



Academic Board Agenda

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NOTICE OF MEETING

A meeting of the **Academic Board** will be held at **2.00 pm** on **Wednesday 18 April 2007** in the Professorial Board Room.

Members who are unable to attend are asked to notify Megan Kemmis at the above address. Enquiries concerning this meeting may also be directed to Ms Kemmis.

Megan Kemmis

for

Dr W Adams

Registrar

11 April 2007

AGENDA

Pages

- ★ 1. **Apologies**
Apologies have been received from: Professors A Boyd, G Brown, D Grant, B Roufogalis and P Wolnizer, Associate Professor P Wynn and Drs T Anthony, A Campbell, S Cumming and P Knight and Mr V Ghazavi.

- ★ 2. **Arrangement of agenda**
2.1 **Starring of items**

- 2.2 **Adoption of unstarred items**

Recommendation

The Academic Board resolve as recommended with respect to all unstarred items.

3. **Minutes of previous meeting**
3.1 **Meeting of 28 February 2007**

Appendix A
A1-A17

Recommendation

The Academic Board adopt the minutes of the previous meeting held on 28 February 2007 as a true record.

4. **Business arising from Minutes** (not dealt with elsewhere in the Agenda)

- ★ 5. **Report of the Chair** **Appendix B**
- 5.1 **Report on Senate Matters**
- 5.1.1 **Report of the Senate meeting held on 19 March 2007** *supp. agenda*
- Recommendation**
The Academic Board note the report of the Chair of the Academic Board on academic matters considered by Senate at its meeting of 19 March 2007.
- 5.2 **Honours and Distinctions** B1
- Recommendation**
The Academic Board note the report of the Chair of the Academic Board on the honours and distinctions and congratulate the recipients, as set out in the report presented.
- 5.3 **General Report**
- 5.3.1 **University College Sydney Joint Working Party** B1, B3
- Recommendation**
That the Academic Board note the Chair's report on the University College Sydney Joint Working Party, as set out in the report presented.
- 5.3.2 **Role of the Academic Board within the University's Structure** B1
- Recommendation**
That the Academic Board note the Chair's report on the Academic Board's role within the University's structure, as set out in the report presented.
- 5.3.3 **Update on Academic Board Reviews** B1-2, *supp. agenda*
- Recommendation**
That the Academic Board note the Chair's report on the Phase 3 Academic Board Reviews, as set out in the report presented.
- 5.3.1 **2006 Annual Report of Academic Board Activities** B2, B4-13
- Recommendation**
That the Academic Board note the 2006 Annual Report of Academic Board activities, as set out in the report presented.
- ★ 6. **Report of the Vice-Chancellor and Principal**
- 6.1 **Report on Senate Matters**
- 6.1.1 **Report of the Senate meeting held on 19 March 2007** *supp. agenda*
- Recommendation**
That the Academic Board note the report of the Vice-Chancellor and Principal on matters considered by Senate at its meeting held on 19 March 2007.

6.2 General report

Recommendation

That the Academic Board note the general report of the Vice-Chancellor and Principal.

★ 7. Question time

Questions to the Vice-Chancellor and Chair of the Academic Board

(Time limit 15 minutes)

★ 8. Presentation: SCEQ Results

to be tabled

Recommendation

That the Academic Board note the report of the Dean of Graduate Studies on SCEQ results.

9. Reports of Faculties and Boards

Appendix C

9.1 Report of the Faculty of Engineering and Information Technologies

C1-2

9.1.1 Amendment of the Resolutions of Senate: Constitution of the Faculty of Engineering and Information Technologies

Recommendation

That the Academic Board recommend that Senate amend the Resolutions of the Senate relating to the Constitution of the Faculty of Engineering and Information Technologies and the Schools within the Faculty, with immediate effect, as set out in the report presented.

10. Report of the Undergraduate Studies Committee

Appendix D

(Associate Professor Scott Kable)

★ 10.1 Oral report of the Chair

Recommendation

That the Academic Board note the report of the Chair of the Undergraduate Studies Committee.

10.2 Report of the meeting held on 20 March 2007

D1-75

10.2.1 Proposals for New and Amended Courses

(1) Faculties of Arts and Law: Bachelor of Arts (Media and Communications)/Bachelor of Laws

D1, D8-13

Recommendation

That the Academic Board:

- (1) *approve the proposal from the Faculties of Arts and Law for the introduction of a new combined degree, the Bachelor of Arts (Media and Communications) and Bachelor of Laws;*
- (2) *recommend that Senate:*
 - (i) *endorse the introduction of the new combined degree course, and*

- (ii) *approve the amendment of the Resolutions of the Senate relating to Degrees, Diplomas and Certificates in the Faculty of Arts and Degrees and Graduate Diplomas in the Faculty of Law to reflect the introduction of the new combined course;*
- (iii) *approve the new Resolutions of Senate relating to the course; and*
- (3) *note the introduction of the new Faculty Resolutions relating to the course, made pursuant to the University of Sydney (Coursework) Rule 2000 (as amended), and approve the Faculty requirements relating to units of study, and the award of the degrees at pass and honours levels,*
from 1 January 2008, as set out in the report presented.

10.2.2 Amendments to the Resolutions of Senate

(1) Faculty of Engineering and Information Technologies D1-2, D14-46

Recommendation

That the Academic Board:

- (1) *approve the proposal from the Faculty of Engineering and Information Technologies for the amendment of Senate and Faculty Resolutions relating to the Bachelor of Engineering degree and combined Engineering degree courses to reflect the amalgamation of the School of Information Technologies, together with the Bachelor of Information Technology and Bachelor of Computer Science and Technology degrees, with the Faculty of Engineering and Information Technologies;*
- (2) *recommend that Senate approve:*
 - (a) *the amendment of the Resolutions of the Senate relating to Degrees, Diplomas and Certificates in the Faculty of Engineering and Information Technologies, and*
 - (b) *the replacement of the Resolutions of the Senate relating to the Bachelor of Engineering by new Resolutions relating to the Undergraduate Degrees of the Faculty of Engineering and Information Technologies,*
to reflect the transfer of the BIT and BCST degrees from the supervision of the Faculty of Science to that of the Faculty of Engineering and Information Technologies; and
- (3) *note the introduction of amended Faculty Resolutions relating to the courses, and approve the Faculty requirements relating to the award of honours and progression*
from 1 January 2008, as set out in the report presented.

(2) Faculty of Science

D2-3, D47

Recommendation

That the Academic Board:

- (1) *approve the proposal from the Faculty of Science for the amendment of the Resolutions of the Senate relating to the degrees offered by the Faculty of Science to reflect the transfer of the Bachelor of Information Technology and Bachelor of Computer Science and Technology degrees from the supervision of the Faculty of Science to that of the Faculty of Engineering and Information Technologies;*
- (2) *recommend that Senate approve:*
 - (a) *the amendment of the Resolutions of the Senate relating to Degrees, Graduate Diplomas and Graduate Certificates in the Faculty of Science to delete the Bachelor of Information Technology and Bachelor of Computer Science and Technology degrees from the list of offerings, and*
 - (b) *the deletion of the Resolutions of the Senate relating to the Bachelor of Information Technology and Bachelor of Computer Science and Technology degrees in the Faculty of Science,*
from 1 January 2008, as set out in the report presented.

10.2.3 Report of the Honours Working Party

D3-4, D48-58

Recommendation

That the Academic Board:

- (1) *approve the recommendations arising from the review of honours at the University of Sydney; and*
- (2) *approve the amendment of the Academic Board Policy on Award with Honours*
with effect from 1 January 2008, as set out in the report presented.

10.2.4 Amendment of Faculty Resolutions

D4-5, D59-75

(1) Faculty of Arts: Bachelor of Arts

D4, D59-60

Recommendation

That the Academic Board approve the amendment of the table of units of study for the Bachelor of Health Sciences degree and associated combined degrees, with effect from 1 January 2007, as set out in the report presented.

- (2) **Faculty of Medicine: Bachelor of Arts (Advanced)(Honours)/ Bachelor of Medicine and Bachelor of Surgery, Bachelor of Medical Science/Bachelor of Medicine and Bachelor of Surgery, Bachelor of Music Studies/Bachelor of Medicine and Bachelor of Surgery, Bachelor of**

**Science (Advanced)/Bachelor of Medicine and
Bachelor of Surgery**

D4-5, D61-75

Recommendation

That the Academic Board:

- (1) *approve the proposal from the Faculty of Medicine to amend the progression requirements prescribed for the Bachelor of Bachelor of Arts (Advanced)(Honours)/Bachelor of Medicine and Bachelor of Surgery, Bachelor of Medical Science/ Bachelor of Medicine and Bachelor of Surgery, Bachelor of Music Studies/Bachelor of Medicine and Bachelor of Surgery, and Bachelor of Science (Advanced)/Bachelor of Medicine and Bachelor of Surgery*
 - (a) *by deleting for all four combined courses the current provision that students be required to maintain an AAM of 80 or above in each of the first three years, and*
 - (b) *by adding instead the new provision that students be required to maintain a Credit average or above in the first three years and fulfil the other conditions specified; and*
- (2) *approve the amendment of the Faculty Resolutions relating to these courses, made pursuant to the University of Sydney (Coursework) Rule 2000 (as amended); with effect from 1 January 2007, as set out in the report presented.*

10.2.5 Honours Working Party: Awards with Merit

D5-6

Recommendation

That the Academic Board note the report on the discussions of the Honours Working Party regarding Award with Merit.

10.2.6 Proceedings of the Committee

D6-7

Recommendation

That the Academic Board note the proceedings of the Undergraduate Studies Committee meeting held on 20 March 2007, as set out in the report presented.

**11. Report of the Graduate Studies Committee
(Associate Professor Peter McCallum)**

Appendix E

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11.1 Oral report of the Chair

Recommendation

That the Academic Board note the report of the Chair of the Graduate Studies Committee.

11.2 Report of the meeting held on 27 March 2007 E1-31
11.2.1 Proposals for New and Amended Courses

11.2.1.1 Faculty of Arts

- (1) Master of Liberal Studies, Graduate Diploma in Liberal Studies, Graduate Certificate in Liberal Studies** E1, E5-6

Recommendation

That the Academic Board:

- (i) *approve the proposal from the Faculty of Arts to delete the Master of Liberal Studies, Graduate Diploma in Liberal Studies and Graduate Certificate in Liberal Studies*
- (ii) *recommend that Senate:*
- (a) *endorse the Academic Board's approval of the proposal; and*
- (b) *approve the amendment of the Senate Resolutions relating to the Degrees, Diplomas and Certificates in the Faculty of Arts;*
- (c) *approve the deletion of Senate Resolutions relating to the courses;*

with effect from 1 January 2008, as set out in the report presented.

- (2) Master of Medical Humanities, Graduate Diploma in Medical Humanities, Graduate Certificate in Medical Humanities** E1-2, E5-6

Recommendation

That the Academic Board:

- (i) *approve the proposal from the Faculty of Arts to delete the Master of Medical Humanities, Graduate Diploma in Medical Humanities and Graduate Certificate in Medical Humanities*
- (ii) *recommend that Senate:*
- (a) *endorse the Academic Board's approval of the proposal; and*
- (b) *approve the amendment of the Senate Resolutions relating to the Degrees, Diplomas and Certificates in the Faculty of Arts;*
- (c) *approve the deletion of Senate Resolutions relating to the courses;*

with effect from 1 January 2008, as set out in the report presented.

11.2.1.2 Faculty of Dentistry: Master of Dental Science (Community Oral Health and Epidemiology), Master of Dental Science (Endodontics), Master of Dental Science (Oral and Maxillo-facial Surgery), Graduate Diploma in Clinical Dentistry (Advanced Practice), Graduate Diploma in Community Oral Health and Epidemiology E2-3, E7-21

Recommendation

That the Academic Board:

- (i) approve the proposal from the Faculty of Dentistry to delete the Master of Dental Science (Community Oral Health and Epidemiology), Master of Dental Science (Endodontics), Master of Dental Science (Oral and Maxillo-facial Surgery), Graduate Diploma in Clinical Dentistry (Advanced Practice) and Graduate Diploma in Community Oral Health and Epidemiology;*
- (ii) recommend that Senate:*
 - (a) endorse the Academic Board's approval of the proposal; and*
 - (b) approve the amendment of the Senate Resolutions relating to the Degrees, Diplomas and Certificates in the Faculty of Dentistry;*
 - (c) approve the deletion of Senate Resolutions relating to the courses;*

with effect from 1 January 2008, as set out in the report presented.

11.2.1.3 Faculty of Science: Master of Applied Nuclear Science and Graduate Diploma in Applied Nuclear Science E3, E22-28

Recommendation

That the Academic Board:

- (i) approve the proposal from the Faculty of Science to introduce the Master of Applied Nuclear Science and Graduate Diploma in Applied Nuclear Science;*
- (ii) recommend that Senate:*
 - (a) endorse the Academic Board's approval of the proposal; and*
 - (b) approve the amendment of the Senate Resolutions relating to the Degrees, Diplomas and Certificates in the Faculty of Science;*
 - (c) approve the deletion of Senate Resolutions relating to the courses;*

with effect from 1 January 2008, as set out in the report presented.

11.2.2 Report from Faculties

**11.2.2.1 Faculty of Architecture, Design & Planning –
English Language Requirements** E3-4, E29-31

Recommendation

That the Academic Board amend Appendix 1 of the policy “Postgraduate English Language Requirements”, as set out in the report presented.

**11.2.2.2 Faculty of Dentistry – English Language
Requirements** E4, E29-31

Recommendation

That the Academic Board amend Appendix 1 of the policy “Postgraduate English Language Requirements”, as set out in the report presented.

11.2.3 Proceedings of the Committee

E4

Recommendation

That the Academic Board note the proceedings of the Graduate Studies Committee meeting held on 27 March 2007, as set out in the report presented.

12. Report of the Learning and Teaching Committee
(Associate Professor Robyn Ewing)

Appendix F

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12.1 Oral report of the Chair

Recommendation

That the Academic Board note the report of the Chair of the Learning and Teaching Committee.

12.2 Report of the meeting held on 27 March 2007

F1-F25

**12.2.1 Academic Board Faculty Reviews: Faculty Progress
Reports** F1, F4-F25

Recommendation

That the Academic Board note the Phase 2 Progress Reports from the Faculty of Education and Social Work, the Institute for Teaching and Learning and the Koori Centre, as set out in the report presented.

12.2.2 Proceedings of the Committee

F1-F3

Recommendation

That the Academic Board note the proceedings of the Learning and Teaching Committee meeting held on 27 March 2007, as set out in the report presented.

- 13. Report of the Research and Research Training Committee** **Appendix G**
(Professor Robyn Overall)
- ★ **13.1 Oral report of the Chair**
- Recommendation**
That the Academic Board note the report of the Chair of the Research and Research Training Committee.
- 13.2 Report of the meeting held on 20 March 2007** **G1**
13.2.1 Proceedings of the Committee **G1**
- Recommendation**
That the Academic Board note the proceedings of the Research and Research Training Committee meeting held on 20 March 2007, as set out in the report presented.
- 14. Report of the Academic Staffing Committee** **Appendix H**
(Professor Chris Murphy)
- ★ **14.1 Oral report of the Chair**
- Recommendation**
That the Academic Board note the report of the Chair of the Academic Staffing Committee.
- 14.2 Report of the meeting held on 28 March 2007** **H1-H2**
14.2.1 Charter of Academic Freedom **H1-2**
- Recommendation**
That the Academic Board:
(1) *endorse the Charter of Academic Freedom and*
(2) *recommend that Senate also endorse the Charter of Academic Freedom.*
- 14.2.2 Proceedings of the Committee** **H1**
- Recommendation**
That the Academic Board note the proceedings of the Academic Staffing Committee meeting held on 28 March 2007, as set out in the report presented.
- 15. General Business** **Appendix I**
15.1 Appointment of members of the Student Proctorial Panel **I1**
- Recommendation**
That the Academic Board appoint members of the Student Proctorial Panel, as set out in the report presented.