

**AGENDA ITEM 12****Report of the Research and Research Training Committee****12.2 Report of the Research and Research Training Committee meeting held on 6 May 2009**

The Committee met on 6 May 2009 when there were present: The Deputy Chair (Professor J Kril) presiding; Professors D Armstrong (until 3pm), G Clarke, E. Cowley (until 3pm), T Hambley, A Masri, A McBratney, B Paltridge, K Refshauge, J Trehwella (until 3pm) and K White; Associate Professors A Ammit, M Fairskye, K Marsh, P McCallum and G Tolhurst; Dr D Cabrera; Mr W Dawson (until 3pm), Mr J Shipp and Mr N Wilson (for Ms R Kumar). Associate Professor S Williams and Dr S Sawleshwarkar were present by invitation and Mr M Charet was in attendance.

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

<http://www.usyd.edu.au/ab/committees/rrtc/agendas.shtml>

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

The Committee noted that the Chair had approved:

- the deferment of public availability of one thesis; and
- award of Higher Doctorates to two candidates.

**(2) Other Reports**

The Committee also noted:

- the reports of the Academic Board meetings of 10 March and 15 April 2009;
- 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 meetings of 25 March 2009 (by circulation) and 21 April 2009;
- the report of the Postgraduate Awards Sub-Committee meetings in Semester 2, 2008;
- the report of the Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Research), who updated on progress of the review of ethics procedures;
- an update report on the Research Management Program; and
- an update on the Best Practice Manual.