UNIVERSITY OF WOLLONGONG
FACULTY OF INFORMATICS RESEARCH COMMITTEE

Minutes of Meeting 6/05 held at 1:30pm on Thursday, 3 November 2005 in the Faculty Meeting Room, in 39.150A.

PRESENT: Prof D Steel (Chair), Prof S Bouzerdoum, Dr T Coltman, Dr G Cox, Prof J Fulcher, Mr A Krishna, A/Prof T Marchant, Prof R Safavi-Naini and A/Prof M Zhang.

IN ATTENDANCE: Ms K Oborn and Prof Zhou (Engineering).

1. PRELIMINARY BUSINESS

1.1 Apologies/Leave of Absence

Apologies were received from Prof P Ogunbona and Mr C Peden.

1.2 Confirmation of Minutes for the Meeting of 6 October 2005

The minutes of the meeting held on 6 October 2005 were confirmed.

1.3 Business Arising from Previous Meeting

There was no business arising.

2. REPORT FROM CHAIR – VERBAL REPORT

The Chair reported that:

• a shortlisting for the Faculty Officer position will be held on 4 November and interviews will take place on 11 November.
• ARC announcements are expected sometime in November. The number of domestic applications is way down on previous years; need to address the issue.
• there is a need to create funding for international students.
• there are fewer linkage grants which impacts on research students.
• there have been two official notices of intent for linkage grants; four others have shown some interest. Strategies for larger linkage projects is to be developed.
• Research week is set for 5-9 December; a couple of events related to research may be organized.

3. RANKING OF HDR SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS 2006

Committee members were provided with School rankings of relevant applicants at the meeting. Applications were made available at the meeting for discussion.

The Chair outlined the ranking process for 2006 HDR Scholarships, explaining that it was not guaranteed that all those applications put forward for fast-tracking would make it through the final process by URSC.
The Chair explained that only the top six ranked international applications were to be put forward for consideration as there would be only six scholarships offered campus wide, with the possibility of an additional six stipend only scholarships offered.

The Chair noted that the quality and quantity of applications was inferior to previous years.

Although Mr Krishna, the FRC student representative, was present at the meeting, it was noted that he was not able to be part of the ranking process. The Committee was happy for him to attend the meeting as an observer.

**Domestic Postgraduate Scholarship Applicants**

The Committee reviewed the results of all recommended fast-track applicants, in particular focusing on the proportion of HDs, Honours results or equivalent and, where indicated, the WAM.

[Ranking omitted due to confidential nature]

**International Postgraduate Scholarship Applicants**

The Committee noted that only a maximum of six international applications should be ranked, due to the limited number of scholarships available.

[Ranking omitted due to confidential nature]

4. **OTHER BUSINESS**

There was no other business.

5. **NEXT MEETING**

The meeting schedule for 2006 will be advised when details are released.

Professor David Steel  
Chair