



Minutes of meeting 03/16 of the University Research Committee held on 12 October 2016 in the Presentation Room, Building 20.109.

Present:

Prof J Raper (*Chair*)

Prof D Adams

Prof J Beck

Ms C Carter

Prof N Castree

Prof K Clapham

Mr B Cornwell

Prof N Dixon

Prof C Gibson

A/Prof P Innis

Mr K Krauter

Prof T Marchant

Ms S Martin

Prof P McGuirk

Prof W Price

Prof R Roberts

Prof S Robinson

Prof D Steel

Prof W Vialle

Prof R Warner

Secretary:

Ms S McGaffin

PART A PRELIMINARY BUSINESS

A1 Welcome and Apologies

Apologies were received from Prof M de Rosnay, Ms S Flint, Prof K Kautz, Mr Omar Khalifa, Prof P Perez and Prof A Sims

The Chair welcomed Prof Noel Castree to his first URC meeting.

A2 Arrangement of the Agenda

Agenda items B4 and B6 were starred for discussion.

A3 Business from the Last Meeting

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

Resolved (17/16)

That the minutes of the University Research Committee meeting held on 8 June 2016 (02/2016) be confirmed as a true record.

Action: S McGaffin

A4 Chair's Business

Discipline-based Research Active definitions

All faculties have now submitted their draft discipline-based RA definitions. These have been discussed with the Executive Dean and ADR from each faculty and feedback has been provided by the RSO.

As a result of these discussions, and to ensure adequate time for faculties to consult with their staff on the proposed discipline-based RA definitions, it has been decided to extend the timeframe for implementation from January 2017 to mid-2017.

Australian Institute for Innovative Materials (AIIM) Review

The AIIM Review was held from 20-22 September and considered the suitability and sustainability of the Institute's structure, research, resourcing, impact and reputation. The Review Panel comprised:

- Prof Brian Cantor, Vice Chancellor, University of Bradford (Chair)
- Dr Cathy Foley, Chief, CSIRO Division of Materials Science and Engineering
- Prof Bob Prud'homme, Professor, Chemical and Biological Engineering, Princeton University
- Prof Lorna Moxham, Global Challenges, UOW

The Review Panel was impressed with the high quality of AIIM research. A draft report is being finalised and will be submitted for consideration by the VC, with implementation of recommendations to be overseen by a working group chaired by the DVC-R&I.

ARC Centre of Excellence - Congratulations

The Chair offered her congratulations to Prof Richard (Bert) Roberts and his team on leading the successful ARC Centre of Excellence for Australian Biodiversity and Heritage bid, announced recently.

Research Block Grants

The Government has released the new arrangements for research block grants which now comprise two streams: the Research Support Program (replacing RIBG, JRE, SRE programs) and the Research Training Program (replacing the RTS). The new arrangements commence in January 2017 and there are significant changes for HDR student support as a result. The new Guidelines will be circulated for information to Associate Deans Research and URC members.

Pilot Program for entrepreneurial universities

UOW has been selected as one of 10 Universities internationally to undertake the dual accreditation process for both Entrepreneurial and Engaged universities. Klaus Krauter will be overseeing the accreditation process.

Universities Global Partnership Network (UGPN) Update

The next UGPN meeting will be held in São Paulo, Brazil on 3-5 April 2017. Expressions of Interest will be called shortly for a delegation of UOW staff to attend the meeting and associated workshops.

Global Challenges Update

Chris Gibson gave an update on the Global Challenges Program:

For 2016, a total of 19 teams have been awarded \$469,530 in Global Challenges funding across the various GCP funding streams.

For the first time in 2016, Project Funding was awarded via a single funding round, with \$198,706 awarded to four teams. An additional three teams were awarded \$147,000 leverage funding to help secure over \$6m in external funding.

Seed Funding saw a 40% success rate with six projects awarded grants totalling \$89,000.

Six teams were awarded through rolling strategic grants, with a total of \$34,824.

Global Challenges hosted a challenge-led interdisciplinary research workshop in London in August, which was attended by 6 international universities UK funding agencies and Nature journal representatives. This workshop was designed to discuss interdisciplinary approaches to sustainability research, their promises and pitfalls. The event was part of a successful international roadshow with the DVC-RI to meet and collaborate with Universities around the world (including Dubai, Surrey, Princeton, North Carolina and Hong Kong) running similar programs.

Thank you to Susan McGaffin

The Chair noted that this will be Susan McGaffin's last meeting and thanked Susan for her contributions and support over the past years.

PART B GENERAL BUSINESS

B1 Research and Innovation Division Report

The Research and Innovation Division Report was noted.

B2 New HDR Thesis Preparation, Submission and Examination Policy and related General Course Rule Changes

Resolved (18/16)

That the University Research Committee endorse the new HDR Thesis Preparation, Submission and Examination Policy and related changes to the UOW General Course Rules, as attached to the agenda paper, and forward to Academic Senate and Council for approval.

Action: T Marchant

B3 HDR Admissions Procedure

Resolved (19/16)

That the University Research Committee endorse the HDR Admissions Procedure, as attached to the agenda paper, and forward to the DVC-RI for approval.

Action: T Marchant

B4 Revised Research Data Management Policy and Guidelines

Claire Carter and Ben Cornwell spoke to this item, noting the issues raised by the Academic Senate in February 2016 regarding the insufficient resources available to implement the proposed amendments to the Research Data Management Policy.

The Committee was advised that the following steps have since been undertaken:

- a UOW-wide survey has been conducted to assess current data management needs;
- the policy has been further revised to provide additional clarity;
- comprehensive guidelines have been created to support users;
- IMTS has consulted with potential vendors regarding data storage solutions. A checklist has been developed to provide researchers with guidance on possible storage options, featuring the benefits and limitations of various methods (now available on the IMTS website);
- a template has been created to assist researchers to create their research data management plans; and
- data management training sessions have been developed and presented to the UOW Human Ethics and Social Sciences Ethics Committees. Additional training sessions for researchers are currently under development and planned for 2017.
- proposed amendments to the policy have been endorsed by a wide range of academic and professional unit representatives.

Resolved (20/16)

That the University Research Committee endorse the revisions to the Research Data Management Policy and attached supporting documents, and forward to Academic Senate and Council for approval.

Action: B Cornwell

B5 Gene Technology Review Committee Operating Procedures 2016

Resolved (21/16)

That the University Research Committee endorse the revised Gene Technology Review Committee Operating Procedures, as attached to the agenda paper, and forward to the DVC-RI for approval.

Action: P Potter

B6 Research Engagement and Impact (REI) Update

The Committee were provided with the following:

- Klaus Krauter and Sharon Martin attended CSIRO's International School on Research Impact Assessment in Melbourne in September. They noted that CSIRO have their research impact framework well-established and have produced a number of research impact statements and case studies.

- ARC draft guidelines for the national REI assessment should be released by the end of this year for comment.
- An REI Pilot will be conducted in 2017 and the first full assessment will be conducted in 2018, in conjunction with ERA.
- The staff census date for ERA is likely to be 31 March 2017.
- It is likely that impact case studies will be selective: 1 case study per 2 digit FORC plus 1-2 interdisciplinary case studies per institution.
- Universities will not receive any direct financial incentive (i.e., research block grant or national competitive funding) from the Government for participating in the REI.
- UOW recently participated in a trial of the ATSE Research Engagement Assessment metrics model, providing research-related income data. We are currently awaiting feedback.

PART C MATTERS FOR NOTING

C1 Matters from Thesis Committee

1 C1.1 Thesis Committee Meeting Executive Summaries

Resolved (22/16)

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 1 July and 24 August 2016

Resolved (23/16)

That the University Research Committee note the RITAS Committee Meeting Minutes for the 1 July and 24 August 2016 meeting

Action: B Cornwell

PART D NEXT MEETING & OTHER BUSINESS

D1 Next Meeting

Tuesday 13 December 2016 from 2.30pm to 4.00pm in the SMART Building 6.105, followed by a Christmas Function in the SMART Foyer from 4.00pm to 6.00pm

The meeting closed at 10.15am.

ACTION ITEMS:

- A3.1 S McGaffin - file previous URC Minutes**
- B2 T Marchant – forward HDR Thesis Preparation, Submission and Examination Policy and related changes to the UOW General Course Rules to Academic Senate**
- B3 T Marchant – forward HDR Admissions Procedure to DVC-RI**
- B4 B Cornwell – forward the Revised Research Data Management Policy & Guidelines to Academic Senate**
- B5 P Potter – forward Gene Technology Review Committee Operating Procedures 2016 to Academic Senate**
- 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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