

AGENDA ITEM 11**Report of the Learning and Teaching Committee****11.2 Report of the Learning and Teaching Committee meeting held on 19 June 2007**

The Committee met on 19 June 2007 when there were present: the Chair (Associate Professor R Ewing) presiding, Professors D Guest, C Roberts, B Sutton, Associate Professors D Airey, C Collyer, M Freeman, P McCallum, P McGreevy, C Roberts, G Ryan, Dr D Collins, S Cumming, J Jones, B Rooney, C Taylor, Mr B Meikle, Ms J Leong, Mr A McFarland and Mr G Pearman. Ms D Alis and Mr M Vaughan were in attendance.

11.2.1 Proceedings of the Committee**(1) Report of the Plagiarism Detection Working Party**

The Committee noted the report of the Plagiarism Detection Working Party.

The Committee identified the following steps required in order to progress this matter:

- The report of the Plagiarism Detection Working Party be forwarded to the e-Learning Governance Group for discussion and advice;
- Chair of the Academic Board Professor Sutton to discuss the amalgamation of the two existing policies on plagiarism into one document with the Vice Chancellor;
- The report of the Plagiarism Detection Working Party be revised and amended; and
- Relevant issues be forwarded to the Assessment Working Party for consideration.

(2) Discussion Item: Assessment Working Party

The Committee discussed issues surrounding the Assessment Working Party including issues raised by SRC and SUPRA.

The following points were noted during discussion and questioning:

- It was noted that assessment and teacher performance were separate issues.
- The Committee acknowledged that faculty staff across the University are very busy making it difficult to obtain feedback on their current assessment processes although there are clearly a raft of issues to consider.
- Sustainability. time and cost efficiencies will be considered, for example casual post-graduate teachers have limited resources and time for additional preparation and marking and further feedback on summative and formative assessments.
- The Chair of the Academic Board Professor Sutton has approached the Provost with respect to a potential nine month appointment of a research assistant to support the Assessment Working Party.
- Statements on assessment from other Universities in Australia, the United Kingdom and America have been researched and a report has been received by the Committee.

The Chair requested members initiate discussion at their next faculty Learning and Teaching Committees on 'assessment' and what they believe assessment means and report back to the Learning and Teaching Committee.

Members were also requested to raise at their next faculty Learning and Teaching Committee meeting the issue of equity across the University in relation to the options available to final year students who have completed all but one unit of study for their degree.

11.2.2 General Business

SUPRA representative Ms Leong advised this meeting would be her last as the SUPRA representative. Mr Clegg and Ms Barnsley are the two newly elected co-presidents of SUPRA. Members expressed their appreciation of the valuable contribution to the Committee by Ms Leong.