

AGENDA ITEM 12**Report of the Research and Research Training Committee****12.2 Report of the Research and Research Training Committee meeting held on 18 March 2009**

The Committee met on 18 March 2009 when there were present: The Acting Chair (Professor B Sutton) presiding; Professors A Armstrong, J Christodoulou, E. Cowley, T Hambley, J Kril, A Masri, A McBratney, B Paltridge, K Refshauge, J Trehwella, N Weber; Associate Professors A Ammit, M Fairskye, K Marsh and P. McCallum; Drs D Cabrera and I Shariv; Mr W Dawson, Mr J Shipp and Mr N Wilson (for Ms R Kumar). Mr M Charet was in attendance.

The full agenda for the meeting may be accessed on the web at:

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

The Chair noted that he had approved the waive of signature requirement for one thesis containing publications.

(2) Report of the Academic Board

The Committee noted the report of the Academic Board meeting of 25 February 2009.

(3) Other Reports

The Committee also noted:

- update reports from the PhD Review Working Party, Master of Philosophy Working Party and Open Access Working Party;
- the report of the PhD Award Sub-Committee meeting of 24 February 2009;
- the report of the Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Research), who reported on an audit of the University's ethics administration and policy, the University's action in response to the government's Excellence in Research for Australia (ERA) audit, and the latest round of ARC/NHMRC grant applications;
- update reports on the Research Management Program and Go8 Future Research Leaders Program;
- an update on the Best Practice Manual;
- a suggestion that it contribute to an Academic Board submission to the Future Student Administration Program (FSAP)
- a request that faculties audit the use of PRSS and SSP funding, to report to the next meeting of the Committee.