# Indigenous Research Committee (URC)

## Membership:
- Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Academic) (Chair)
- Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Research) or nominee
- Executive Deans or their nominees
- Director, Centre of Indigenous Education and Research
- Academic Coordinator, Yalbalinga Indigenous Education Unit
- Academic Coordinator, Dhara Daramoolan Indigenous Education Unit
- Academic Coordinator, Jim-baa-yer Indigenous Education Unit
- Academic Coordinator, Weemala Indigenous Education Unit
- Indigenous Researcher (from another University)

## Responsible Officer:
- Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Academic)

## Administrative Support:
- Executive Officer (Academic)

## Date of establishment:
IRC (previously known as Indigenous Research Advisory Group) was established in 2003 within the context of the University's Indigenous Education Strategy 2003-2005.

## Appointment term for nominated members:
Normally 2 years; members may be considered for subsequent terms of office.

## Meeting frequency:
2 times per year

## Terms of Reference:
To debate, advise and make recommendations to the University Research Committee and Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Academic), as appropriate, regarding current and emerging issues in relation to Indigenous research, including:

- development, implementation and review of the strategic direction for Indigenous research;
- fostering a culture of Indigenous research and research training across the University;
- increasing Indigenous participation in research;
- University submissions on Indigenous research;
- development programs for staff involved in Indigenous research and/or supervision of Indigenous higher degree research students;
- input, as appropriate, to the University’s Human Research Ethics Committee;
- monitoring Indigenous higher degree research scholarships and the Indigenous Studentship Scheme;
- reporting on the University’s Indigenous research projects and their outputs.

## Mode of Operation:
- Membership of the IRC is appointed by the Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Academic);
- IRC shall have a quorum which is equal to one half of the membership plus one additional member. When members have indicated in advance inability to attend a meeting, the number required for a quorum will be reduced to reflect one half plus one of the members anticipated to attend the meeting, with a minimum quorum of four members;
- IRC may seek information and advice from appropriate experts, who may attend Committee meetings, as required, to assist in the consideration of particular issues relating to Indigenous research;
- IRC shall endeavour to reach decisions by consensus rather than by voting;
- Communications from IRC will include the circulation of draft minutes to its members;
- IRC members will report at each meeting on Faculty/CIER Indigenous research projects, as appropriate.

## Review:
IRC reviews its procedures as it deems necessary and recommends accordingly to the University Research Committee.

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