Memorandum

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IMPROVING STUDENT LEARNING GRANT – PAWES Ethics and Regulations On-Line Module

I am pleased to report that the newly developed PAWES Ethics and Regulations on-line module went ‘live’ on 3rd August 2011 and the link is available at http://pawes.articulate-online.com/5629396236. The on-line module was launched at a meeting of the UWA Animal Users Group on 24th August 2011 and included a demonstration of the system. This meeting was also attended by HDR students.

The PAWES on-line module has been developed to ensure that all UWA staff and students working with animals have a full understanding of the conditions of our license to use and supply animals, and of the Australian Code of Practice for the Care and Use of Animals for Scientific Purposes (2007).

Prior to this on-line module being developed experienced researchers were required to attend a full day PAWES course to renew their Permission to Use Animals. This can now be done on-line 24 hours a day from anywhere in the world. The module includes a quiz which is to be completed in a one hour time period with at least an 80% pass mark. Feedback on the assessment has been positive with scores ranging between 80 and 100% and a time to completion of between 10 and 59 minutes.

The cost of the project was subsidised by the $3000 ISL grant as well as additional funding from the Registrar’s Office as follows:

- Centre for Software Practice consultant costs $3,975
- Articulate software package $1,000
- Articulate 2 year license $2,380
- $7,355

Please don’t hesitate to contact me if you require additional information.

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