

AGENDA ITEM 13**Report of the Research and Research Training Committee****13.2 Report of the Research and Research Training Committee meeting held on 20 March 2007**

The Committee met on 20 March 2007 when there were present: The Chair (Professor R Overall) presiding, Professors M Behnia, J Christodoulou, M Crossley, T Hambley, A Masri, B Sutton and N Weber, Associate Professors E Cowley, M Crock, M Halliwell, J Kril and P McCallum, Drs J Bobis, D Cabrera, J Murphet and I Shariv and Ms K Barnsley, Mr W Dawson and Ms M Fairskye. Ms M Kemmis was in attendance.

13.2.1 Proceedings of the Committee**(1) Report of the Chair**

The Chair reported on the following items:

- discussions had been held regarding the research and research training component of the Phase 3 Academic Board faculty reviews;
- an initial meeting regard the review of the *University of Sydney (Doctor of Philosophy (PhD)) Rule 2003* had been held; and
- a draft version of the Postgraduate Handbook would be circulated shortly.

(2) Report of the Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Research)

The Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Research) advised members of the introduction of a Vice-Chancellor's scholarship. This scholarship would be offered across the University to PhD students on the basis of merit, with the aim of attracting more top-level students to the University.

(3) Presentation by the Director, Business Liaison Office

The Director of the Business Liaison Office, Dr Isaac Shariv, spoke to the Committee on "Innovation and Successful Commercialisation through High Quality Research and Research Training". The Committee agreed to form a working party with Dr Shariv to develop guidelines for industry-funded postgraduate research student scholarships, and on how researchers interact with industry.

(4) Analysis of 2006 SREQ and PREQ Data

The Dean of Graduate Studies presented his analysis of the 2006 SREQ and PREQ, highlighting the positive trend across the board. He also pointed out that students were continuing to give negative feedback on infrastructure and research climate in some faculties, and this had been provided to deans for consideration and response.

(5) Other Reports

The Committee noted also noted:

- the report of the PhD Award Sub-Committee meeting of 27 February 2007; and
- the report of the Academic Board meeting of 28 February 2007.