**Framework for Quinquennial Review of Research Entities**

Every research entity will be subject to periodic reviews which will normally be on a five yearly cycle. Where practical, this may be included in a quinquennial School review, even if it means resetting the recognition cycle of the entity to coincide, but the Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Research) must be consulted over how the FRC and URC’s interests are to be represented in the review process. He/she will reserve the right to involve external experts.

However, the Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Research) may, at any time, require a review of any research entity recognised under this policy *e.g*. when a Director resigns, the entity becomes of sub-critical size, gets into financial difficulty, appears to be unproductive, etc. An *ad hoc* review Committee will be constituted by the Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Research), upon which the interests of the FRC and URC will be represented.

A review of a research entity will essentially take a longer term view of the information provided in successive annual reports. In particular, it will consider:

a) The entities activities and achievements in relation to its own statement of aims, objectives and functions.

b) The entities strategic plan and its congruence with Faculty and University plans.

c) The entities research outputs – publications and higher degrees in particular – per Senior Lecturer Equivalent (SLE).

d) The entities financial resources which have gone into producing such outputs and value for money.

e) The cost:benefit ratio of above outputs in comparison to School and Faculty norms

f) The projected outputs in future years

Hence, within the final year of the 5 year period, an entity will be required to submit a quinquennial review report including all of the above information (in addition to that provided in the annual reports) as an electronic copy to [research.health@wits.ac.za](mailto:research.health@wits.ac.za).