

LA TROBE UNIVERSITY

ACADEMIC BOARD

Minutes of the four hundred and twenty-second meeting of the Academic Board held in the Council Chamber, John Scott Meeting House, La Trobe University, Bundoora Campus on Wednesday 19 March 2008 at 9.30am

PRESENT: Professor R W Parish (Acting Chair), Dr S Beeton, Professor A Brennan, Dr A Brookes, Professor T Brown, Professor J Chen, Professor S Crowe, Dr M Davidson, Professor D de Vaus, Mr K Farrell, Dr K Ferguson, Dr K Fitzmaurice, Ms M Frederico, Mr B Goddard, Professor N Gough, Professor C Handley, Professor N Hoogenraad, Dr R Hoye, Dr J Jackson, Dr T Jarvis, Professor P Johnson (Vice-Chancellor), Ms Helen King, Dr A Kokavec, Ms L Lavender, Dr K Legge, Professor L Ling, Dr J McArdle, Dr E Michael, Ms S Morrisey, Dr J Oates, Dr S O'Keefe, Professor V Prain, Dr G Prince, Professor B Probert, Ms J Rayner, Professor I Robinson, Dr D Rogers, Dr J Sita, Professor A Smith, Dr P Stacey, Professor H Swerissen, Professor R Walker, Dr D Wilkinson, Professor E Willis, Professor P Wilson and Dr L Yates.

SECRETARIAT: Ms A Cowburn

IN ATTENDANCE: Mr P Boyle, Professor R Brownlee, Mr B Carboon, Dr A Duncan, Mr P Gould, Professor R La Polla, Dr E Martens, Mr J Molony, Professor M Pitts, Ms K Sheehan, Professor J Singh, Professor G Stephenson and Professor L Tilley.

PART A: PROCEDURAL MATTERS

(i) Acting Chair

The Vice-Chancellor opened the meeting. As required by Regulation 7.1, Section 7.3, Academic Board **resolved** to endorse the appointment of Professor Roger Parish as Acting Chair, Academic Board, for this meeting being held on Wednesday 19 March 2008.

(ii) Apologies and Attendance

The Chair welcomed the following new members to Academic Board: Dr Kerry Ferguson, Pro Vice-Chancellor (Equity and Student Services); Professor Jianfu Chen, Head, School of Law; Dr Andrew Brooks, Faculty of Education; from the Faculty of Health Sciences: Ms Virginia Mansel Lees, Ms Joanne Rayner, Ms Frances Sheehan and Dr Jodi Sita; and from the Faculty of Science, Technology and Engineering: Dr Graeme Byrne, Professor Simon Crowe, Dr Anna Kokavec, Dr Geoff Prince, Dr Mike Ryan and Dr Ewen Silvester.

Apologies were received for Professor Carol Adams, Ms Lee Ann Basser, Mr Lachlan Batchelor, Professor Judith Brett, Dr Lin Crase, Professor Geoffrey Durden, Professor Raymond Harbridge, Dr Linsey Howie, Dr Bruce James, Ms Heather King, Ms Virginia Mansel Lees, Dr Geoff Mayer, Dr Paul Pigram, Mr Paul Richardson, Professor Malcolm Rimmer, Professor Susan Paxton, Ms Frances Sheehan and Dr Ewen Silvester.

(iii) Approval of Agenda and ordering of Agenda Items

The Board resolved to approve the Agenda, as circulated.

The Board received the following tabled papers:

- AB08/25 *Attachment I*, Report of Selection Committee: Executive Director, Academic Development Unit
- AB08/25 *Attachment J*, Report of Selection Committee: Associate Dean, Academic, Faculty of Law and Management
- AB08/25 *Attachment K*, Establishment of Position and Appointment without Advertising: Chief Investigator for AusAid funded research grant
- AB08/28 Award of Degrees and Diplomas

(iv) **Outstanding Matters**

The Board received and noted report AB08/24.

(v) **Matters approved on behalf of Academic Board**

The Board received report AB08/25 and noted the following matters which had been approved on its behalf since its last meeting:

- (a) Award of degrees and diplomas and conferring of awards *in absentia*, as detailed in Attachment A to AB08/25;
- (b) Membership of Committees:
 - (i) *Committee on Outside Studies Programs*, as detailed in Attachment B to AB08/25;
 - (ii) *Selection Committee: Executive Director, Academic Development Unit* [revised], as detailed in Attachment C to AB08/25;
 - (iii) *Selection Committee: Associate Professor of Dentistry and Oral Health*, as detailed in Attachment D to AB08/25;
 - (iv) *Selection Committee: John Richards Chair in Rural Aged Care*
Mr Chris Pickey, Manager, Policy & Analysis, Aged Care Branch, Department of Human Services *vice* Professor Len Gray, University of Queensland;
 - (v) *Selection Committee: Chairs in Law*
 - Professor Bernadette McSherry, Monash University *vice* Professor Michael Cooper, ANU
 - Professor Ron McCallum, University of Sydney *vice* Professor Susan Kneebone, Monash University
 - (vi) *Selection Committee: Associate Dean, Academic, Faculty of Law and Management*
Additional member: Ms Lesley Pullen, Registrar, Faculty of Law and Management
- (c) Award of D M Myers Medals – 2007, as detailed in Attachment E to AB08/25;
- (d) Establishment of Position:
 - (i) Associate Professor of Dentistry and Oral Health, as detailed in Attachment F to AB08/25;
- (e) Establishment of Position and Composition of Selection Committee:
 - (i) Professor of Aged Care Research and Policy Development, as detailed in Attachment G to AB08/25;
- (f) Course proposal:
 - (i) Proposal from the Faculty of Health Sciences to introduce eight Masters programs with their respective honours sequences, as detailed in Attachment H to AB08/25:
 - Masters of Physiotherapy Practice/Masters of Physiotherapy Practice (Honours) (MPhysioPrac/MPhysioPrac(Hons));
 - Masters of Social Work/Masters of Social Work (Honours) (MSW/MSW(Hons));
 - Masters of Occupational Therapy Practice/Masters of Occupational Therapy Practice (Honours) (MOccTherPrac/MOccTherPrac(Hons));
 - Masters of Speech Pathology/Masters of Speech Pathology (Honours) (MSpPath/MSpPath(Hons));
 - Masters of Orthoptics/Masters of Orthoptics (Honours) (MOrth/MOrth(Hons));
 - Masters of Health Information Management/Masters of Health Information Management (Honours) (MHlthInfoMgmt/MHlthInfoMgmt(Hons));
 - Masters of Podiatric Practice/Masters of Podiatric Practice (Honours) (MPodPrac/MPodPrac(Hons)); and
 - Masters of Clinical Prosthetics and Orthotics/Masters of Clinical Prosthetics and Orthotics (Honours) (MClinP&O/MClinP&O(Hons));
- (g) Report of Selection Committees:
 - (i) Executive Director, Academic Development Unit, as detailed in confidential tabled Attachment I to AB08/25;
 - (ii) Associate Dean, Academic, Faculty of Law and Management, as detailed in confidential tabled Attachment J to AB08/25; and
- (h) Establishment of Position and Appointment without Advertising:
 - (i) Chief Investigator for AusAid funded research grant, as detailed in confidential tabled Attachment K to AB08/25.

(vi) **Report of the Vice-Chancellor**

The Board received and noted circulated paper AB08/26, the Report of the Vice-Chancellor, which can be located at the following link: <http://www.latrobe.edu.au/academicboard/reports.html>. The report included information regarding the following matters:

- (a) Vice-Chancellor's appointment as Director of the Board of Trustees of UniSuper
- (b) Federal Government Policy:
 - Review of the National Innovation System
 - Review of the Higher Education System
- (c) Enrolment Update
- (d) International Enrolments
- (e) 2007 Financial Results
- (f) University's Planning and Budget Framework
 - New Committee structure
 - Planning and Budget Structure for 2009

(g) *Higher Education Endowment Fund*

Draft guidelines for the Higher Education Endowment Fund had been provided to all Australian University Vice-Chancellors. \$300 million in funding would be distributed for innovative investments in the higher education sector. Each University could provide up to three proposals, with 10 to 12 proposals being funded this year. The final guidelines would be published on 22 May 2008 and the first stage of proposals would be due in July. Short-listed proposals would undergo a second stage of evaluation in September/October. The draft guidelines had been circulated to Deans.

(h) *New Student Information System*

The implementation of the new Student Information System had been deferred until September due to an issue with an unstable software platform. The University of Melbourne and Queensland University of Technology had also deferred their student information system implementation for the same reasons. The teams from the University of Melbourne and La Trobe were working co-operatively to facilitate a smooth and speedy implementation of the system.

New Committee Structure

The Pro Vice-Chancellor (Quality Enhancement) requested that Heads of Regional Campuses be added to the membership of the new Senior Staff Forum.

EO(VC)

Dr Prince queried why the Chair of Academic Board was not listed in the membership of any of the new senior management committees. The Vice-Chancellor advised that the Chair had requested that he remain independent of the internal management structure.

Mr Farrell requested that there be regional representation on the standing sub-committees of the Planning and Resources Committee.

EO(VC)

Professor Handley requested that the terms of reference for the Senior Management Committee take into account that decisions made by them may affect Academic Committee and the Research and Graduate Studies Committee and that communications between these groups was required.

EO(VC)

The Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Research) observed that the Senior Staff Forum did not have any representation from the RGSO or any of the Research Centres/Institutes.

EO(VC)

PART B: MATTERS FOR APPROVAL

422.1 CONFIRMATION OF THE MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting held on 13 February 2008 [AB08/22(M)] were confirmed.

422.2 MATTERS ARISING

422.2.1 Report of the Committee for Emeritus Professors and Scholars (Previous reference: 421.4.2, AB08/22(M) – 13.02.08)

The Board received and noted report AB08/27, a modified paper recommending a revised set of guidelines for the conferral of the titles emeritus professor and scholar.

It was noted that Statute 14 and Regulation 14.1 had been revoked by Council at the October 2007 meeting and that the titles of Emeritus Professor and Emeritus Scholar would be conferred pursuant to the Human Resources Manual. The Committee for Emeritus Professors and Scholars had agreed that the criteria for nominating for Emeritus Professor or Scholar status needed to be refined. A recommendation was made to the February meeting of Academic Board where it was suggested that there was a lack of clarity in the guidelines regarding whether these titles should be conferred only on retiring staff members and the issue was referred back to the Committee for clarification. The Committee agreed that the title should be able to be conferred on a departing professor who had contributed greatly to the university but may not be retiring.

The Board **resolved** to endorse, for referral to Council, the revised set of guidelines for the conferral of the titles emeritus professor and scholar, as detailed in the attachment to paper AB08/27.

EO(AB)

The Board noted that, once approved by Academic Board and Council, the revisions would be supplied to the Division of Human Resources with a request to amend Section 4.1 – *Professorial Appointments* – of the Human Resources Manual.

422.3 ITEMS APPROVED WITHOUT DISCUSSION

422.3.1 Award of Degrees and Diplomas

The Board received tabled report AB08/28 and **resolved** to endorse the award of degrees and diplomas, conferring of awards *in absentia* and award of higher degrees as detailed therein.

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422.3.2 Membership of Committees

(a) Academic Promotions Committee

The Board **resolved** to approve the membership of the Academic Promotions Committee, as detailed in report AB08/29.

Mr K Brown

422.3.3 Adjunct Appointments

The Board received report AB08/30 and noted that the Vice-Chancellor had recently made the following adjunct appointments:

Dr J Carr

- (a) Adjunct Professor: Professor Richard Mackay, School of Historical and European Studies (three year re-appointment).
- (b) Adjunct Associate Professor: Dr Jill Cook, School of Physiotherapy (three year re-appointment).
- (c) Adjunct Associate Professor: Dr Richard Baker, Schools of Physiotherapy and Human Biosciences (three year re-appointment).
- (d) Adjunct Associate Professor: Dr Rick Stoffels, Murray Darling Freshwater Research Centre (initial appointment).
- (e) Adjunct Professor: Professor Vernon Knight, Faculty of Health Sciences, Mildura Campus (three year initial appointment).
- (f) Adjunct Professor: Professor Kristine Gebbie, School of Public Health (three initial year appointment).
- (g) Adjunct Professor: Professor Joseph Ibrahim, Australian Centre for Evidence Based Aged Care (three year initial appointment).
- (h) Adjunct Associate Professor: Dr Samar Singh, School of Engineering and Mathematical Sciences (initial appointment).

- (i) Adjunct Professor: Professor Sheena Reilly, School of Human Communication Sciences (initial three year appointment).
- (j) Adjunct Professor: Professor Tim Flannery, School of Life Sciences (initial appointment).

The Board **resolved** to endorse a requested amendment to transfer Adjunct Professor Vernon Knight from the Faculty of Science, Technology and Engineering to the Faculty of Health Sciences.

422.3.4 Award of 2007 D M Myers Medals

The Board received report AB08/31 and **resolved** to award a 2007 D M Myers Medal to:

- Humanities and Social Sciences Ms Susannah Robinson

Fac. Reg./
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422.4 STANDING COMMITTEES OF ACADEMIC BOARD

422.4.1 Report of Academic Committee: 26 February 2008

The Board received report AB08/32. Professor Belinda Probert, Chair, Academic Committee spoke to the report.

(a) Academic Year 2009

The Board **resolved** to endorse the following recommendations:

- (i) Start Semester 1 on Monday 2 March 2009.
- (ii) The timing of supplementary/special examinations should be moved to early February 2009, subject to procedures being put in place to deal with “at risk” students.
- (iii) Reduce the length of supplementary/special examinations (end of Semester 2, 2008) to eight (8) days.
- (iv) That the academic year be adopted by the University for 2009, as detailed in Appendix 2 of Attachment A to report AB08/32. It was noted that this would maintain the 13 week standard semester structure and continue to support non-standard teaching periods; University non-work days would remain unconfirmed subject to the outcome of EBA negotiations for the period 2009-2012; and an appropriate supplementary/special examinations period would be included.

Dir. AS

(b) Proposal to introduce the Master of Public Health/Master of Health Administration

The Board **resolved** to endorse a proposal from the Faculty of Health Sciences to introduce the Master of Public Health/Master of Health Administration (MPH/MHA), as detailed in Attachment B to report AB08/32.

Fac. Reg.

(c) Proposal to amend the Bachelor of Agricultural Science to encompass specialisations

The Board **resolved** to endorse a proposal from the Faculty of Science, Technology and Engineering to amend the Bachelor of Agricultural Science to encompass the specialisation of Viticulture and Wine Production, as detailed in Attachment C to report AB08/32.

Fac. Reg.

(d) Amended Supplementary Assessment Policy and Procedures

The Board **resolved** to endorse a proposal from the Academic Services Division to revise the policy on Supplementary Assessment, as detailed in Attachment D to report AB08/32.

Dir. AS

(e) Membership

The Board noted that Academic Committee had welcomed the following new members:

- Professor Belinda Probert, Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Academic) - Chair
- Professor Vaughan Prain, Faculty of Education
- Professor Evan Willis, Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences (*vice* Dr Kay Souter, Semester One 2008)
- Dr David Wilkinson, Faculty of Law and Management
- Mr Peter Boyle, SRC Inc.

(f) *Distributive Leadership in Learning and Teaching: Developing the Faculty Scholars Model*

The Board noted that Academic Committee had received a quarterly report from the Distributive Leadership Project Steering Committee. The Steering Committee had met and selected one 'Scholar' from each faculty to participate in the project. Each scholar would have a mentor from the Steering Committee and would receive \$12,000 to cover time release and other project expenses.

(g) *Quality Assurance of Unit*

The Board noted that the University was reverting to a paper-based QAU system this year and that the promotions processes would not be affected by the issues surrounding the on-line delivery of QAU last year.

(h) *2007 Annual Report of the Honours Year Grant Committee*

The Board received and noted the 2007 Annual Report of the Honours Year Grant Committee, as detailed in Attachment E to report AB08/32.

422.5 OTHER MATTERS

422.5.1 Review of Academic Promotions Processes

The Board received and noted report AB08/33, a discussion paper regarding a review of academic promotions processes. The purpose of the paper was to open discussion around academic promotions in order to advance specific objectives identified in the Strategic Plan and in order to address these objectives it was proposed that a review of the University's academic promotions procedures across all levels be conducted. The timeframe for the review would be to submit recommendations to the Academic Board by September 2008, for implementation in 2009.

The Board **resolved** to endorse the following recommendations:

1. That a working group be established to review the policies and procedures for promotion across Levels A-E.
2. That the working group will comprise the Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Academic) as Chair; Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Research); and four other members of academic staff with experience in academic promotions, to be appointed by the Vice-Chancellor.
3. That the terms of reference for the working group will be:
 - (a) to identify excellent promotions policies and procedures in similar or more highly ranked universities for consideration;
 - (b) to review the University's policies and processes for promotion across all levels;
 - (c) to identify ways in which processes might be streamlined and simplified to improve organisational efficiency and effectiveness;
 - (d) to ensure that each promotion level articulates smoothly to the next level and that indirect barriers to promotion are identified and removed;
 - (e) to develop promotion pathways for academic staff who are teaching focussed;
 - (f) to canvass the views of faculties via the Deans;
 - (g) to obtain input from the Director, Human Resources, as to resource implications for Human Resources; and
 - (h) to submit recommendations to the Academic Board by September 2008.

Dr J Carr

422.5.2 Amendments to the Policy: Promotion to Level B and Level C, Lecturer, Senior Lecturer, Research Fellow and Senior Research Fellow

The Board received and noted report AB08/34, proposed amendments to the Promotion to Level B to Level C, Lecturer, Senior Lecturer, Research Fellow and Senior Research Fellow policy. It was noted that a review of this policy was undertaken by the Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Academic) and the Pro Vice-Chancellor (Equity and Student Services) to address issues that had been identified during the 2007 round of promotions.

Dr Stacey requested that Part 8 (page 5 of Section 5.12, HRM) be edited to emphasise the importance of quantity as well as quality.

The Board **resolved** to endorse the proposed amendments to Section 5.12 - *Promotion to Level B to Level C, Lecturer, Senior Lecturer, Research Fellow and Senior Research Fellow* – of the Human Resources Manual, as detailed in the attachment to report AB08/34, **subject to** amendment to the phrasing of Part 8 - *Assessment of Research and Scholarly Activities* – to emphasise the importance of quantity as well as quality.

PART C: MATTERS FOR INFORMATION

422.6 ITEMS FOR INFORMATION

422.6.1 Minutes of the Faculty Boards

The Board received and noted the following minutes of the Faculty Boards:

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| (a) Law and Management: 13 November 2007 | FLM/FB07/06M |
| (b) Humanities and Social Sciences: 7 November 2007 | LHUSS/FB2007/100(M) |

422.6.2 Reception for IAS Distinguished Fellows

The Acting Chair reported that a reception would be held for IAS Distinguished Fellows at 5.00pm on Tuesday 29 April at Adams at La Trobe, John Scott Meeting House. All Academic Board members would receive an invitation in the mail.

PART D: QUESTIONS WITH NOTICE

There were no “Questions with Notice” provided.

PART E: DISCUSSION

422.7 Research Centres and Strengths

The Acting Chair introduced the discussion panel:

- Professor Tim Brown, Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Research)
- Professor Andrew Brennan, Philosophy
- Dr Annabelle Duncan, Project Director, Science Collaboration & Transition, BRC

Professor Tim Brown

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.

Dr Annabelle Duncan

Ms Duncan argued that a different model to the one recommended by the Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Research) above was required for the Biosciences Research Centre (BRC). The BRC was a far more complex institution than the smaller scholastic centres. The BRC had an external partner, the Department of Primary Industries, and there was a real expectation that they would deliver practical outcomes for rural industries, not just scholastic output.

Some of the more complex issues with a large partner Centre included:

- Human resources
- Financial management
- Linkages with Industry

Ms Duncan suggested that multi-disciplinary centres should be independent. Two examples provided were the Bio21 Institute at the University of Melbourne, which had started out independent and then been based in one Faculty; and the Institute for Molecular Biosciences at the University of Queensland, which was independent, with staff members of the institute no longer members of their departments. Currently, everyone involved in the Biosecurity Centre was from the Faculty of Science, Technology and Engineering, but in the future other faculties could (and should) become involved.

Recommendation:

More complex Centres should be independent of faculties. The guidelines for deciding if a Centre should be independent could include:

- **Is there a significant external party?**
- **Are significant amounts of money involved?**
- **Cross-faculty?**

Professor Andrew Brennan

Professor Brennan suggested that La Trobe University had a very long institutional memory ie. the “good old times”. Research in universities was not what it used to be and LTU staff were deluded if they believed that they had 14 areas of research strength. What we need to do, to break the delusion, is look afresh at research, and decouple decisions on where to put funding or support from that list.

Professor Brennan agreed that the list of research strengths required review, but that research should not just be judged by international recognition. Sometimes worthwhile research was not internationally recognised, but could provide good outcomes for a local community. Research should meet the demands of the University's stakeholders. The University should think again about what is meant by "research".

Professor Brennan agreed with the Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Research) regarding the administration of Research Centres and Institutes. Small centres could report through Heads of Schools and larger through Deans. There should be harmonisation with the University structure for complex institutions like the BRC. This would protect the Centre, the staff and the University.

Centres fulfil different functions. Perhaps we should question the rationale for setting up Centres and continuing the ones we currently have? Existing Centres should be reviewed with set criteria, such as the following:

1. Centres should add value to an Institution, not just the individuals involved.
2. Centres should promote collaboration.
3. Centres should be typically cross-disciplinary.
4. Centres might be a nexus of learning and teaching and research.

Discussion:

The Dean, Faculty of Health Sciences made the following points:

- It is important that the University move on from the discussion of "research strengths" and discuss research rather than categories.
- There are always going to be organisational structures to deal with. More importantly, what are the "terms of trade" between the various areas? Rules need to be established.
- The importance of Institutes and Centres for research needs to be further discussed. A discussion could be had regarding the best infrastructure.

Professor Hoogenraad noted that there were independent institutes which were funded independently. As a Head of School, he urged that there be no more duplication of administration, and suggested that the big issue was how Centres were defined – they needed to be established for more than the ego of those involved.

The Dean, Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences, suggested that there were too many Research Centres and Institutes at La Trobe, and if they were properly reviewed it would be found that some of them were no longer relevant due to staff moving on. The reasons for having Centres needed to be clearer. Some Centres have been "safe harbours" for staff who have anchored themselves outside of the University structure. It would be a sterile argument to map out our research strengths – the University should look forward – what will we be our strengths in five to ten years?

The Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Research) advised that another part of University policy that had not been applied was the five-yearly review of all Centres and that all Centres/Institutes requiring review, would be. Good procedures had been established for reviews and they would be used.

In response to a query regarding what amount of University funding was being provided to the Research Centres and Institutes, the Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Research) advised that the line item in the budget this year for direct recurrent support for the University's Centres was \$1.94 million, but it was hard to quantify the exact money spent and suggested that an external review may be required.

The Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Academic) stated that there should be a relationship between teaching and research and advised that the University of Queensland had a rule that all "research only" appointments must teach for a certain percentage of their time. The University should want students to have access to staff who were considered "research excellent". Professor Glyn Davis, Vice-Chancellor, University of Melbourne, had recently stated that "teaching would create research".

The meeting closed at 11.05am.

NEXT MEETING: **9.30am**
 Wednesday 14 May 2008
 Council Chamber
 John Scott Meeting House
 Bundoora Campus

CONFIRMED BY CHAIR _____ **DATE** _____