

Matters from RITAS Committee

C1.2 RITAS Committee Meeting Minutes for 24 February 2016

Resolved (16/16)

That the University Research Committee note the RITAS Committee Meeting Minutes for the 24 February 2016 meeting

Action: B Cornwell

PART D NEXT MEETING & OTHER BUSINESS

D1 Next Meeting

Wednesday 12 October 2016 from 9.30am to 11.00am in the Research Services Office Presentation Room, Building 20.109

The meeting closed at 10.25am.

ACTION ITEMS:

- A3.1 S McGaffin - file previous URC Minutes**
- A3.2 S Martin - URC TOR outcome at next URC meeting**
- B2 S McGaffin - Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Education, Research and Engagement Strategy**
- B3 S Martin - collate feedback for National Innovation and Science Agenda: Engagement & Impact Assessment Consultation Paper**
- C1.1 S Flint - file Thesis Committee Executive Summaries**
- C1.2 B Cornwell - file RITAS Committee Minutes**

Signed as a true record


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