

MINUTES

SCHOOL OF POPULATION HEALTH AND CLINICAL PRACTICE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Wednesday 11th June 9.00am
School Meeting Room, Level 9, 10 Pulteney Street

Present: Konrad Jamrozik (Convenor), Greg Bussell, Rick Wiechula (Proxy for Judy Magarey), Annette Braunack-Mayer (Proxy for John Moss), Janet Hiller, Nigel Stocks, Jonathan Newbury and Tarryn Muller (Minutes).

1. Welcome and apologies

Apologies: received from Rus Nasir, Sandy McFarlane and Anne Tonkin

2. Minutes of previous meetings 28/05/08

Due to a grant application being completed in the School Office, the minutes from the previous meeting will be tabled at the next meeting.

3. For Discussion or Action:

3.1 Postgraduate Coursework Program Working Party Draft Report

The School is to feed into the University process. K Jamrozik has received a two page report from J Moss stating that it presents the discipline with problems. This is about preparing the University to go to the Bologna model. Discussion followed:

- The Bologna model at least seen in the Netherlands does not actually require direct progression exactly in the same content area as people were coming in with undergraduate degrees in one area and shifting to slightly different masters degrees in other areas. So it is three plus two, but it's not three years of Nursing followed by two years of Nursing.
- Surely that is the whole goal of the direction Higher Education, increased flexibility.
- What about the generic Undergraduate programs, they are three plus two, general Health Sciences then go in and do masters.
- Coincidentally, this actually fits Nursing's model almost exactly anyway - Nursing to Nursing.
- J Hiller had a discussion with Richard Taylor, it was said that MPH's in Australian were one plus one (one year coursework, one year Research) but then Sydney started the move to be one and a half and now the market forces make you all go out to one and a half. Well what's our competition; Australia's best and brightest many go to US and do a 12 full months. The American MPH's don't have a research component.
- Who is your competition and if you bring in a model going back to a two year masters you really have got a problem on International market not just national issue.
- Current standard is 18 months in Australia but wouldn't be surprised if people push for 15 months and people going straight through.
- Could tweak the first three years and say this is a generic training and allow specialisation for the last two. We could accommodate that.

Action: Feedback to be provided stating our fundamental position is that while we support efforts to simplify the administration. K Jamrozik to respond on behalf of the School.

3.2 Radiation Protection and Control Act 1982 – Section 44

SGRHS has a REXA machine is licenced by EPA and the operators doing a training course and set exam. They have four accredited operations, so as far as J Newbury is aware he is sure that they comply with the regulations. The thrust of the document is a line half way down 'the approach is in line with general changes towards self-assessment' Seems the point is about deregulating. Discussion followed:

- This seems to only relate to Research using radiation.
- Question raised whether the teaching using radiation is being regulated by Ethics Committee .
- Think that if we comply with the EPA don't think that we should be exempt just because we are a University.
- Is some sympathy with regards that this is a hazard and should probably needs some external monitoring especially with the lead time between exposure and coincidence.

Action: K Jamrozik and J Newbury to respond on behalf of the School to Gerald Lawrence that we feel we should stay under EPA regulations as a number of aspects of hazard and a long lead time between exposure and outcome and for those reasons its important that there's official oversight rather than self regulation, and oversight by collective and accumulate knowledge.

4. For Mention:

4.1. Grants to Support Existing and New Contract Research

General discussion followed regarding clarification of the application criteria and also incentives about getting more publications within the School.

Action: G Bussell to identify who the eligible individuals are and to contact them and ask about their willingness to put resources into a publication writing model.

4.2. VCC Planning Meeting – 14-15 May 2008

This is a strategically important document as shows the high level direction being on Scale and Focus, and the School need to think about how to assemble and present ourselves to flow with this. One thing that the Research Committee did look at the last meeting was a proposal to fund overseas conference leave only for researches that are attached to Research centres. This proposal is still being discussed at Research Centres.

5. For Noting

Nothing to report

6. Reports from Disciplines

6.1. Nursing – Rick Wiechula

- Prof Charlotte De Crespigny commencing later this month.
- Offer is being made to one of the candidates from last weeks interviews for Professor in Nursing.

6.2. Public Health – Annette Braunack-Mayer

- The OEH post is still not filled; there is not an active candidate at the moment.
- Capacity Building Grant application was occupying by several staff member.
- There has been a substantial plagiarism case on a coursework essay recently, 95% of the paper at a Postgraduate level. This has now caused Public Health to think more careful about how they would assess plagiarism across the discipline. Intention is to try to move the Postgraduate coursework that uses essays writing as a vehicle for assessment over to use 'Turn it in' system. Suspecting whether many have been missed. Also looking at plagiarism databases also the possibility to use ITS suites and remove internet access and use the machines as word processing only and then giving them the question and then they can only rely on their notes.
- AHTA Opening on Wednesday 25th June.

6.3. General Practice – Nigel Stocks

A lot of the academics were in Hobart last week for the GP Primary Health Care Conference. Justin presented the distinguished paper on behalf Alan, Christine, Nigel and others who works on a Spirometry project. It was well received and some good questions were raised.

6.4. MLTU – Anne Tonkin

Absent from meeting.

6.5. CMVH – Sandy McFarlane

Absent from meeting.

6.6. Rural Health – Jonathan Newbury

- RUSC contract - signed and sealed.
- UDRH contract, Uni SA - is still ongoing, currently with their lawyers.
- RCS contract - has not been offered by the Commonwealth, have been told that it would be offered by the 15th June.
- Currently have several staff dependent on that contract. Currently sitting in the School Office.
- Using a recruitment agency to recruit for the Uni SA Executive Officer position, have been advised that they have five good applications received.

6.7. School Office – Konrad Jamrozik

- School Office up to full strength now.
- Colleen Wilson is still ongoing.
- Faculty greating the tightening of financial control and accountability.

Action: School Office to look at the provision of monthly reports to be provided.

7. Reports from Faculty Committees

7.1. Faculty Executive Committee – Konrad Jamrozik

Nothing to report.

7.2. Faculty Board Meeting - Konrad Jamrozik

Board Meeting this Friday will Course Approvals Sub Committee will report. Letter regarding the Course Approval letter has been acknowledge and agreed that it is unmanageable.

7.3. Faculty Research Committee – Annette Braunack- Mayer

- There was some discussion about Future Fellowships and the expectation that Faculty would hope to get between 6 - 10 when they become available and also about targeting people and putting resources in to encouraging applications of suitable people but no mechanism of how this would be done.
- Mentioned overseas conference leave.
- The HDR PhD Student Expo which has ratcheted it up in terms of numbers and a strong expectation from the Executive Dean that there would be some academics there to support their students. Chris Barton working on the School Honours Booklet, some kind of urgency as people start thinking about Honours around July – August so the booklets should be distributed by September.

7.4. Faculty Learning and Teaching Committee – Frank Donnelly (*To be discussed how to report back*)

Konrad met with Frank Donnelly and we are currently trying to find a new Chair to replace Frank.

7.5. Faculty Internationalisation Committee – Judy Magarey

Nothing to report.

7.6. Faculty Course and Program Approval Committee – Frank Donnelly (*To be discussed how to report back*)

Nothing to report.

8. Reports from School Sub Committees

8.1. School Research Committee – (To be determined)

K Jamrozik is trying to arrange Level E meeting to commence the Research Committee which is being held on Thursday.

8.2. School Learning and Teaching Committee – (To be determined)

Nothing to report.

8.3. School External Affairs Committee - Konrad Jamrozik

School Office is currently in the process of trying to arrange the next meeting. The current upcoming event is that we have a delegation 30 visitors from the Public Health Delegation at the "Praboromarajachanok Institute of Health Work Force Development" in Thailand this Friday.

9. Any other business

10. Next meeting

Wednesday 25th June, School Meeting Room