

CRAWFORD SCHOOL (HDR COMMITTEE)

Meeting No. 1/2021 of the Crawford School HDR Committee was held on 10 March 2021 at 1pm via Zoom

Present: Keith Barney (Chair), Mike Cohen, Long Chu, Elise Klein, Siobhan McDonnell, Megan

Poore, Tracy McRae, Mara Hammerle (new student rep),

Apologies: Nic Badullovich (student rep)

CONFIRMED MINUTES

PART 1 – Formal Items

ITEM 1 Announcements and Apologies

Announcements: The HDR Committee welcomed Mara Hammerle and Nic Badullovich as new student reps.

Apologies: Nic Badullovich

ITEM 2 Approval of minutes from previous meeting.

Mike Cohen moved that the minutes be approved, seconded by Megan Poore.

ITEM 3 Action items for review

7. Long Chu to communicate with ACDE to discuss seminars

Action: Completed

13. HDR Funding: Computing resources on campus and other funding wording. Megan advised that new wording had been updated on website.

Action: Completed

14. Thesis by Compilation Journal Submission Fee Payment.

Keith Barney advised that he sought feedback from the Crawford Deputy Director and the Crawford School Manager on this point. The response was that there was no room in the Crawford budget at this time to fund these payments. This matter will therefore not be brought to the Crawford Executive Committee. However students can still apply for journal submission fee reimbursement through their Crawford funding allowance.

Action: Completed

15. NSC Communication s with HDR Students.

Keith Barney advised that this has been raised at the Crawford Executive meeting last year. Mike Cohen gave an update on the students who may be moving schools as a result of changes in supervisory panel. It appears that NSC students are running smoothly so far. However, no official announcement has been made on staff movement within NSC.

Action: Completed

16. Clarity around process for TPR seminar and progression.

Siobhan McDonnel and Elise Klein gave updates on their programs TPR processes. Elise Klein advised that it was a good reminder for their academics for the necessity of presence at the TPR. Siobhan McDonnell advised that she felt that there needed to be clarity as TPR administration is different in other school/colleges. Keith Barney advised that this discussion should be continued in each program department.

Action: Completed

18. End of year celebration for PhD students.

The committee thanked Mara Hammerle and Nic Badullovich for a successful celebration.

Action: Completed

PART 2 – Reports

ITEM 4 HDR Director Report.

Keith Barney gave updates from the last CAP HDRC meeting on the below points:

- 1. Supervision Registration Process
- 2. Strategic Priorities for 2021.
 - Encouraging student profiles to remain active and updated.
 - Careers- Life after PhD completion
 - Potential to revive PhD retreat in some form in 2022
- 3. Number of PhD students at Crawford.
- 4. Guidance of student Fieldwork in 2021
- 5. Delays with setting up of a Graduate Research School
- 6. Possible reconstruction of Statistical research unit
- 7. Coursework Requirements for PhD students

ITEM 5 PhD Academic and Research Skills Advisor Report

Megan Poore discussed student supervisory panel composition. She advised that it was not necessary to have the program convenor on the panel.

ITEM 6 Crawford Student Representative Report

Mara Hammerle advised that an overseas student had questioned the accessibility to view full books online. This was to be discussed with the ANU library and student's supervisor. She also gave an update on a new Crawford PhD mentoring program.

ITEM 7 ACDE Convenor Report

Long Chu gave an update on new PhD students doing coursework online. Student requests for uploading full text books online which due to privacy issues, PhD students should contact the ANU library.

ITEM 8 NSC Convenor Report

Mike Cohen gave updates on:

- NSC students with regards to NSC reconstruction
- Research in Progress Workshop for all PhD students to enable them to give seminars across ANU.
- Career workshops for help obtaining academic or private sector work.

Action: Convenors to email Mike Cohen with what type of 'work' students want to do after their PhD to help with the workshop training. Mike to contact the ANU careers office.

ITEM 9 POGO Convenor Report

Elise Klein gave updates on:

- Building a cohort within POGO with academics and students. PhD seminars.
- Research proposal requirements

Action: Convenors to email Keith Barney and Tracy McRae, if a more detailed research proposal is required for their programs, in order to update each program webpage

ITEM 10 RE&D Convenor Report

Siobhan McDonnell gave updates on:

- TPR Process
- Coursework exemption/credit
- Statistical Research Unit- Concern for PhD Crawford students.

Action: Keith Barney to raise PhD Crawford student concern at next Crawford Executive committee meeting

- Hybrid TPR seminar held in person and via Zoom. The volume of paperwork to organise this type of event. See Point 13
- Fieldwork (Overseas and Domestic)

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PART 3 - Other Business

ITEM 11 Economics students avoiding coursework by enrolling in RE&D

Megan Poore advised that some students have suggested that they enrolled in RE&D to avoid ACDE coursework.

Action: Keith Barney and Siobhan McDonnell to discuss with Megan Poore and Tracy McRae

ITEM 12 ACDE PhD Seminars . Options for those not on campus

Long Chu and Mara Hammerle advised Hybrid model seminars had not yet started. Due to commence mid-March 2021. Megan Poore advised overseas students need to have hybrid seminars. Otherwise, how do overseas students participate in seminars if only offered face to face.

Action: Megan Poore will contact Crawford Executive committee with regards to the possibility of ongoing hybrid seminars.

PART 4 - General Business

ITEM 13 Funding applications: 2 approved.

ITEM 14 Admission applications. 6 assessed. 5 approved for admission. 1 need extra information before granting admission.

The next Crawford HDR meeting is scheduled for 1pm Wednesday, 12 May 2021, by Zoom. Please make a note of this date in your calendar/diary.

Action Items

Action ID	Description	Responsibility	Status	Notes
8	All convenors to email Mike Cohen with what type of 'work' students want after their PhD to help with workshop/training. Mike Cohen to contact the ANU Careers office	All convenors	New	
9	Convenors to email Keith Barney and Tracy McRae, if a more detailed research proposal is required for their programs, in order to update each program webpage.	All convenors	New	

10	Keith Barney to raise PhD student concern at next Crawford Executive committee meeting	Keith Barney	New	
11	Keith Barney and Siobhan McDonnell to discuss with Megan Poore and Tracy McRae	Keith Barney Siobhan McDonnell Megan Poore Tracy McRae	New	
12	Megan Poore will contact Crawford Executive committee with regards to the possibility of ongoing hybrid seminars.	Megan Poore	New	