

AGENDA ITEM 12

Report of the Research and Research Training Committee

12.1 Report of the Research and Research Training Committee meeting held on 19 June 2007

The Committee met on 19 June 2007 when there were present: The Chair (Professor R Overall) presiding, Professors C Armour, M Behnia, M Crossley, T Hambley, A Masri, K Refshauge, B Sutton, A Vickers and N Weber, Associate Professors E Cowley, M Crock, M Halliwell, J Kril and P McCallum, Drs A Ammit, D Cabrera, S Goodwin and K Nelson and Ms M Fairskye and Ms J Leong. Professor J Lawler was present by phone. Ms M Kemmis and Mr J Shipp were in attendance.

12.1.1 Proposals for New and Amended Courses**12.1.1.1 Sydney Conservatorium of Music: Doctor of Musical Arts**

H5-H9

The Sydney Conservatorium of Music is proposing to introduce a new postgraduate research degree, the Doctor of Musical Arts. The course is designed to meet the need for a professional doctorate in music performance, in particular the need to prepare musicians to participate in the professional research culture of a university environment, and thus the course will combine high level performance with rigorous scholarship and writing.

The full proposal (as part of the agenda) is available on the website at: http://sydney.edu.au/ab/committees/oldcom/rrtc/2007_agendas.shtml

The Committee raised a number of issues regarding the proposal and it was agreed that the following amendments would be made:

- Clarification of satisfactory progress through the research units of study; and
- Coursework units of study and annual performances are to be assessed as items for which the student must meet requirements but the award of the degree is to be linked to the examination of the thesis.

Recommendation

That the Academic Board:

- (i) *approve the proposal from the Sydney Conservatorium of Music for the introduction of a new degree, the Doctor of Musical Arts;*
- (ii) *recommend that Senate:*
 - (a) *endorse the introduction of the new degree,*
 - (b) *approve the amendment of the Resolutions of the Senate relating to Degrees, Diplomas and Certificates in the Sydney Conservatorium of Music, and*
 - (c) *approve the new Resolutions of Senate relating to the course; and*
- (iii) *note the introduction of the new Faculty Resolutions relating to the course*

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

12.1.1.2 Faculty of Health Sciences: Doctor of Health Science

H10-H12

The Faculty of Health Sciences has recently reviewed the Doctor of Health Science, and proposes making a range of minor changes to the course with regard to admission, work experience, presentation of research, credit transfer and theses containing published work.

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Recommendation

That the Academic Board:

- (i) *approve the proposal from the Faculty of Health Sciences to amend the Doctor of Health Science, and*
 - (ii) *approve the amendment of the Faculty Resolutions relating to the course*
- from 1 January 2008, as set out in the report presented.*

12.1.1.3 Faculty of Nursing and Midwifery

(1) Doctor of Midwifery

H13-H18

The Faculty of Nursing and Midwifery is proposing to introduce a new postgraduate research degree, the Doctor of Midwifery. This degree is designed to meet the market for professionals wishing to formalise their research in a professional doctorate.

The full proposal (as part of the agenda) is available on the website at: http://sydney.edu.au/ab/committees/oldcom/rrtc/2007_agendas.shtml

The Committee raised a number of issues regarding the proposal and it was agreed that the following amendments would be made:

- The use of two examiners was noted as being consistent with the resolutions for the Doctor of Juridical Studies in the Faculty of Law, but the Dean of Graduate Studies recommended that both be external to meet RTS-funding requirements;
- The research component is to be 66% of the course (i.e. 2 years FTE) to meet RTS/IGS funding requirements;
- The requirements for the degree would be simplified to 48 credit points of coursework units of study plus research leading to a thesis; and
- Further detail was to be included in the resolutions on satisfactory progress.

Recommendation

That the Academic Board:

- (i) *approve the proposal from the Faculty of Nursing and Midwifery for the introduction of a new degree, the Doctor of Midwifery;*
 - (ii) *recommend that Senate:*
 - (a) *endorse the introduction of the new degree, and*
 - (b) *approve the amendment of the Resolutions of the Senate relating to Degrees, Diplomas and Certificates in the Faculty of Nursing and Midwifery, and*
 - (iii) *note the introduction of the new Faculty Resolutions relating to the course*
- from 1 January 2008, as set out in the report presented.*

(2) Doctor of Nursing

H13-H14, H19-H22

The Faculty of Nursing and Midwifery is proposing to introduce a new postgraduate research degree, the Doctor of Nursing. This degree is designed to meet the market for professionals wishing to formalise their research in a professional doctorate.

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Recommendation

That the Academic Board:

- (i) *approve the proposal from the Faculty of Nursing and Midwifery for the introduction of a new degree, the Doctor of Nursing;*
 - (ii) *recommend that Senate:*
 - (a) *endorse the introduction of the new degree, and*
 - (b) *approve the amendment of the Resolutions of the Senate relating to Degrees, Diplomas and Certificates in the Faculty of Nursing and Midwifery, and*
 - (iii) *note the introduction of the new Faculty Resolutions relating to the course*
- from 1 January 2008, as set out in the report presented.*

12.1.2 Submission of Theses Containing Published Work

The Committee noted that the Academic Board had approved the request from the Faculty of Medicine to vary the requirements for submission of a thesis containing published work with respect to one candidate. In approving the request the Academic Board had also asked the Committee to consider whether the policy should be amended to allow for future variations in similar cases.

Members discussed at length the possibility of amending the policy to allow faculties to waive the requirements in exceptional circumstances. However the Committee concluded that any such variation should be assessed by the Research and Research Training Committee on a case-by-case basis. Accordingly, the Committee recommends that the policy "Submission of Doctor of Philosophy Theses Containing Published Work" be amended as follows:

- (4) For the purposes of (3) above, the Academic Board will accept a signed written statement from all authors of a work attesting to the contribution of the candidate as evidence to satisfactorily identify the sections of the work for which the candidate is responsible. Where it is impractical or not possible to contact all the authors, the relevant Faculty may request that the Research and Research Training Committee waive this requirement.

Recommendation

That the Academic Board approve the amendment to the policy "Submission of Doctor of Philosophy Theses Containing Published Work", as set out in the report presented.

12.1.3 Proceedings of the Committee

(1) Report of the Chair

The Chair reported to members on the following matters:

- approval of the deferment of public availability of a higher degree thesis; and
- formation of a Working Party to look at English language competence across the University.

(2) Report of the Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Research)

The Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Research) provided members with information on the introduction of the Vice-Chancellor's Research scholarships and the addition of further University Postgraduate Awards, as well as the launching of a new website to provide information to potential PhD students and track student queries and responses.

(3) Report of the University Librarian

The University Librarian spoke to the Committee regarding the University's work in the following areas:

- collecting and advising academics on bibliometric data in preparation for the RQF; and
- an upcoming forum on e-research to be held in conjunction with the Research Office.

(4) Other Reports

The Committee also noted:

- the report of the PhD Award Sub-Committee meetings held by circulation in April and May 2007; and
- the report of the Academic Board meeting of 30 May 2007.

Amendments to the Resolutions of the Senate

Degrees, diplomas and certificates in the Sydney Conservatorium of Music

The Resolutions of the Senate relating to degrees, diplomas and certificates in the Sydney Conservatorium of Music (p 311, *Calendar 2007*) are amended, with effect from 1 January 2008, as follows (additions indicated by underlined, deletions indicated by strikethrough):

DEGREES, DIPLOMAS AND CERTIFICATES IN THE SYDNEY CONSERVATORIUM OF MUSIC

1. *The degrees in Music shall be:*

- 1.1 Bachelor of Music (BMus)
- 1.2 Bachelor of Music Studies (BMus Studies)
- 1.3 Bachelor of Arts/Bachelor of Music Studies (BA/BMus Studies)
- 1.4 Master of Music (Composition) (MMus(Comp))
- 1.5 Master of Music (Musicology) (MMus(Musicol))
- 1.6 Master of Music (Performance) (MMus (Perf))
- 1.7 Master of Music (Music Education) (MMus(MusEd))
- 1.8 Master of Music (Applied Research in Music Performance)
(MMus(AppResMusPerf))
- 1.9 Master of Applied Science (Music Performance)
(MAppSc(MusPerf))
- 1.10 Master of Music Studies (Performance) (MMusStudies(Perf))
- 1.11 Master of Music Studies (Pedagogy) (MMus Studies (Ped))
- 1.12 Master of Music Studies (Opera) (MMusStudies(Opera))
- 1.13 Master of Music Studies (Creative Sound Production) (MMus
Studies (CrSoundProd))
- 1.14 Doctor of Musical Arts (DMA)
- 1.15 Doctor of Philosophy (PhD)

Resolutions of the Senate

Doctor of Musical Arts

The Resolutions of the Senate relating to the Doctor of Musical Arts in the Sydney Conservatorium of Music are inserted, with effect from 1 January 2008, as follows:

Doctor of Musical Arts

1. Requirements for the Doctor of Musical Arts

1.1 To qualify for the award of the Doctor of Musical Arts a student must:

1.1.1 complete successfully a program of supervised research leading to a substantial public performance and a thesis; and

1.1.2 complete successfully coursework units of study giving credit for a total of 48 credit points; and

1.1.3 satisfy the requirements of all other relevant By-laws, Rules and Resolutions of the University.

Resolutions of the Faculty

Sydney Conservatorium of Music

The Faculty Resolutions relating to the Doctor of Musical Arts in the Sydney Conservatorium of Music are inserted, with effect from 1 January 2008, as follows:

Doctor of Musical Arts

1. Admission

1.1 Except as provided in part 9, Section 47 of the University of Sydney (Amendment) Act Rule 1999 as amended, an applicant for admission to candidature shall:

1.1.1 submit with the application a research proposal satisfactorily addressing criteria specified by the Faculty and which, in the opinion of the Faculty, is appropriate for study at the doctoral level; and

1.1.2 successfully perform at an audition in the principal study receiving a minimum audition mark of 80%; and

1.1.3. hold one of the following degrees:

1.1.3.1 Bachelor of Music (Performance), or the degree of Bachelor in a related area of study, from the University of Sydney, or equivalent institution, with first or second class (first division) honours; or

1.1.3.2 Master of Music (Performance) from the University of Sydney, or the degree of Master by research in a related area from the University of Sydney, or equivalent institution, with a weighted average mark of at least 75% for the performance research components including at least Distinction for the final written research component, or equivalent published research-based work of a substance and standard acceptable to the Faculty; or

1.1.3.3 Master of Music Studies, by coursework, from the University of Sydney, or the degree of Master by coursework in a related area from the University of Sydney, or equivalent institution, and with a weighted average mark of at least 80% in the degree; and

1.1.4 complete any additional qualifying courses prescribed by the Faculty.

1.2 The Faculty may, in accordance with Part 9, section 47 of the University of Sydney (Amendment Act) Rule 1999 (as amended), admit as a candidate for the degree an applicant holding qualifications which, in the opinion of the Faculty, are equivalent to those prescribed in subsection 1.1.3 and such candidate shall proceed to the degree under such conditions as the Faculty may prescribe.

2. Probationary admission and conditions of candidature

2.1 Candidates admitted pursuant to Section 1 above will be admitted on a probationary basis for one year and:

2.1.1 during the first full-time year of candidature, or its part-time equivalent, successfully complete the required coursework units of study, obtaining a weighted average mark of 75% for all these units of study; and

2.1.2 at the end of the first complete year of candidature, or its part-time equivalent, attend an annual review interview during which he or she will present and defend as required a research plan for the following two years, or the part-time equivalent, which extends the research proposal submitted in the candidate's original application for admission.

2.2 Subject to the fulfilment of the requirements specified in Section 2.1 to the satisfaction of the Faculty, the candidature for the degree of Doctor of Musical Arts will be confirmed.

3. Supervision

3.1 Candidates will be appointed a supervisory team consisting of a Supervisor and Associate Supervisor(s); and

3.1.1 a performance teacher, who may be the Supervisor or Associate Supervisor, or may be in addition to the Supervisor and Associate Supervisor(s).

4. Method of progression

A candidate for the degree shall proceed by advanced coursework and research in accordance with Section 6 and as described in the Sydney Conservatorium of Music Handbook.

5. Units of Study

The units of study which are prescribed for the award of the Doctor of Musical Arts are set out in the Sydney Conservatorium of Music Handbook.

6. Requirements for the award of the Doctor of Musical Arts

6.1 Candidates shall, unless otherwise permitted by the Faculty:

6.1.1 successfully complete coursework units of study giving credit for a total of 48 credit points and in accordance with the specifications in the Sydney Conservatorium of Music Handbook; and

6.1.2 present performances and at research seminars in accordance with the specifications in the Sydney Conservatorium of Music Handbook.

6.1.3 successfully complete a program of supervised research leading to a substantial public performance and a thesis of 25,000-30,000 words, both of which shall be an original contribution to the field concerned and in accordance with the specifications in the Sydney Conservatorium of Music Handbook.

7. Examination of the research

7.1 A candidate shall notify the Faculty in writing of his or her intention to present the final public performance and his or her intention to submit the thesis three months prior to the date of the performance or submission of the thesis, whichever is the earlier.

7.2 The procedures for examination of the research incorporating both final performance and thesis shall be as prescribed by the Academic Board for the degree of Doctor of Philosophy; and

7.3.1 the performance shall be recorded and presented to the examiners for examination together with the thesis; and

7.3.2 where possible the examiners will also attend the performance.

7.4 The designated Faculty Officer shall report the result of the examination of the final public performance and thesis to the Faculty, which shall then make a recommendation in accordance with the resolutions of the Academic Board on the Examination of the Doctor of Philosophy.

8. Satisfactory Progress

8.1 At the end of each year each candidate shall provide evidence of progress and attend a progress review interview to the satisfaction of the Faculty.

8.2. If a candidate fails to submit evidence of progress or if the Faculty considers that the evidence submitted does not indicate satisfactory progress, the Faculty may call upon that candidate to show cause why that candidature should not be terminated by reason of unsatisfactory progress towards completion of the degree and where, in the opinion of the Faculty, the candidate does not show good cause the Faculty may terminate that candidature or may impose conditions on the continuation of that candidature.

9. Time limits

9.1 A candidate may proceed on either a full-time or on a part-time basis:

9.1.2 A full-time candidate shall not submit a thesis for examination earlier than at the end of six semesters of candidature from the date of first enrolment and, unless otherwise determined by Faculty, not later than at the end of eight semesters of candidature from the date of first enrolment;

9.1.3 Notwithstanding the provisions of subsection 9.1.2, the Faculty may, on the recommendation of the supervisor and the program coordinator, permit a candidate to submit a thesis for examination up to one semester earlier than prescribed if, in the opinion of Faculty, evidence has been produced that the candidate has made exceptional progress in

his or her candidature;

9.1.4 A candidate whose candidature has been part-time throughout shall submit the thesis for examination not earlier than at the end of eight consecutive semesters of candidature;

9.1.5 Subject to section 11, the Faculty may permit a candidate to submit the thesis for examination after a period of time greater than the maximum periods specified provided that an acceptable, formal written request is made;

9.1.6 The earliest and latest dates for completion of requirements for award of the degree shall be adjusted for those candidates wishing to proceed on a part-time basis following their admission to candidature on a full-time basis, and vice versa;

9.1.7 Time spent by a candidate in advanced study before admission to candidature at the University of Sydney, or another University, or at another institution which may be deemed by the Faculty to be equivalent, may be deemed by the Faculty to be time spent after such admission.

10. Suspension of candidature

10.1 A candidate must be enrolled in each semester in which he or she is actively completing the requirements for the award. A candidate who wishes to suspend his or her candidature must first obtain approval in writing from the Faculty.

10.2 The candidature must be deemed to have lapsed where a candidate has not re-enrolled in accordance with subsection 10.1 and has not obtained written approval from the Faculty for suspension of the candidature.

10.3 A candidate whose candidature has lapsed must apply in writing to the Faculty for re-admission. If re-admitted to candidature, the candidate shall complete the degree requirements under such conditions as may be determined by the Faculty and shall proceed under such by-laws, rules and resolutions as prevail at the time of the re-enrolment.

10.4 Except where the Faculty determines otherwise in any particular case, a candidate who re-enrols after a suspension of candidature for any period shall proceed under the by-laws and resolutions in force at the time of re-enrolment.

11. Lapse of candidature

11.1 Unless the Faculty otherwise determines in any particular case, candidature will be deemed to have lapsed if a candidate has:

11.1.1 not completed all the requirements for award of the degree in accordance with Section 6; or

11.1.2 not re-enrolled for the degree as required in accordance with Section 10.

11.2 A candidate whose candidature has been deemed to have lapsed in accordance with subsection 10.2 shall not be permitted to re-enrol as a candidate for the degree unless again selected for admission.

12. Application of Rules

12.1 Where no specific intention of the Faculty appears in these resolutions in respect of any matters affecting or governing any aspect of a candidature, these resolutions shall be subject to the provisions of the Rules, resolutions and by-laws specified in Section 1 of the Resolutions of the Senate governing the degree; and

12.2 In any case where the provisions of these Rules, resolutions and by-laws might equally apply, the provisions of the Coursework Rule shall apply to coursework components of the degree and the PhD Rule shall apply to the research components of the degree.

Amendments to the Resolutions of the Senate

Doctor of Health Science

The Resolutions of the Senate relating to the Doctor of Health Science in the Faculty of Health Sciences (pp 249-250, *Calendar 2007*) are amended, with effect from 1 January 2008, as follows (additions indicated by underlined, deletions indicated by strikethrough):

Doctor of Health Science

1. Admission to Candidature

1.1 *General admission requirements*

1.1.1 An applicant for admission to candidature shall:

1.1.1.1 apply in writing to the Dean; and

1.1.1.2 submit with the application an outline of the proposed course of advanced study and research, including the general area of the proposed thesis.

1.1.2 Subject to the approval of the supervisor, head of academic unit, and the Dean, a candidate shall pursue the program of advanced study and research either:

1.1.2.1 within the University including research stations and teaching hospitals;

1.1.2.2 on fieldwork either in the field or in libraries, museums or other repositories;

1.1.2.3 within industrial laboratories or research institutions or other institutions considered by the Faculty to provide adequate facilities for that candidature; or

1.1.2.4 within a professional working environment.

1.1.2.4.1 A candidate shall be regarded as engaging in work within the University if he or she is undertaking approved distance and/or off-campus study, this being a mode of study in which the student would not be in regular physical attendance on a designated campus of the University.

1.1.3 An applicant for admission to part-time candidature, in addition to the above, shall also submit with the application a written undertaking that the applicant will:

1.1.3.1 have sufficient time available to complete the requirements for the degree in accordance with these Senate Resolutions, and within the maximum time period prescribed in section 8 of these Resolutions, and

1.1.3.2 be able to attend the University at such time and on such occasions for the purposes of consultation and participation in prescribed academic and educational activities, as may be required on the recommendation of the Dean, Pro-Dean, Associate Dean (graduate research) or head of academic unit in which the research is being supervised.

1.1.4 An applicant may be admitted to candidature in the off-campus mode as either a full-time or part-time candidate and will comply with the above regulations.

1.1.5 A candidate pursuing candidature outside Australia must also complete a cumulative minimum period of two semesters of candidature within the University.

1.2 *Admission to candidature by the Faculty*

1.2.1 The Dean may admit an applicant to candidature for the degree if:

1.2.1.1 the candidate's application complies with the general requirements in section 1.1 above, and

1.2.1.2 the applicant holds or has fulfilled the requirements for:

1.2.1.2.1 the degree of Bachelor with First or Second Class Honours from the University of Sydney, or

1.2.1.2.2 an undergraduate degree deemed to be equivalent to that in 1.2.1.2.1, or

1.2.1.2.3 the degree of Master by research from the University of Sydney, or

1.2.1.2.4 the degree of Master by coursework from the University of Sydney with a credit average of at least 70 , or

1.2.1.2.5 a postgraduate degree deemed to be equivalent to either that in 1.2.1.2.3 or

1.2.1.2.4; and

1.2.1.3 the applicant normally has a minimum of three years' recent, full-time experience in the health field or equivalent

1.3 *Admission to candidature by the Academic Board*

1.3.1 On the recommendation of the Faculty of Health Sciences the Academic Board may admit to candidature for the degree an applicant whose application complies with section 1.1 above and who:

1.3.1.1 possesses such qualifications as a deemed equivalent to those described in section 1.2; and

1.3.1.2 is recommended by the Faculty of Health Sciences as being suitably prepared to pursue graduate studies at this level.

2. Studies during the candidature

2.1 Except with the permission of Faculty, candidates will pursue an approved course of advanced study and research comprising a total of 144 credit points as follows:

2.1.1 postgraduate units of study at a grade level as prescribed by Faculty of which no more than 48 credit points can be credited towards the award; and

2.1.2 a thesis and doctoral seminar program together worth 96 credit points.

2.1.2.1 During candidature, In the doctoral seminar program students will be expected to present make three presentations on their research colloquia (one of which should be external to the University) to their peers. Normally, these would be in the form of a thesis proposal and two 'work in progress' seminars, one of which might be analogous to an oral defence of the nearly-completed thesis.

2.1.2.2 Candidates must complete a thesis of 60,000 words (or equivalent) investigating a specific aspect or specific aspects of either their own and/or others' professional practice within the course of advanced study and research approved by Faculty.

2.2.1 An applicant applying for credit transfer will have:

2.2.1.1 satisfied the admission criteria listed above; and

2.2.1.2 demonstrated a high level of competency in the completed graduate coursework for which credit transfer is requested.

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2.2.3 Approval for credit transfer will be granted by the Higher Degree Research Subcommittee Graduate Studies Committee of the Faculty of Health Sciences on the recommendation of the Subdean (Graduate Research) ~~relevant head of the academic unit.~~

2.2.4 In exceptional circumstance up to a maximum of 48 credit points (the coursework component of the degree) may be granted as credit transfer.

3. Supervisors – appointment

3.1 The Faculty, on the recommendation of the Head of Academic Unit concerned, shall appoint a suitably qualified supervisor for each candidate:

3.1.1 to take primary responsibility for the conduct of the candidature; and

3.1.2 to be responsible for the progress of the candidature to the Head of Academic Unit concerned and the Faculty.

3.2 The Faculty, on the recommendation of the Head of Academic Unit concerned, shall normally appoint one or more associate supervisors for each candidate to assist in the supervision of that candidate.

4. Supervisors qualifications

4.1 A person appointed as a supervisor must be either:

4.1.1 a member of the academic staff;

4.1.2 a member of the senior research staff;

4.1.3 a person upon whom the Senate has conferred an academic title or a clinical academic title; or

4.1.4 such other member of the staff of the University as may be considered appropriate in a particular case by the Graduate Studies Committee.

4.2 A person appointed as an associate supervisor must:

4.2.1 hold the qualifications referred to in section 4.1; or

4.2.2 have been appointed as an honorary associate of the University; or

4.2.3 have been appointed as an associate supervisor within the Faculty by the Dean.

5. Progress

5.1 At the end of each year each candidate shall provide evidence of progress to the satisfaction of the supervisor and Head of Academic Unit concerned and any Unit or Faculty Postgraduate Review Committee.

5.2.1 On the basis of evidence provided, the Head of Academic Unit shall recommend the conditions of candidature to apply for the following year; and

5.2.2 may require the candidate to provide further evidence of progress at the end of one semester or such other period as the Head of Academic Unit considers appropriate.

5.3 If a candidate fails to submit evidence of progress or if the Head of Academic Unit concerned considers that the evidence submitted does not indicate satisfactory progress:

5.3.1 the Faculty may, on the Head's recommendation, call upon the candidate to show cause why that candidature should not be terminated by reason of unsatisfactory progress towards completion of the degree: and

5.3.2 where, in the opinion of the Faculty, the candidate does not show good cause, the Faculty may:

5.3.2.1 terminate that candidature; or

5.3.2.2 impose conditions on the continuation of that candidature

6. The thesis

6.1 The candidate shall present a thesis of 60,000 words (or equivalent), which shall be a substantial and original contribution to the subject concerned.

6.2 ~~The thesis shall carry a value of 96 credit points.~~ The candidate shall state, generally in the preface and specifically in notes, the sources from which the information is derived, the animal and human ethical approvals obtained, the extent to which the work of others has been made use of, and the portion of the work the candidate claims as original.

6.3 A candidate may submit as partly or substantially a part of the thesis any publication of which the candidate is the sole or joint author. IN such a case the candidate must produce evidence to identify satisfactorily the sections of the work for which the candidate is responsible.

6.4 The candidate shall state:

6.4.1 the sources from which the information is derived;

6.4.2 the extent to which the work of others has been made use of; and

6.4.3 the portion of the work that the candidate claims as original.

6.5 The topic of the thesis shall be approved by Faculty.

6.6.1 The dean, on the recommendation of the Head of Academic Unit, shall appoint a supervisor who shall be a member of the academic staff of the Faculty.

6.6.2 In appropriate cases the Dean may appoint an associate supervisor.

6.7 A candidate may not present as the thesis any work which has been presented for a degree at this or any other university, but the candidate will not be precluded from incorporating such work in the thesis, provided that, in presenting the thesis, the candidate indicates the part of the work which has been incorporated.

6.8 A candidate shall submit to the Registrar four copies of the thesis in a form prescribed by the Faculty.

6.9 The thesis shall be accompanied by a certificate from the supervisor stating whether, in the supervisor's opinion, the form of presentation of the thesis is satisfactory.

6.10 When the degree has been awarded, a copy of the thesis incorporating any required emendations and revisions shall be lodged in the University Library.

7. Examination process

7.1 The HScD examination process will be conducted according to the procedures for the PhD.

8. Time limits

8.1 Subject to section 1.1 a candidate may proceed either on a full-time or part-time basis.

8.2 Except in special circumstances and with the approval of the Dean all candidates shall complete a minimum of six semesters of candidature taken over a period of time and in such manner as approved by the Dean.

Amendments to the Resolutions of the Senate

Degrees, diplomas and certificates in the Faculty of Nursing and Midwifery

The Resolutions of the Senate relating to degrees, diplomas and certificates in the Faculty of Nursing and Midwifery (p 269, *Calendar 2007*) are amended, with effect from 1 January 2008, as follows (additions indicated by underlined, deletions indicated by strikethrough):

DEGREES, DIPLOMAS AND CERTIFICATES IN THE FACULTY OF NURSING AND MIDWIFERY

1. The degrees in the Faculty of Nursing and Midwifery shall be:
 - 1.1 Bachelor of Nursing (BN)
 - 1.2 Bachelor of Nursing (Honours) (BN (Hons))
 - 1.3 Bachelor of Nursing (Indigenous Australian Health) (BN(IAH))
 - 1.4 Master of Cancer Nursing (MCaN)
 - 1.5 Master of Cancer Nursing (Honours) (MCaN (Hons))
 - 1.6 Master of Clinical Education (MClinEd)
 - 1.7 Master of Clinical Education (Honours) (MClinEd (Hons))
 - 1.8 Master of Clinical Nursing (MClinN)
 - 1.9 Master of Clinical Nursing (Honours) (MClinN (Hons))
 - 1.10 Master of Emergency Nursing (MEmergN)
 - 1.11 Master of Emergency Nursing (Honours) (MEmergN (Hons))
 - 1.12 Master of Gerontic Nursing (MGerN)
 - 1.13 Master of Gerontic Nursing (Honours) (MGerN (Hons))
 - 1.14 Master of Intensive Care Nursing (MIntCarN)
 - 1.15 Master of Intensive Care Nursing (Honours) (MIntCarN (Hons))
 - 1.16 Master of Mental Health Nursing (MMHlthN)
 - 1.17 Master of Mental Health Nursing Honours (MMHlthN (Hons))
 - 1.18 Master of Midwifery (MMid)
 - 1.19 Master of Midwifery Research (MMidRes)
 - 1.20 Master of Midwifery Research (Honours) (MMidRes (Hons))
 - 1.21 Master of Nursing (MN)
 - 1.22 Master of Nursing (Honours) (MN (Hons))
 - 1.23 Master of Nursing Research (MNRes)
 - 1.24 Master of Nursing Research (Honours) (MNRes (Hons))
 - 1.25 Master of Philosophy (Nursing) (MPhil(Nurs))
 - 1.26 Doctor of Midwifery (DM)
 - 1.27 Doctor of Nursing (DN)
 - 1.28 Doctor of Philosophy (PhD)

Resolutions of the Senate

Doctor of Midwifery

Doctor of Nursing

The Resolutions of the Senate relating to the Doctor of Midwifery and the Doctor of Nursing in the Faculty of Nursing and Midwifery are inserted, with effect from 1 January 2008, as follows:

Doctor of Midwifery

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Resolutions of the Faculty

Faculty of Nursing and Midwifery

The Faculty Resolutions relating to the Doctor of Midwifery in the Faculty of Nursing and Midwifery are inserted, with effect from 1 January 2008, as follows:

Doctor of Midwifery

Section 1

1. Admission

- 1.1 Applicants for admission to candidature for the course, Doctor of Midwifery shall:
 - 1.1.1 normally hold a recognised masters degree in nursing with a minimum 10,000 word written component; or
 - 1.1.2 an Australian honours degree in nursing with second class honours or better; or
 - 1.1.3 a qualification equivalent to an honours or masters degree; or
 - 1.1.4 demonstrate a high level of achievement equivalent to 1.1.1, 1.1.2 or 1.1.3; and
 - 1.1.5 possess professional practice experience of not less than five years.
- 1.2 Applicants shall:
 - 1.1.2 submit with their application an outline of the proposed course of advanced study and research including:
 - 1.1.2.1 the area of proposed research
 - 1.1.2.2 proposals for any practicum; and
 - 1.1.2.3 proposals for related coursework units of study.
 - 1.3 An applicant for admission to part-time candidature shall submit with the application a written undertaking that the applicant will:
 - 1.3.1 have sufficient time available to complete the requirements for the degree in accordance with section 13 of these resolutions; and
 - 1.3.2 be able to attend at the University at such times and on such occasions for purposes of consultation and participation in Faculty activities, as may be required.

2. Units of study

- 2.1 Units of study are set out on the Faculty website.

3. Requirements for the Doctor of Midwifery

- 3.1 Except with the permission of the Faculty, a candidate will pursue an approved course of advanced study, professional practice and research in the following manner;
 - 3.1.1 complete successfully coursework and research leading to a thesis including;
 - 3.1.1.1 a minimum of 48 credit points of coursework units of study with at least one unit of study dealing with research methods appropriate to the research proposal; and
 - 3.1.2 a thesis of approximately 50,000 words (or equivalent) in length investigating a specific aspect of professional practice; and
 - 3.1.3 complete successfully all requirements for the degree within the maximum calendar time allowed; and
 - 3.1.4 satisfy the requirements of all other relevant By-laws, Rules and Resolutions of The University of Sydney.

4. Award of the Doctor of Midwifery

- 4.1 The Doctor of Midwifery shall be awarded in one grade only, namely the Pass certificate.

Section 2

5. Details of units of study

- 5.1 Refer to the Faculty website.

6. Enrolment in more/less than minimum load

- 6.1 Candidates who have shown significant academic ability may, at the discretion of the Dean, be allowed to undertake more than the prescribed 24 credit points per semester.

6.2 Candidates who can demonstrate good reason as to why they should be allowed to undertake less than 12 credit points in any one semester may, at the discretion of the Dean, be permitted to do so.

7. Cross-institutional study

7.1 Candidates enrolled in the Doctor of Midwifery may have credit granted on the basis of work completed at another university or institution as part of a program of cross-institutional study, but may not exceed 18 credit points.

8. Restrictions on enrolment

8.1 In considering an application for admission to candidature the Faculty will select in preference applicants who are most meritorious in terms of the admission criteria.

9. Discontinuation of enrolment

9.1 A student who has discontinued candidature or whose candidature is deemed to have lapsed must apply for re-admission in accordance with the current procedures for new applicants to the degree.

10. Suspension of enrolment

10.1 Suspension of candidature is only applicable in cases of hardship or activities on the part of the student that are of national or state importance/are of a significant nature.

10.2 Examples of hardship may be illness or financial difficulties. Activities of a significant nature may be the inclusion of the student on a national sporting team, orchestra, etc that requires him/her to travel extensively for a specific period of time.

10.3 The granting of a suspension of candidature is at the discretion of the Dean.

10.4 Suspension of candidature will be for a minimum of one semester and a maximum of two semesters and may be granted only once during the certificate, diploma or degree.

10.5 In cases where a suspension of candidature is not granted, students may be required to discontinue their studies and follow the procedures for re-enrolment after an absence.

11. Re-enrolment after an absence

11.1 There is no automatic right of re-entry. Students who wish to be considered for re-enrolment need to fulfil the following conditions:

11.1.1 lodge an application by the date advised by the Faculty in the year prior to that in which re-enrolment is sought;

11.1.2 attach a current academic transcript (progress status is contingent upon an absence of not more than two years from the course); and

11.1.3 ensure that outstanding debts with the University and/or show cause requirements are attended to before submission of the application (applications cannot be considered until financial obligations and show cause requirements are completed).

11.2 Applications will be considered in conjunction with all other applications by students applying under these conditions prior to the commencement of the academic year in which the student wishes to enrol.

12. Satisfactory progress

12.1 The Board of Studies shall have the power to resolve on satisfactory progress and progression in individual cases.

12.2 All Doctor of Nursing students admitted to the degree are to be subjected to a review after their first year of candidature, regardless of the status of their candidature.

12.2.1 Candidates shall provide evidence of progress to the satisfaction of the supervisor and the Associate Dean (Academic) and any review committee constituted by the Faculty.

12.2.1.2 On basis of the evidence provided, the Associate Dean (Academic) shall recommend the conditions of candidature to apply for the following year; and

12.2.1.3 may require the candidate to provide further evidence of progress at the end of one semester or such other period as the Associate Dean (Academic) recommends to the Board of Studies as appropriate.

12.2.1.4 If a candidate fails to submit evidence of progress or if the Board of Studies considers that the evidence submitted does not indicate satisfactory progress;

12.2.1.5 the Board of Studies may, on the recommendation of the Associate Dean

- (Academic), call upon the candidate to show cause why that candidature should not be terminated by reason of unsatisfactory progress towards completion of the degree; and
- 12.2.1.6 where, in the opinion of the Board of Studies, the candidate does not show good cause the Board may either terminate the candidature or impose conditions on the continuation of candidature.
- 12.3 Those students admitted to the degree on a probationary basis are required to be subjected to a review at the end of the specified probationary period.
- 12.4 The satisfactory completion of this probationary period requires:
- 12.4.1 successful completion of any specified coursework;
- 12.4.2 presentation of a seminar on their project;
- 12.4.3 a supportive letter from the student's supervisor related to the student's ability to complete a project of appropriate scope and nature; and
- 12.4.4 a supportive recommendation from the Associate Dean (Academic) on the basis of the supervisor's advice, the student's performance and progress towards completion.
- 12.5 The Board also resolved that the requirements of this probationary review must be communicated in writing to the candidate in their offer of admission letter.
- 13. Time limits**
- 13.1 Candidates enrolled in the Doctor of Nursing shall complete the course in a minimum of six semesters for full-time students and 12 semesters for part-time students.
- 13.2 The maximum time limit for completion will be eight semesters for full-time students and 16 semesters for part-time students and includes any time spent away from the course including exclusion.
- 14. Credit for previous studies**
- 14.1 Credit may be granted for up to 18 credit points in the coursework component of the Doctor of Midwifery.
- 14.2 The Faculty may grant credit for the whole or any part of a period of candidature undertaken for the degrees of Master of Philosophy (Nursing), Doctor of Philosophy, Doctor of Health Services Management or Doctor of Midwifery provided that:
- 14.2.1 the candidate has abandoned candidature for the degree for which credit is sought; and
- 14.2.2 the period of candidature for which credit is sought:
- 14.2.2.1 involved a course of advanced study and research related to the candidate's proposal for the Doctor of Midwifery; and
- 14.2.2.2 was taken within five years immediately preceding the candidature of Doctor of Midwifery.
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- 15.1 The candidate shall present either:
- 15.1.1 a thesis of approximately 50,000 words in length, which shall be a substantial and original contribution to the subject concerned in which the candidate shall state:
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 - 15.5 As part of the candidature, candidates may be required to present at research seminars.
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- 16. Appointment of examiners**
- 16.1 The Faculty will appoint two examiners, both of whom will be external to the University.
 - 16.2 All other examination procedures will be in accordance with the Resolutions of the Academic Board relating to the degree of Doctor of Philosophy.

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