

**AGENDA ITEM 6  
Report of the Chair****6.1 Report on Senate Matters****6.1.1 Report on the Senate meeting held on 6 August 2007**

Senate, at its meeting on 6 August 2007, on the report of the Academic Board meeting held on 11 July 2007:

**(a) Faculty of Arts**

- endorsed the Academic Board's approval of the proposal from the Faculty of Arts to introduce the American Studies major in the Bachelor of Arts with effect from 1 January 2008, as set out in the report presented.

- endorsed the Academic Board's approval of the proposal from the Faculty of Arts to delete the Bachelor of Liberal Studies (Advanced); approved the amendment of the Resolutions of Senate relating to the Degrees, Diplomas and Certificates in the Faculty of Arts; and approved the rescission of the Resolutions of Senate relating to the course with effect from 1 January 2008, as set out in the report presented.

- endorsed the Academic Board's approval of the proposal from the Faculty of Arts to introduce the Master of Applied Functional Linguistics; approved the amendment of the Resolutions of Senate relating to the Degrees, Diplomas and Certificates in the Faculty of Arts; and approved the introduction of Resolutions of Senate relating to the course with effect from 1 January 2008, as set out in the report presented.

- endorsed the Academic Board's approval of the proposal from the Faculty of Arts to introduce the Master of Cultural Studies, the Graduate Diploma in Cultural Studies and the Graduate Certificate in Cultural Studies; approved the amendment of the Resolutions of Senate relating to the Degrees, Diplomas and Certificates in the Faculty of Arts; and approved the introduction of Resolutions of Senate relating to the courses with effect from 1 January 2008, as set out in the report presented.

**(b) Faculty of Economics and Business**

- amended the Resolutions of the Senate relating to the Constitution of the Faculty of Economics and Business and the Schools within the Faculty, with immediate effect, as set out in the report presented.

- repealed the Resolutions of the Senate relating to the Constitution of the Graduate School of Government, with immediate effect, as set out in the report presented.

- endorsed the Academic Board's approval of the proposal from the Faculty of Economics and Business to introduce the Master of International Security, the Graduate Diploma in International Security and the Graduate Certificate in International Security; approved the amendment of the Resolutions of Senate relating to the Degrees, Diplomas and Certificates in the Faculty of Economics and Business; and approved the introduction of Resolutions of Senate relating to the courses with effect from 1 January 2008, as set out in the report presented.

- endorsed the Academic Board's approval of the proposal from the Faculty of Economics and Business to rename the Master of Industrial Relations and Human Resource Management, Master of Industrial Relations and Human Resource Management (Honours), Graduate

Diploma in Industrial Relations and Human Resource Management and Graduate Certificate in Industrial Relations and Human Resource Management to become the Master of Human Resource Management and Industrial Relations, the Master of Human Resource Management and Industrial Relations (Honours), the Graduate Diploma of Human Resource Management and Industrial Relations and the Graduate Certificate of Human Resource Management and Industrial Relations; approved the amendment of the Resolutions of Senate relating to the Degrees, Diplomas and Certificates in the Faculty of Economics and Business and relating to the courses with effect from 1 January 2008, as set out in the report presented.

- endorsed the Academic Board's approval of the proposal from the Faculty of Economics and Business to introduce the Business and Security major in the Master of Business, the Master of Commerce and related combined degrees; approved the amendment of the Resolutions of Senate relating to the Degrees, Diplomas and Certificates in the Faculty of Economics and Business and relating to the courses with effect from 1 January 2008, as set out in the report presented.

**(c) Faculty of Health Sciences**

- endorsed the Academic Board's approval of the proposal from the Faculty of Health Sciences to delete the Bachelor of Health Science (Hearing and Speech) pass and honours degrees; approved the amendment of the Resolutions of Senate relating to the Degrees, Diplomas and Certificates in the Faculty of Health Sciences; and approved the rescission of the Resolutions of Senate relating to the courses with effect from 1 January 2008, as set out in the report presented.

- endorsed the Academic Board's approval of the proposal from the Faculty of Health Sciences to amend the Bachelor of Health Sciences and Bachelor of Health Sciences (Honours) with effect from 1 January 2008, as set out in the report presented.

- endorsed the Academic Board's approval of the proposal from the Faculty of Health Sciences to introduce the Master of Health Sciences, the Master of Health Sciences (Honours), the Graduate Diploma in Health Sciences and the Graduate Certificate in Health Sciences; approved the amendment of the Resolutions of Senate relating to the Degrees, Diplomas and Certificates in the Faculty of Health Sciences and approved the introduction of Resolutions of Senate relating to the courses with effect from 1 January 2008, as set out in the report presented.

- endorsed the Academic Board's approval of the proposal from the Faculty of Health Sciences to introduce the Master of Health Informatics; approved the amendment of the Resolutions of Senate relating to the Degrees, Diplomas and Certificates in the Faculty of Health Sciences; and approved the introduction of Resolutions of Senate relating to the course with effect from 1 January 2008, as set out in the report presented.

- endorsed the Academic Board's approval of the proposal from the Faculty of Health Sciences to delete the Master of Health Information, the Master of Health Science (Health Informatics) and the Master of Health Science (Health Informatics) (Honours); approved the amendment of the Resolutions of Senate relating to the Degrees, Diplomas and Certificates in the Faculty of Health Sciences; and

approved the rescission of the Resolutions of Senate relating to the courses with effect from 1 January 2008, as set out in the report presented.

- endorsed the Academic Board's approval of the proposal from the Faculty of Health Sciences to replace the Bachelor of Health Sciences/Master of Health Information Management with the Bachelor of Health Sciences/Master of Health Informatics in both pass and honours degrees; approved the amendment of the Resolutions of Senate relating to the Degrees, Diplomas and Certificates in the Faculty of Health Sciences; approved the introduction of Resolutions of Senate relating to the Bachelor of Health Sciences/Master of Health Informatics and Bachelor of Health Sciences/Master of Health Informatics (Honours); and approved the rescission of the Resolutions of Senate relating to the Bachelor of Health Sciences/Master of Health Information Management and Bachelor of Health Sciences/Health Information Management (Honours) with effect from 1 January 2008, as set out in the report presented.

- endorsed the Academic Board's approval of the proposal from the Faculty of Health Sciences to amend the Bachelor of Health Sciences/Master of Clinical Vision Sciences, Bachelor of Health Sciences/ Master of Clinical Vision Sciences (Honours), Bachelor of Health Sciences/Master of Rehabilitation Counselling and Bachelor of Health Sciences/Master of Rehabilitation Counselling (Honours) with effect from 1 January 2008, as set out in the report presented.

- endorsed the Academic Board's approval of the proposal from the Faculty of Health Sciences to delete the Master of Health Science (Gerontology) pass and honours degrees; approved the amendment of the Resolutions of Senate relating to the Degrees, Diplomas and Certificates in the Faculty of Health Sciences; and approved the rescission of the Resolutions of Senate relating to the courses with effect from 1 January 2008, as set out in the report presented.

- endorsed the Academic Board's approval of the proposal from the Faculty of Health Sciences to delete the Master of Health Science (Indigenous Community Health), the Master of Health Science (Indigenous Community Health) (Honours), the Graduate Diploma of Health Science (Indigenous Community Health) and the Graduate Certificate of Health Science (Indigenous Community Health); approved the amendment of the Resolutions of Senate relating to the Degrees, Diplomas and Certificates in the Faculty of Health Sciences; and approved the rescission of the Resolutions of Senate relating to the courses

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

- endorsed the Academic Board's approval of the proposal from the Faculty of Health Sciences to delete the Master of Health Science (Occupational Therapy), the Master of Health Science (Occupational Therapy) (Honours), the Graduate Diploma of Health Science (Occupational Therapy) and the Graduate Certificate of Health Science (Occupational Therapy); approved the amendment of the Resolutions of Senate relating to the Degrees, Diplomas and Certificates in the Faculty of Health Sciences; and approved the rescission of the Resolutions of Senate relating to the courses with effect from 1 January 2008, as set out in the report presented.

- endorsed the Academic Board's approval of the proposal from the Faculty of Health Sciences to amend the Doctor of Health Science; and approved the amendment of the Resolutions of Senate relating to

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

**(d) Faculty of Medicine**

- endorsed the Academic Board's approval of the proposal from the Faculty of Medicine to delete the Bachelor of Science (Medical) (Honours); approved the amendment of the Resolutions of Senate relating to the Degrees, Diplomas and Certificates in the Faculty of Medicine; and approved the rescission of the Resolutions of Senate relating to the course with effect from 1 January 2008, as set out in the report presented.

- endorsed the Academic Board's approval of the proposal from the Faculty of Medicine to introduce the Graduate Certificate in Bioethics (Clinical Ethics); approved the amendment of the Resolutions of Senate relating to the Degrees, Diplomas and Certificates in the Faculty of Medicine; and approved the introduction of Resolutions of Senate relating to the course with effect from 1 January 2008, as set out in the report presented.

- endorsed the Academic Board's approval of the proposal from the Faculty of Medicine to introduce the Master of Indigenous Health (Substance Use), the Graduate Diploma in Indigenous Health (Substance Use) and the Graduate Certificate in Indigenous Health (Substance Use); approved the amendment of the Resolutions of Senate relating to the Degrees, Diplomas and Certificates in the Faculty of Medicine and approved the introduction of Resolutions of Senate relating to the courses with effect from 1 January 2008, as set out in the report presented.

- endorsed the Academic Board's approval of the proposal from the Faculty of Medicine to introduce the Master of International Ophthalmology and the Graduate Diploma in International Ophthalmology; approved the amendment of the Resolutions of Senate relating to the Degrees, Diplomas and Certificates in the Faculty of Medicine and approved the introduction of Resolutions of Senate relating to the courses with effect from 1 January 2008, as set out in the report presented.

- endorsed the Academic Board's approval of the proposal from the Faculty of Medicine to introduce the Master of Medical Humanities, the Graduate Diploma in Medical Humanities and the Graduate Certificate in Medical Humanities; approved the amendment of the Resolutions of Senate relating to the Degrees, Diplomas and Certificates in the Faculty of Medicine and approved the introduction of Resolutions of Senate relating to the courses with effect from 1 January 2008, as set out in the report presented.

- endorsed the Academic Board's approval of the proposal from the Faculty of Medicine to delete the Master of Health Economics, the Graduate Diploma in Health Economics, the Graduate Certificate in Health Economics, the Master of Medicine in Physical Medicine (Musculoskeletal), the Graduate Diploma in Medicine in Physical Medicine (Musculoskeletal), the Master of Medicine (Imaging), the Graduate Diploma in Medicine (Imaging) and the Graduate Certificate in Population Health Research Methods; approved the amendment of the Resolutions of Senate relating to the Degrees, Diplomas and Certificates in the Faculty of Medicine; approved the rescission of the Resolutions of Senate relating to the courses with effect from 1 January 2008, as set out in the report presented.

- endorsed the Academic Board's approval of the proposal from the Faculty of Medicine to amend the Master of Medicine, the Graduate Diploma in Medicine and the Graduate Certificate in Medicine (Topic) and to delete the Master of Medicine (Topic), the Master of Medicine (Topic) (Honours) and the Graduate Diploma in Medicine (Topic); approved the amendment of the Resolutions of Senate relating to the Degrees, Diplomas and Certificates in the Faculty of Medicine and relating to the Master of Medicine, the Graduate Diploma in Medicine and the Graduate Certificate in Medicine (Topic); and approved the rescission of the Resolutions of Senate relating to the Master of Medicine (Topic), the Master of Medicine (Topic) (Honours) and the Graduate Diploma in Medicine (Topic) with effect from 1 January 2008, as set out in the report presented.

**(e) Faculty of Nursing and Midwifery**

- endorsed the Academic Board's approval of the proposal from the Faculty of Nursing and Midwifery to introduce the Doctor of Midwifery; approved the amendment of the Resolutions of the Senate relating to Degrees, Diplomas and Certificates in the Faculty of Nursing and Midwifery; and approved the introduction of the Resolutions of the Senate relating to the course with effect from 1 January 2008, as set out in the report presented.

- endorsed the Academic Board's approval of the proposal from the Faculty of Nursing and Midwifery to introduce the Doctor of Nursing; approved the amendment of the Resolutions of the Senate relating to Degrees, Diplomas and Certificates in the Faculty of Nursing and Midwifery; and approved the introduction of the Resolutions of the Senate relating to the course with effect from 1 January 2008, as set out in the report presented.

**(f) Sydney Conservatorium of Music**

- endorsed the Academic Board's approval of the proposal from the Sydney Conservatorium of Music to amend the Bachelor of Music Studies/Bachelor of Medicine and Bachelor of Surgery; approved the introduction of Resolutions of Senate relating to the course with effect from 1 January 2008, as set out in the report presented.

- endorsed the Academic Board's approval of the proposal from the Sydney Conservatorium of Music to replace the Bachelor of Arts/Bachelor of Music Studies with the Bachelor of Music Studies/Bachelor of Arts; (b) approved the amendment of the Resolutions of Senate relating to Degrees, Diplomas and Certificates in the Sydney Conservatorium of Music; approved the introduction of the Resolutions of Senate relating to the Bachelor of Music Studies/Bachelor of Arts with effect from 1 January 2008, as set out in the report presented.

- endorsed the Academic Board's approval of the proposal from the Sydney Conservatorium of Music to introduce the Doctor of Musical Arts; approved the amendment of the Resolutions of the Senate relating to Degrees, Diplomas and Certificates in the Sydney Conservatorium of Music, and approved the introduction of Resolutions of Senate relating to the course with effect from 1 January 2008, as set out in the report presented.

**(g) noted reports on:**

- Minor course amendments

- Amendments to policies
- Other items

**Recommendation**

*The Academic Board note the report of the Chair of the Academic Board on academic matters considered by Senate at its meeting of 6 August 2007.*

**6.2 Honours and Distinctions**

I am pleased to report the following honours and distinctions and recommend the Academic Board extend its congratulations to the recipients:

**2007 Federation Fellowships:**

**Professor Hugh Durrant-Whyte, Faculty of Engineering and Information Technologies**

**Professor Ben Eggleton, Faculty of Science**

**Professor Huw Price, Faculty of Arts**

**Dr Joss Bland-Hawthorn, Faculty of Science**

**Dr Peter Waterhouse, Faculty of Science**

**2007 Vice-Chancellor's Awards for Outstanding Teaching**

**Associate Professor David Easdown, School of Mathematics and Statistics, Faculty of Science.** Associate Professor Easdown's is an outstanding teacher who is committed to enhancing teaching practice by sharing his pedagogical philosophy.

**Professor Michael Jackson, Discipline of Government and International Relations, Faculty of Economics and Business.** Professor Jackson demonstrates an ongoing commitment to learning and teaching with a clear approach to outstanding teaching.

In the early career award category:

**Dr Susan Thomas, Department of English, Faculty of Arts**

Dr Thomas possesses a clearly defined high level pedagogical philosophy which is evidenced by glowing comments from her students.

**2007 Vice-Chancellor's Awards for Support of the Student Experience**

**Dr Janet Jones, Dr Angela Ardington, Ms Helen Bonanno, Mr Peter O'Carroll and Ms Karen Scouller.** GRADFEST: Supporting the Postgraduate Research Student Experience

GRADFEST is a unique program developed by the Learning Centre which supports the whole postgraduate research student experience and provides students with the opportunity to engage in the wider postgraduate community across the University.

**Associate Professor Scott Kable, Dr Simon Barrie, Dr Adrian George and Mr Justin Read,** Advancing Chemistry by Enhancing Learning in Laboratory (ACELL).

The ACELL project has found an effective and innovative way to motivate student learning in a laboratory environment by bringing students and staff together to collaborate on designing laboratory activities.

**Dr Imke Tammen, Professor Frank Nicholas, Dr Merran Govendir and Mrs Peta Phillips**, Improving the postgraduate research student experience in the Faculty of Veterinary Science.

The Postgraduate Research Training Plan implemented by the Faculty of Veterinary Science has influenced a dramatic improvement of the postgraduate research experience in the Faculty where postgraduates no longer feel isolated and marginalised but consider themselves as 'being part of the Faculty Culture'.

### **2007 Vice-Chancellor's Awards for Higher Degree Supervision**

**Professor Alex Frino, Faculty of Economics and Business**

**Associate Professor Robyn Ewing, Faculty of Education and Social Work**

### **2007 Carrick Citations for Outstanding Teaching**

**Dr Donna O'Connor, Faculty of Education and Social Work**

For specialist expertise in the unique design and outstanding implementation of an innovative M.Ed course resulting in a diverse learning environment that promotes student engagement.

**Mr John Baguley, Dr Christine Hawke, Dr Susan Matthew, Miss Melanie Robson and Mr Frederico Costa, Faculty of Veterinary Science**

For the development of authentic, varied and rigorous assessment procedures that foster independent and lifelong learning in veterinary professional environments.

**Dr Janette Bobis, Faculty of Education and Social Work**

For empowering students to learn and to teach mathematics with understanding through inspirational teaching approaches and innovative embedded assessment practices.

**Ms Jill Kelton and Miss Nadia Bradley, Faculty of Economics and Business**

Enhancing the overall student experience by building a lasting sense of belonging and engagement through a Faculty-based postgraduate peer mentoring program.

**Dr Lynn Carson, Faculty of Economics and Business**

For sustained, innovative approaches to teaching that create democratic environments, within and beyond the university, which spark student's democratic imagination and inspire lifelong, active citizenship.

**Mrs Joanne Elliott and Professor David Handelsman, Faculty of Medicine**

For creating a unique opportunity for undergraduate students to experience genuine biomedical research in a state-of-the-art research environment with world class researchers.

**Ms Jacqueline Hicks, University Library**

For specialised expertise in supporting the diverse learning and information literacy needs of students across a range of subject areas and candidature levels.

**Professor Ian Hickie, Faculty of Medicine**

Awarded a \$4 million Australia Fellowship from the NHMRC.

**Professor Ben Eggleton, Faculty of Science**

Awarded the 2007 Pawsey Medal by the Australian Academy of Science for his research in optical device physics and photonics.

**Associate Professor Alexandra Barratt, Faculty of Medicine**

Awarded the 2007 Pfizer Eureka Prize for Health and Medical Research Journalism (for the second year running) for her two-part radio series *Facing the Evidence*.

**Professor Terry Carney, Faculty of Law**

Recognised by the International Academy of Law and Mental Health for his distinguished presidency from 2005 to 2007.

**Professor Ron McCallum, Faculty of Law**

Recipient of the 2007 Queen's University Alumni award.

**Professor Harry Poulos, Faculty of Engineering**

Recipient of the 2007 Middlebrooks Award from the American Society of Civil Engineers.

**Sydney Law School Jessup Team, Faculty of Law**

Recipients of the 2007 Dillard Award.

**Recommendation**

*That 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.*

**6.3 General Report**

**6.3.1 University of Sydney (Academic Governance) Rule 2003 (as amended) B11-B14**

A number of amendments are proposed to the *University of Sydney (Academic Governance) Rule 2003 (as amended)* regarding the elected student membership of the Academic Board. These amendments are detailed in the attached report.

**Recommendation**

*That the Academic Board recommend Senate approve the amendments to the University of Sydney (Academic Governance) Rule 2003 (as amended), with immediate effect, as set out in the report presented.*

**6.3.2 Membership of the Academic Board**

Since the last meeting of the Academic Board, the Dean of the Faculty of Education and Social Work has been appointed to the position of Acting Deputy Provost (Learning and Teaching) and Pro Vice-Chancellor in a full-time capacity. This has led to Associate Professor Robyn Ewing's appointment as Acting Dean of the Faculty of Education and Social Work. With this appointment, she becomes ineligible to act in the role of Chair of the Board's Learning and Teaching Committee.

The Deputy Chair of the Learning and Teaching Committee, Associate Professor Greg Ryan from the Faculty of Pharmacy, had agreed to act in the capacity of Chair of the Committee until the end of this year. While he has been elected to serve as a representative of the Faculty of Pharmacy on the Academic Board for 2008 and 2009, he is not currently a member of the Academic Board.

The Chair proposes that Associate Professor Ryan be co-opted to the Academic Board until 31 December 2007 to allow him to act as Chair of the Learning and Teaching Committee for this period.

**Recommendation**

*That the Academic Board endorse the Chair's proposal to co-opt Associate Professor Greg Ryan to membership of the Academic Board under clause 5.1.7 of the University of Sydney (Academic Governance) Rule 2003 for a term expiring 31 December 2007.*

**6.3.3 Identifying and Supporting Students at Risk**

The Chair will give an oral report on this item at the meeting.

**Recommendation**

*That the Academic Board note the Chair's report on "Identifying and Supporting Students at Risk".*

**6.3.4 University College Sydney Academic Planning Committee**

At its meeting of 18 April 2007, the Academic Board approved the terms of reference and membership for the University College Sydney Academic Planning Committee.

The Chair seeks the Academic Board's approval to make the following amendments to the terms of reference and the membership of the Committee:

*Terms of Reference*

1. The College Academic Planning Committee (Committee) will advise the College CEO and report to and take advice from the Academic Board of the University of Sydney.
2. The Committee will:
  - a. Establish priority-setting principles used to identify, plan and evaluate ~~undergraduate and graduate~~ the College's academic programs;
  - b. Develop policies and criteria to establish, approve and review programs, activities and community partnerships;
  - c. Identify high quality learning and teaching opportunities on all degree pathways, including
    - i. student placements and international outreach activities,
    - ii. curricular approaches that promote course access and allow students to engage in long-range career planning,
    - iii. alignment of curricular and co-curricular program and services;
  - d. Oversee development of program proposals, having regard to the academic and managerial elements of such proposals;
  - e. Until self-accreditation is achieved, submit proposals to

- i. Relevant authorities for accreditation and
  - ii. The Academic Board for consideration both of academic quality and articulation;
- f. Liaise with the Admissions Sub-Committee of the Academic Board regarding development of admissions pathways;
  - g. Initiate regular reviews of academic quality of College programs;
  - h. Advise on academic aspects of staffing; and
  - i. Report to the CEO and the Academic Board on any matter referred to it by the CEO, the Academic Board or the Vice-Chancellor.

*Membership*

College CEO or nominee (Chair): Professor Andrew Gonczi

Chair, Academic Board or nominee (Deputy Chair): Professor Bruce Sutton

Professor Stephen Garton

Professor David Day

Professor Gwynnyth Llewellyn

~~Mr Geoff Pearman~~ Mr John Shipp

Representative of Graduate Studies Committee: Associate Professor Peter McCallum

Representative of Undergraduate Studies Committee: Dr Carole Comerton-Forde

Representative of Academic Board, not a Dean: Dr Peter Knight

Ex-officio:

Professor Ann Brewer

Natalie Conyer

***Recommendation***

*That the Academic Board approve the amendments to the University College Sydney Academic Planning Committee terms of reference and membership, as set out in the report presented.*

**6.3.5 Actions taken on behalf of the Academic Board**

Under the authority delegated to him in the *University of Sydney (Doctor of Philosophy (PhD)) Rule 2004* (specifically clause 13.4.1 of that Rule), the Chair has approved a request from the Faculty of Science to allow the early submission of a PhD thesis. The Chair has approved that the thesis in question be submitted eleven months early.

***Recommendation***

*That the Academic Board note the Chair's approval of a request from the Faculty of Science to allow the early submission of a PhD thesis, as set out in the report presented.*

## Student Membership of the Academic Board

### **Background**

In 2001, the Academic Board undertook a major external review of its operations, which led to the formation of the current Academic Board under the terms of the *University of Sydney (Academic Governance) Rule 2003* (as amended). Among the amendments made to the structure of the Academic Board, was a major increase in the number of elected student representatives from one undergraduate and one postgraduate student to six undergraduate students, three postgraduate coursework students and three postgraduate research students. When the *Academic Governance Rule* was first drafted, this extended membership was expressed in terms of representing one of the three (then existing) Colleges.

An unintended consequence of this change was to make the process for electing students more complicated and more restrictive than had previously been the case. There have been unfilled vacancies in student membership since the introduction of the *Academic Governance Rule* as a result.

In 2006, following the dissolution of the Colleges, the definition of the student membership of the Academic Board was revised to remove the reference to the Colleges. Amendments were also made to simplify the processes for electing students.

It is now proposed that a further amendment be made to the definition of student membership to allow for the election of one student representative from each faculty and the Board of Studies in Indigenous Studies. This will see a further increase in the number of elected student members on the Academic Board from twelve to seventeen. It will also more closely align the election of student members to the Academic Board to the election of student members of faculties and boards of studies.

In addition to these proposed amendments to the *Academic Governance Rule* it is also proposed that amendments be made to the Resolutions of Senate relating to the Student Membership of the Faculties, College Boards and Boards of Studies. These amendments will provide for faculty elections to be held as early as possible in Semester 2 of each year, and for any vacancies following the elections to be filled as rapidly as possible. The current processes allow vacancies to exist until the end of March in the year following the election, which has a deleterious effect on the conduct of elections of student representatives to the Academic Board.

Lastly, there are some numbering errors in the existing document, and it is proposed that these also be amended.

### *Proposed amendments*

It is proposed that Section 5.1.5 of the *University of Sydney (Academic Governance) Rule 2003* (as amended) which states:

- 5.1.5 the following elected student members:
  - 5.1.5.1 three postgraduate coursework students elected by and from the postgraduate coursework student members of the Faculties and Boards of Studies with no more than one from any faculty;
  - 5.1.5.2 three postgraduate research students elected by and from the postgraduate research student members of the Faculties and Boards of Studies with no more than one from any faculty; and

- 5.1.5.3 six undergraduate students elected by and from the undergraduate student members of the Faculties and Boards of Studies with no more than one from any faculty;

be replaced with the following wording:

- 5.1.5 the following elected student members:  
5.1.5.1 one representative of each faculty, college and board of studies, elected by and from the student members of the relevant faculty, college and board of studies (as per the electorates defined in the Resolutions of Senate: "Student membership of the faculties, college boards and boards of studies");

In addition, section 19.1.5 is to be amended as follows:

- 19.1.5 In the case of nominations for election as an ~~undergraduate, postgraduate coursework or postgraduate research~~ a student member, it is acceptable for ~~either one or both~~ of the nominators must ~~to~~ be enrolled as a student at the University of Sydney, ~~but otherwise ineligible for election, provided that the nominator is enrolled in the same faculty, college or board of studies as the nominee.:~~
- ~~19.1.5.1 as an undergraduate student if nominating an undergraduate candidate,~~  
~~19.1.5.2 as a postgraduate coursework student if nominating a postgraduate coursework candidate, and~~  
~~19.1.5.3 as a postgraduate research student if nominating a postgraduate research candidate.~~

and section 34.2 is to be amended as follows:

- 34.2.1 If a casual vacancy occurs in the office of any elected student member, then that vacancy must be filled by the candidate at the immediately preceding election who was the last candidate to be excluded, and who remains eligible to be elected.
- 34.2.2 If:  
34.2.2.1 a casual vacancy cannot be filled according to Rule 34.2.1; or  
34.2.2.2 there are no ~~insufficient~~ nominations for ~~any category of student members,~~  
then that vacancy or position must be filled by a student, who is not already a member of the Academic Board, on the nomination of the relevant dean or chair of the board of studies ~~Provost~~, who may ~~must~~ ~~first~~ consult with the Presidents of ~~(as the case may be)~~ the Students' Representative Council ~~or~~ and the Sydney University Postgraduate Representative Association.
- 34.2.3 If a casual vacancy or position cannot be filled according to Rule 34.2.2, then the position shall remain vacant until it can be filled for the remainder of the term according to Rule 34.2.1 or 34.2.2 [as the case may be].  
*Explanatory note:* This Sub-Rule is designed to enable more than one attempt to fill a casual vacancy or position while the relevant term of office remains current.

A new section 14 is to be inserted as follows, with the existing clauses 14 to 34 to be renumbered:

**13. Procedural requirements**

All elections to the Academic Board and for the Chair must be carried out according to the procedure set out in this Part 5.

**14. Timing of elections**

**14.1 Elected academic staff members**

The election of the elected academic staff members of each faculty and college board to the Academic Board shall be held in second semester of every alternate year (i.e. the last semester prior to the end of the term of office of such members), and will normally be scheduled to run in conjunction with the election of elected student members of each faculty, college board and board of studies (as per the Resolutions of Senate: "Student membership of the faculties, college boards and boards of studies").

**14.2 Student members**

The election of the elected student member of each faculty, college board and board of studies to the Academic Board shall be held in second semester of each year, following the election of students to faculties, college boards and boards of studies (as per the Resolutions of Senate: "Student membership of the faculties, college boards and boards of studies").

**14.3 Chair of the Academic Board**

The election of the Chair of the Academic Board shall be held in second semester of every alternate year (i.e. the last semester prior to the end of the term of office of the Chair of the Academic Board), following the election of the academic staff members and the student members of the Academic Board as per sections 14.1 and 14.2 above.

*Student Membership of the Faculties, College Boards and Boards of Studies*

The following amendments are to be made to the Resolutions of Senate relating to the Student Membership of the Faculties, College Boards and Boards of Studies:

**Timing of elections**

**2.1** Except as provided in section 3.2, the election of the elected student members of each Faculty, College Board and Board of Studies shall be held in second semester of each year, and the notice of election will be given by the end of Week 4 of the second semester at the latest.

**2.2** The Registrar may, at his or her discretion, allow elections to be run at a later date in second semester than that given in section 2.1.

**Insufficient nominations**

6.1 Where an insufficient number of nominations has been received for a position of elected student member of a faculty, college board or a board of studies that position may be filled by appointment by the dean of the faculty, director of the college or the chairperson of the board of studies concerned of a duly qualified student after consultation with any other students who have been elected or appointed to that faculty, college board or board of studies for the term of office in question and, where such exists, the council, committee or executive of the society or association representative of the students enrolled in that faculty or college or under that board of studies.

6.2 Where the appointment of a student member of a faculty, college board or board of studies following the provisions for consultation prescribed in section 6.1 has not been made before 31 ~~October~~ ~~March~~, the dean, director or chairperson at his or her discretion may appoint a duly qualified student or direct that the position remain vacant.

### **Associated Amendments**

The following amendments to the *University of Sydney (Academic Governance) Rule 2003* (as amended) are proposed to correct numbering and other errors in the current document:

#### **5.3 When membership ceases**

A person ceases to be a member of the Academic Board if that person at any time during their term of office:

- 5.3.1 resigns from the Academic Board;
- 5.3.2 in the case of a member holding office under Rule 5.1.1, 5.1.2 or 5.1.3, no longer holds the relevant position;
- 5.3.3 in the case of an academic staff member elected under Rule 5.1.4 ~~or 5.1.5~~, ceases to be:
  - 5.3.3.1 an academic staff member; or
  - 5.3.3.2 an academic staff member in the category for which that person was elected (for example, if that person transfers to another Faculty);
- 5.3.4 in the case of a student member elected under Rule 5.1.5~~6~~, is no longer enrolled as a student;
- 5.3.5 is absent from three consecutive ordinary meetings of the Academic Board and is not, within 6 weeks of the last of those meetings, excused for his or her absence; or
- 5.3.6 dies.

#### **6. Terms of office**

##### **6.1 Elected academic staff members**

All academic staff members elected pursuant to Rule 5.1.4 ~~and 5.1.5~~ hold office for a term of 2 years from 1 January in the year immediately following the year of their election.

##### **6.2 Student members**

All student members elected pursuant to Rule 5.1.5~~6~~ hold office for a term of 1 year from 1 January in the year immediately following the year of their election.

#### **34.1 Elected Academic Staff members**

34.1.1 If a casual vacancy occurs in the office of any elected academic staff member of the Academic Board [other than in the office of the Chair], then that vacancy must be filled by the candidate at the immediately preceding election who was the last candidate to be excluded, and who remains eligible to be elected.

34.1.2 If:

- 34.1.2.1 a casual vacancy cannot be filled according to Rule 34.1.1; or
- 34.1.2.2 there are insufficient nominations for any category of academic staff members,

then the Academic Board may fill that vacancy or position by appointing a person from the relevant Faculty who is eligible to be elected to that category of members, after first consulting with the relevant Dean ~~or Pro-Vice-Chancellor (as the case may be)~~.