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The Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Research) reported that La Trobe has some good structures in place, the problem being that the structure was not being adhered to and management responsibilities required clarification. The University had been operating without full awareness of existing policies.

The following research strengths were listed on the LTU website (<http://www.latrobe.edu.au/research/strengths>):

- Archaeology
- Behavioural Sciences
- Biochemistry, Physiology and Molecular Science
- Environment, Ecology and Agricultural Sciences
- Health Services Reform and Delivery
- History
- Linguistics
- Literature & Culture
- Mother and Child Health
- Physical and Mathematical Sciences
- Politics
- Sex, Health and Society
- Sociology
- Sustainable Communities and Regional Development

These were drafted prior to the RQF exercise and required revision.

Recommendation One:

The Research and Graduate Studies Committee to review and revise the University's research strengths, using the RQF results, and provide recommendations to Academic Board.

The following University-based Research Centres and Institutes were listed on the LTU website (<http://www.latrobe.edu.au/research/institutes>):

- [A.D. Trendall Research Centre](#)
- [Centre for China Studies](#)
- [Centre for Technology Infusion](#)
- [Centre for Dialogue](#)
- [Innovative Universities European Union Centre](#)
- [Italian Australian Institute](#)
- [Michael J. Osborne Institute for Advanced Study](#)
- [National Centre for Hellenic Studies and Research](#)
- [Research Centre for Linguistic Typology](#)

Guidelines for the Establishment and Operation of Research Centres and Institutes can be found on the LTU website at the following link:

<http://www.latrobe.edu.au/research/institutes/guidelines>

The Guidelines state that all Research Centres and Institutes should be linked to a Faculty – those listed above were not. There should be some clarification regarding the role of Academic Board and the guidelines should be amended to reflect this.

Recommendation Two:

The University should adhere to the Guidelines and all Research Centres and Institutes should be Faculty-based.