



## Academic Board Agenda

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### SUPPLEMENTARY AGENDA for the meeting on Wednesday 21 November 2007

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- ★ 1. **Apologies**  
Apologies have been received from:  
Professor D Armstrong, Associate Professors R Drynan, H Irving, W Julian and R Taylor, and Drs M Boughton, J Kelly, J Shaw and K-C Wong, and Mr V Ghazavi, Ms J Mooney and Mr C Ritchie.
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*That the Academic Board:*  
(1) *endorse the Chair's approval of a request from the Faculty of Pharmacy to amend the admission requirements for the Master of Pharmacy, and*  
(2) *note the Chair's approval of the early submission of a thesis for the Master of Philosophy in Economics as set out in the report presented.*
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*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 November 2007.*

Members are asked to note the amended recommendation for the following item:

- 10. Report of the Undergraduate Studies Committee** **Appendix D**  
**10.2 Report of the meeting held on 23 October 2007** **D1-D7**  
**10.2.1 Amendment to Resolutions of Senate**  
**10.2.1.1 Faculty of Health Sciences: Bachelor of Health Sciences and Bachelor of Health Sciences (Honours)** **D1, D3**

**Recommendation**

*That the Academic Board:*

- (1) *approve the proposal from the Faculty of Health Sciences to amend the Bachelor of Health Sciences; Bachelor of Health Sciences Honours,*
- (2) *recommend that Senate:*
  - (a) *endorse the Academic Board's approval of the proposal to amend these courses; and*
  - (b) *approve the amendment of the Resolutions of Senate relating to the list of degrees, diplomas and certificates in the Faculty of Health Sciences, and the rescission of the Resolutions of Senate relating to the courses,*

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

- 14. Report of the Academic Staffing Committee** **6-7, separate attachment**  
(Professor Chris Murphy)

★ **14.1 Oral report of the Chair**

**Recommendation**

*That the Academic Board note the report of the Chair of the Academic Staffing Committee.*

- 14.2 Report of the meeting held on 24 October 2007** **6-7, separate attachment**  
**14.2.1 Nomenclature for Research-only Staff** **6-7, separate attachment**

**Recommendation**

*That the Academic Board endorse the proposed nomenclature for research-only staff as set out in the report presented.*

- 14.2.2 Proceedings of the Committee** **6**

**Recommendation**

*That the Academic Board note the proceedings of the Academic Staffing Committee meeting held on 24 October 2007, as set out in the report presented.*

## AGENDA ITEM 6 Report of the Chair

### 6.1 Report on Senate Matters

#### 6.1.1 Report on the Senate meeting held on 5 November 2007

Senate, at its meeting on 5 November 2007, on the report of the Academic Board meeting held on 10 October 2007:

- (1) noted the Academic Board resolution on Academic Honesty at the University of Sydney.
- (2) Faculty of Arts:  
endorsed the Academic Board's approval of the proposal from the Faculty to amend the Master of Peace and Conflict Studies, Graduate Diploma in Peace and Conflict Studies and Graduate Certificate in Peace and Conflict Studies, with effect from 1 January 2008.
- (3) Faculty of Economics and Business:  
endorsed the Academic Board's approval of the proposal from the Faculty to introduce the combined Master of Commerce/Master of Professional Accounting degree; approved the amendment of the Resolutions of Senate relating to the Degrees, Diplomas and Certificates in the Faculty, the Master of Commerce and the Master of Professional Accounting; 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.
- (4) Faculty of Nursing and Midwifery:
  - endorsed the Academic Board's approval of the proposal from the Faculty to amend the Master of Philosophy (Nursing); and approved the rescission of the existing Resolutions of Senate relating to the course and the insertion of new Resolutions of Senate, with effect from 1 January 2008, as set out in the report presented.
  - noted that the item on the Bachelor of Nursing (Indigenous Australian Health) was withdrawn by Professor Sutton, on the basis of further advice from the Faculty.
- (5) noted reports on Minor course amendments and Amendments to policies.

#### **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 November 2007.*

#### 6.3.2 Actions taken on behalf of the Academic Board

In addition to the item outlined in the Chair's Report (Appendix B, pages B1-B2), the Chair has also approved a request from the Faculty of Economics and Business to allow the early submission of a thesis for the Master of Philosophy in Economics. The thesis in question is being submitted one semester earlier than the minimum time limit for the degree and the application has been approved on the basis of the candidate has shown exceptional progress in the degree.

#### **Recommendation**

*That the Academic Board:*

- (1) *endorse the Chair's approval of a request from the Faculty of Pharmacy to amend the admission requirements for the Master of Pharmacy, and*
- (2) *note the Chair's approval of the early submission of a thesis for the Master of Philosophy in Economics*  
*as set out in the report presented.*

## AGENDA ITEM 7

### Report of the Vice-Chancellor and Principal

#### 7.1 Report on Senate Matters

##### 7.1.1 Report on the Senate meeting held on 5 November 2007

Senate, at its meeting held on 5 November 2007:

- (1) resolved to admit the following retired member of the academic staff to the degree of Master of Science *ad eundem gradum*: Associate Professor Robert Batterham; and to admit the following retired members of the academic staff to the degree of Master of Arts *ad eundem gradum*: Professor Gary Trompf, Dr Anthony Miller, Dr Simon Petch, Emeritus Professor Bettina Cass AO and Emeritus Professor J Richard Green.
- (2) agreed that it deplored the treatment of the academics in the Workplace Research Centre, and reaffirmed the University's Charter of Academic Freedom.
- (3) approved the University Common Seal being generated digitally thereby enabling the Seal to be applied during the printing of testamurs as opposed to being applied manually.
- (4) appointed the Hon Mr Trevor Morling QC and the Hon Mahla Pearlman AO as Chairs of the University's Student Proctorial Boards, the term to conclude on 31 March 2008.
- (5) noted the schedule of dates for the 2008 graduation ceremonies approved by the Registrar under delegated authority; gave authority to the Chancellor, the Deputy Chancellor, the Vice-Chancellor and Principal, the Chair of the Academic Board and the Pro-Chancellors to admit to the appropriate degree or degrees, and to award the appropriate diploma or diplomas at these ceremonies to, those who have qualified for degrees and diplomas concerned and whose names appear in the printed lists contained in the official programs; and gave authority to the Registrar to change the disciplines to be presented at any ceremony or the scheduled time of any ceremony, after appropriate consultation with the faculties, colleges and boards of studies concerned and after appropriate notice to the graduands concerned.
- (6) recorded its formal appreciation for and note in detail the contribution made by retiring student Fellows of Senate Ms Rose Jackson and Dr Norman W Chan.
- (7) noted the reports and congratulated Mr Angus McFarland on his election as a Fellow of Senate by and from the undergraduate students, and Ms Jenny Leong on her election as a Fellow of Senate by and from the postgraduate students, to hold office from 1 December 2007 to 30 November 2008.
- (8) noted a report on the proposal by the Faculty of Science to establish an Institute of Nuclear Sciences, following on from the Memorandum of Understanding between the University and the Australian Nuclear Science and Technology Organisation.
- (9) noted the report that the University had received \$3.5 million from the Commonwealth Capital Development Pool towards the construction of a new clinical teaching facility at Westmead Hospital.
- (10) noted the report on the Callan Park consultation process.
- (11) noted the report on the University's recent outstanding results in attracting grants from the Australian Research Council and the National Health and Medical Research Council.
- (12) noted the report that the University would receive \$8.7million from the Learning and Teaching Performance Fund in 2008 which represented 10.5% of the total fund and a \$2.4m increase on 2007 from the same total allocation.
- (13) noted reports on International visits, International and Community.

- (14) noted the report of the inaugural meeting of the Senate/Student Associations Liaison Committee.

**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 November 2007.*

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**AGENDA ITEM 14**  
**Report of the Academic Staffing Committee**

**14.2 Report of the Academic Staffing Committee meeting held on 24 October 2007**

The Committee met on 24 October 2007 when there were present: The Chair (Professor C Murphy) presiding, Professors S Andrews, D Armstrong, G Hancock, A McBratney, G Pearson and B Sutton, Associate Professor B McDonald, and Mr J Dyer. Mr I Dunbar and Ms L Wells were in attendance.

**14.2.1 Nomenclature for Research-only Staff**

*7, separate attachment*

The Committee received the attached report from the Pro Vice-Chancellor (Research) regarding proposed nomenclature for research-only staff.

***Recommendation***

*That the Academic Board endorse the proposed nomenclature for research-only staff as set out in the report presented.*

**14.2.2 Proceedings of the Committee**

The Committee noted the following reports:

- the revised policy on outside earnings and associated forms, which are now available on-line;
- the review of the University's Recruitment and Selection policy; and
- a paper on the use of consultants and contractors as teachers.

## Nomenclature for Research Only Staff

The 12<sup>th</sup> September meeting of the Academic Staffing Committee requested that I provide recommendations for nomenclature for externally funded, Research Only academics, this issue having been raised in the paper “Promotions for Externally Funded, Research Only Academics” first considered at an earlier meeting.

Following on from consultations with NHMRC Research Fellows, the Research Office and other academic staff, and taking into consideration the recommendations of a previous Working Party into research only titles for DEST awards which consulted widely and reported May 2005, the following simplified nomenclature for Research Only staff is being proposed.

<b>Academic Staff</b>	<b>Research Only Staff</b>	
Level A	Research Associate	<i>No PhD required</i>
	Postdoctoral Research Associate	<i>PhD required</i>
Level B	Research Fellow	↓
Level C	Senior Research Fellow	
Level D	Principal Research Fellow	
Level E	Professorial Research Fellow	

The attached table, “Proposed Nomenclature for Research Only Staff”, relates the proposed research only staff nomenclature to academic staff levels and equivalent ARC and NHMRC fellowships.

Where researchers have won a recognised external fellowship such as ARC and NHMRC fellowships, or internal fellowship such as the University of Sydney Postdoctoral Research Fellowships, I strongly recommend that the Human Resources system separately record the title of the fellowship awarded.

Professor Carol Armour  
Acting Pro-Vice-Chancellor (Research)

25<sup>th</sup> September 2007