

AGENDA ITEM 13

Report of the Research and Research Training Committee

13.2 Report of the Research and Research Training Committee meeting held on 6 November 2007

The Committee met on 6 November 2007 when there were present: The Chair (Professor R Overall) presiding, Professors C Armour, M Crossley, T Hambley, A Masri, K Refshauge and N Weber, Associate Professors A Bashford, M Halliwell, J Kril, P McCallum and S West, Drs J Bobis and M Caldwell, and Mr J Clegg, Mr W Dawson and Ms M Fairskye. Associate Professor A Brew, Dr T Peseta and Ms M Kemmis were in attendance.

13.2.1 Proposals for New and Amended Courses**13.2.1.1 Faculty of Economics and Business: Master of Philosophy in Economics***pages G3-G4*

The Faculty of Economics and Business is proposing to amend the Resolutions of the Senate relating to the Master of Philosophy in Economics to standardise terminology and format, in line with Academic Board templates.

As per the recent Humanities and Social Sciences Review, the Discipline of Government and International Relations and the Discipline of Political Economy will transfer from the Faculty of Economics and Business to the Faculty of Arts in 2008. As a result, the Master of Philosophy of these two Disciplines will be relinquished by the Faculty of Economics and Business to the Faculty of Arts.

The full proposal can be found at the Committee's website: http://sydney.edu.au/ab/committees/oldcom/rrtc/2007_agendas.shtml

Recommendation

That the Academic Board:

- (1) *approve the proposal from the Faculty of Economics and Business to amend the Master of Philosophy in Economics;*
- (2) *recommend that Senate:*
 - (a) *endorse the Academic Board's approval of the proposal; and*
 - (b) *approve the amendment of the Resolutions of Senate relating to the course,*

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

13.2.2 Proceedings of the Committee**(1) Research Higher Degree Supervision Development Program**

Associate Professor A Brew and Dr T Peseta from the Institute of Teaching and Learning presented a report on the Research Higher Degree Supervision Development Program. The full report can be found at the Committee's website: http://sydney.edu.au/ab/committees/oldcom/rrtc/2007_agendas.shtml

(2) Report of the Chair

The Chair reported to the Committee on the following matters:

- the approval of the admission to candidature, and appointment of examiners for, higher doctorate candidates in the Faculty of Medicine and the Faculty of Veterinary Science;
- the approval of a request from the Faculty of Science to defer the public availability of a thesis for a period of twelve months;
- recent meetings of the English Language Competency Working Party;

- recent meetings of the Academic Pathways to Research Training Working Group; and
- the establishment of a working party to review the University's research policies in light of the new Australian Code for the Responsible Conduct of Research.

(3) Reports of the Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Research) and the Director, Research Office

The Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Research) and the Director of the Research Office reported to the Committee regarding the outcome of the recent ARC and NHMRC funding rounds for 2007.

(4) Other Reports

The Committee also noted:

- the report of the PhD Award Sub-Committee meeting held on 2 October 2007;
- the report of the Academic Board meeting of 10 October 2007; and
- the schedule of meeting dates for the Committee in 2008.

Amendment of Resolutions of the Senate

Faculty of Economics and Business

The Resolutions of the Senate relating to the Master of Philosophy in Economics in the Faculty of Economics and Business (pp 216-217, *Calendar* 2007) are amended, with effect from 1 January 2008, as follows (additions indicated by underlined, deletions indicated by strikethrough):

Master of Philosophy in Economics and Business

1. Award of the degree

1.1 The degree of Master of Philosophy in Economics and Business shall be awarded in one grade only.

2. Eligibility for admission

2.1 An application for admission to candidature for the degree of Master of Philosophy in Economics and Business shall, except as provided for in Part 9, section 47 of the *University of Sydney (Amendment Act) Rule 1999*, be a graduate of the University of Sydney with first-class or second-class (division 1) honours in the area of study in which the candidate intends to undertake the degree.

3. Areas of study

3.1 There shall be one area of study for the degree in each of the Disciplines located within the Faculty:

3.1.1 Accounting

3.1.2 Business Law

3.1.3 Business Information Systems

3.1.4 Econometrics and Business Statistics

3.1.5 Economics

3.1.6 Finance

3.1.7 Government and ~~International Relations~~ Public Administration

3.1.8 International Business

3.1.9 International Security Studies

~~3.1.8~~ 10 Work and Organisational Studies

~~3.1.9~~ 11 Marketing

~~3.1.10~~ Political Economy

~~3.1.11~~ 12 Transport and Logistics Studies

~~3.1.12~~ International Business

4. Method of progression

4.1 An applicant for admission to candidature for the degree of Master of Philosophy in Economics and Business shall proceed by thesis.

4.2 A candidate may be required to complete additional work as specified by the Postgraduate Research Coordinator or the Supervisor.

5. Credit

5.1 It may be deemed that time spent or work done towards any other postgraduate degree in the University of Sydney by a candidate before admission to candidature for the degree of Master of Philosophy in Economics and Business to be time spent or work done after admission, provided that the candidate has ceased to be a candidate for the other degree.

6. Probationary admission

6.1 A candidate may be accepted by the Faculty on a probationary basis for a period not exceeding 12 months and, on completion of this probationary period, the Faculty shall review the candidate's work and shall either confirm the candidate's status or terminate the candidature.

6.2 In the case of a candidate being accepted on a probationary basis, the candidature shall be deemed to have commenced from the first date of the probationary period.

7. Time limits

7.1 A candidate shall engage in the University of Sydney either in full-time study for not less than three semesters or in part-time study for not less than six semesters.

7.2.1 A full-time candidate shall complete the requirements for the degree within two years from the date of first enrolment.

7.2.2 In exceptional circumstances the Faculty may consider extending this period by one further semester.

7.3.1 A part-time candidate shall complete the requirements for the degree within four years from the date of first enrolment.

7.3.2 In exceptional circumstances this period may be extended by two further semesters.

8. Supervision and progress

8.1.1 A full-time member of the academic staff of the relevant discipline shall be appointed to act as supervisor of the candidate.

8.1.2 An associate supervisor may also be appointed.

8.2 Postgraduate Research Coordinator shall report to the Faculty the thesis or essay subject approved in respect of each candidate.

8.3 The Faculty will assess the candidate's progress toward the completion of the requirements of the degree on an annual basis.

9. Requirements for the degree

9.1 A candidate shall carry out an original investigation on a topic approved by the Faculty and write a thesis of up to 50,000 words embodying the result of this investigation.

9.2 A candidate shall lodge with the Registrar three copies of the thesis.

9.3.1 The thesis may be submitted for examination in a temporary binding which should nonetheless be strong enough to withstand ordinary handling and postage.

9.3.2 The degree will not, however, be awarded until the candidate has caused at least two copies of the thesis, containing any amendments or corrections that may be required, to be bound in permanent form.

9.4 A 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.

9.5 The candidate shall state in the thesis, generally in a preface, and specifically in notes, the sources from which the information was derived, the extent to which the work of others has been used, and the portions of the thesis claimed as original.

9.6 The candidate shall not lodge as the thesis any work previously submitted for a degree of this or any other university, but as such work may be incorporated in the thesis, provided that the candidate indicates the work so incorporated.

10. Examination

10.1 The Faculty shall appoint at least two examiners for the thesis, of whom one would normally be external.

10.2 The examiners shall report to the Faculty which shall determine the result of the examination.

10.3 The Faculty shall ensure that the result is in accordance with University policy as stipulated in the University's publication Postgraduate Studies Handbook.

11. Termination

11.1 The Faculty may call upon any 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, terminate the candidature.