



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 28 February 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

21 February 2007

AGENDA

Pages

★ 1. **Apologies**
Apologies have been received from:

★ 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 13 December 2006**

Appendix A
A1-A14

Recommendation

The Academic Board adopt the minutes of the previous meeting held on 13 December 2006 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 5 February 2006** B1
- Recommendation**
The Academic Board note the report of the Chair of the Academic Board on academic matters considered by Senate at its meeting of 5 February 2006.
- 5.2 **Honours and Distinctions** B1-B2
- 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 **Self-Review of the Academic Board** B2
- Recommendation**
That the Academic Board note the report of the Chair of the Academic Board relating to the Self-Review of the Academic Board, as set out in the report presented.
- 5.3.2 **Student Appeals** B2-B3
- Recommendation**
That the Academic Board note the report of the Chair of the Academic Board on student appeals, as set out in the report presented.
- 5.3.3 **Students at Risk** B3
- Recommendation**
That the Academic Board note the Chair's report on the Students at Risk policy, as set out in the report presented.
- 5.3.4 **Actions taken under Delegated Authority** B3
- Recommendation**
That the Academic Board note the report of the Chair of the Academic Board on actions taken under delegated authority since the Academic Board meeting of 13 December 2006, as set out in the report presented.
- 5.3.5 **Academic Board Membership** B3-B4
- Recommendation**
That the Academic Board endorse the Chair's nomination of Professor Robyn Overall to membership of the Academic Board under clause 5(4)(f) of the University of Sydney (Academic Governance) Rule 2003 for a term expiring 31 December 2007.

- ★ 6. **Report of the Vice-Chancellor and Principal** **Appendix C**
6.1 **Report on Senate Matters**
6.1.1 **Report of the Senate meeting held on 5 February 2007** C1

Recommendation

That the Academic Board note the report of the Vice-Chancellor and Principal on matters considered by Senate at its meeting held on 5 February 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. **Review of Honours at the University of Sydney** **Appendix D**

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.*

9. **Report of the Undergraduate Studies Committee** **Appendix E (supp. agenda)**
(Associate Professor Scott Kable)

- ★ 9.1 **Oral report of the Chair**

Recommendation

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

- 9.2 **Report of the meeting held on 20 February 2007** *supp. agenda*
9.2.1 **Proceedings of the Committee**

Recommendation

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

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

Appendix F

★ **10.1 Oral report of the Chair**

Recommendation

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

10.2 Report of the meeting held on 13 February 2007

F1-F4

10.2.1 Amendment of the Resolutions of the Senate and Faculty

(1) Faculty of Arts

F1

Recommendation

That the Academic Board:

- (1) *recommend that Senate approve:*
 - (a) *the rescission of the Resolutions of the Senate relating to the postgraduate degrees, diplomas and certificates in the Faculty of Arts, and*
 - (b) *the adoption of new Resolutions of the Senate relating to these courses, made pursuant to the University of Sydney (Coursework) Rule 2000, and*
- (2) *note the Resolutions of the Faculty relating to these courses, made pursuant to the University of Sydney (Coursework) Rule 2000; and*
- (3) *approve the faculty requirements relating to admission, units of study, the pass degree, combined degrees, specially designated streams and award of the degree,*
with effect from 1 January 2007, as set out in the report presented.

(2) Faculty of Economics and Business

F1-F2

Recommendation

That the Academic Board:

- (1) *recommend that Senate approve:*
 - (a) *the rescission of the Resolutions of the Senate relating to the postgraduate degrees, diplomas and certificates in the Faculty of Economics and Business, and*
 - (b) *the adoption of new Resolutions of the Senate relating to these courses, made pursuant to the University of Sydney (Coursework) Rule 2000, and*
- (2) *note the Resolutions of the Faculty relating to these courses, made pursuant to the University of Sydney (Coursework) Rule 2000; and*
- (3) *approve the faculty requirements relating to admission, units of study, the pass degree, combined degrees, specially designated streams and award of the degree,*
with effect from 1 January 2007, as set out in the report presented.

10.2.2 Report from Faculties

(1) Faculty of Health Sciences : Units of Study

F2

Recommendation

That the Academic Board note the unit of study information supplied by the Faculty of Health Sciences.

10.2.3 Proceedings of the Committee

F2-F3

Recommendation

That the Academic Board note the proceedings of the Graduate Studies Committee meeting held on 13 February 2007, as set out in the report presented.

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

Appendix G

★ **11.1 Oral report of the Chair**

Recommendation

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

11.2 Report of the meeting held on 13 February 2006

G1-G18

11.2.1 Academic Board Faculty Reviews

(1) Faculty Progress Reports

G1, G4-G18

Recommendation

The Academic Board note the Faculty Progress Reports from the Faculty of Architecture, Design & Planning and the Sydney College of the Arts, as set out in the report presented.

(2) Timing of Board Faculty Reviews and Professional Accreditation Reviews

G1, G4-G

Recommendation

That the Academic Board note the need for alignment of Academic Board Faculty Reviews and professional accreditation reviews.

11.2.2 Proceedings of the Committee

G1-G3

Recommendation

That the Academic Board note the proceedings of the Learning and Teaching Committee meeting held on 13 February 2007, as set out in the report presented.

- 12. Report of the Research and Research Training Committee** **Appendix H**
(Professor Robyn Overall)
- ★ **12.1 Oral report of the Chair**
- Recommendation**
That the Academic Board note the report of the Chair of the Research and Research Training Committee.
- 12.2 Report of the meeting held on 6 February 2007** **H1-H23**
12.2.1 PhD Award Sub-Committee: Terms of Reference **H1, H3-H4**
- Recommendation**
That the Academic Board note the proceedings of the Research and Research Training Committee meeting held on 6 February 2007, as set out in the report presented.
- 12.2.2 Commercialisation Training Scheme** **H1, H5-H23**
- Recommendation**
That the Academic Board note the proceedings of the Research and Research Training Committee meeting held on 6 February 2007, as set out in the report presented.
- 12.2.3 Proceedings of the Committee** **H1-H2**
- Recommendation**
That the Academic Board note the proceedings of the Research and Research Training Committee meeting held on 6 February 2007, as set out in the report presented.
- 13. Report of the Academic Staffing Committee** **Appendix I**
(Professor Chris Murphy)
- ★ **13.1 Oral report of the Chair**
- Recommendation**
That the Academic Board note the report of the Chair of the Academic Staffing Committee.
- 13.2 Report of the meeting held on 14 February 2007** **I1-I4**
13.2.1 Recruitment and Selection of Academic Staff **I1**
- Recommendation**
That the Academic Board note:
- (1) *the Academic Staffing Committee's concerns regarding current recruitment practices for academic positions; and*
 - (2) *that the Chair of the Academic Board will in turn raise these concerns with the Provost and Deputy Vice-Chancellor.*

13.2.2 Promotion of NH&MRC and ARC Fellows

11-12

Recommendation

That the Academic Board recommend to the Provost and Deputy Vice-Chancellor that nothing in the promotion policy should be interpreted as preventing NH&MRC and ARC Fellows from participating in the existing University promotion procedures, as set out in the report presented.

13.2.3 Terms of Reference

12-14

Recommendation

That the Academic Board approve the amended terms of reference for the Academic Staffing Committee, as set out in the report presented.

13.2.4 Proceedings of the Committee

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Recommendation

That the Academic Board note the proceedings of the Academic Staffing Committee meeting held on 14 February 2007, as set out in the report presented.

14. General Business

Appendix J

14.1 Report of the Level E Promotions Committee

J1-J3

Recommendation

That the Academic Board note the report of the Level E Promotions Committee, as set out in the report presented.

14.2 Appointment of members of the Student Proctorial Panel

supplementary agenda

Recommendation

That the Academic Board appoint members of the Student Proctorial Panel, as set out in the report presented.