



EQUITY AND ACCESS COMMITTEE

Meeting No.2/2005 of the Equity and Access Committee will be held on Wednesday, 17 August 2005, 9.00 am-11.00 am. **Teleconferencing facilities have been booked at - the Monash Research Graduate Centre**, Building 3E (next to Monash Club) Level 1, Room 114 Clayton. The teleconferencing facilities are in Building A, Room 234 at Peninsula and Building 2W, Room 263 Gippsland.

Apologies are to be forwarded to Ms Marie Jones (formerly Robinson) on extension 52863 or email marie.jones@education.monash.edu.au

AGENDA

Members having a direct commercial or financial interest in any item before this meeting must declare that interest to the Chair via the Executive Officer prior to consideration of the item, and must not take part in a vote on any matter concerning it.

1. Attendance

1.1 Apologies

Dr Barbara Clarke, Maree Mayne, Isabella Lablache, Dr Evan Kritikakos

2. Minutes

The minutes of Meeting 1/2005 of the Equity and Access Committee held on Wednesday, 1 June, 2005 have been previously distributed.

Recommendation

That the Minutes of Meeting 1/2005 of the Equity and Access Committee be confirmed as a correct record of that meeting.

3. Business Arising

3.1 HEEP funded Information brochures: current status

M-T Jensen to report on information re brochures.

3.2 Indigenous bursaries: possible new strategies for widening publicity

Jill Brown to work with Zane MaRhea on strategies for bursaries.

3.3 Fieldwork placements: no action taken, plan action

Anne Kennedy to report.

3.4 Equity bursaries application (Sue Webb)

At the end of 2004 the Faculty was invited to submit an application for Faculty Strategic Equity Scholarship/Bursary funding as part of the Access Monash Scheme. The Faculty was successful at securing:

- 7 Rural Bursaries of \$5000, and
- 30 Work Placement Bursaries at \$300 each

All of these were for one off payments in 2005. The Faculty will be invited to make a submission for new bursaries or scholarships for 2006, at the end of this year.

3.5 Location of next meeting

The Committee discussed the difficulty in members from Peninsula and Gippsland campus being able to make the 9.00am meeting time – it was agreed that the Executive Officer try to organize webcam facilities for trial.

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3.6 Student representation: Clayton and international student reps

M-T Jensen to report.

3.7 Report from the July meeting of the Inclusive Practices Workplace Equity Committee (formerly the University Advisory Committee on Equity and Access) (Ed Irons)

3.8 Renaming of Faculty Committee recommendation from EQ office (to Education Faculty Equity & Diversity Committee)

Anne Kennedy follow-up report.

3.9 Faculty response to the University Inclusive Practices Advisory Committee

Report to be tabled.

3.10 Equity issue for part time PhD students seeking extensions (Miriam Faine)

The committee agreed to follow through on the policy changes. Action to be discussed.

3.11 Guest speaker for next meeting

Judith Cooke - Equity & Diversity Centre has been invited to speak on the Monash Strengthening Diversity Policy. (Document attached)

4. Campus Reports

5. Other Business

- ### **5.1 Equity Issue:** A general staff member has raised the issue of Faculty paying for staff self education costs.

6. Next Meeting

Meeting No.3/2005 of the Equity and Access Committee for 2005 is to be held on Wednesday, 26 October 2005, 9.00 am-11.00 am, Venue TBA.