



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 16 April 2008** 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

9 April 2008

AGENDA

Pages

★ 1. **Apologies**
Apologies have been received from: Professor D Armstrong and Drs L Scanlon and R Stanton.

★ 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 27 February 2008**

Appendix A
A1-A18

Recommendation

The Academic Board adopt the minutes of the previous meeting held on 27 February 2008 as a true record.

4. **Business arising from Minutes** (not dealt with elsewhere in the Agenda)

- ★ 5. **Focus Topic: Academic Reform and Teaching Quality at the University of Sydney**
(Presentation by the Provost and Deputy Vice-Chancellor)

Recommendation

That the Academic Board note the presentation by the Provost and Deputy Vice-Chancellor on Academic Reform and Teaching Quality at the University of Sydney.

- ★ 6. **Report of the Chair** **Appendix B**
6.1 **Report on Senate Matters**
6.1.1 **Report of the Senate meeting held on 17 March 2008**

supplementary agenda

Recommendation

The Academic Board note the report of the Chair of the Academic Board on academic matters considered by Senate at its meeting of 17 March 2008.

- 6.2 **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.

- 6.3 **General Report**
6.3.1 **Academic Board Resolutions: Student appeals against academic decisions** B2, B5-B16

Recommendation

That the Academic Board approve the amended Academic Board Resolutions relating to student appeals against academic decisions, as set out in the report presented.

- 6.3.2 **Filling of Casual Vacancies in Academic Board Membership**
6.3.2.1 **Elected Academic Staff Members** B2-B3

Recommendation

That the Academic Board approve the appointment of Associate Professor Anne Twomey to fill the casual vacancy among elected academic staff members from the Faculty of Law for a term expiring 31 December 2009, as set out in the report presented.

- 6.3.2.2 **Elected Student Members** B3

Recommendation

That the Academic Board approve the appointment of Mr Stuart Wilkinson to fill the casual vacancy for an elected student member from the Faculty of Veterinary Science for a term expiring 31 December 2008, as set out in the report presented.

6.3.3 Report on PhD Theses Submitted Early B3, B17

Recommendation

That the Academic Board note the report on PhD theses submitted early, as set out in the report presented.

6.3.4 2007 Annual Report of Academic Board Activities B3, B18-B29

Recommendation

That the Academic Board note the 2007 Annual Report of Academic Board activities, as set out in the report presented.

6.3.5 Revised Charter of Academic Freedom B3, B30

Recommendation

That the Academic Board approve the revised wording for the Charter of Academic Freedom, as set out in the report presented.

6.3.6 Applications for Early Submission of PhD Theses B3-B4

Recommendation

That the Academic Board note the report of the Chair of the Academic Board regarding his approval of applications for early submission of PhD theses, as set out in the report presented.

★ **7. Report of the Vice-Chancellor and Principal** **Supplementary agenda**

7.1 Report on Senate Matters

7.1.1 Report of the Senate meeting held on 17 March 2008

supplementary agenda

Recommendation

That the Academic Board note the report of the Vice-Chancellor and Principal on matters considered by Senate at its meeting held on 17 March 2008.

7.2 General report

Recommendation

That the Academic Board note the general report of the Vice-Chancellor and Principal.

★ **8. Question time**

Questions to the Vice-Chancellor and Chair of the Academic Board

(Time limit 15 minutes)

- 9. Reports of Faculties** **Appendix C**
9.1 Report of the Faculty of Education and Social Work C1-C2
9.1.1 Semester and Vacation Dates 2009 C1-C2

Recommendation

That the Academic Board approve the semester and vacation dates for the Faculty of Education and Social Work for the year 2009, as set out in the report presented.

- 10. Report of the Undergraduate Studies Committee** **Appendix D**
(Professor Scott Kable)

- ★ **10.1 Oral report of the Chair**

Recommendation

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

- 10.2 Report of the meeting held on 2 April 2008** D1-D51
10.2.1 Proposals for new and amended postgraduate courses
10.2.1.1 Faculty of Health Sciences: Bachelor of Health Sciences and Bachelor of Health Sciences (Honours) D1, D7

Recommendation:

That the Academic Board:

- (1) *approve the proposal from the Faculty of Health Sciences to amend the Bachelor of Health Sciences and Bachelor of Health Sciences Honours, to include a major in Movement Science,*
- (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 courses*

with effect from 1 January 2009, as set out in the report presented.

- 10.2.1.2 Faculty of Economics and Business and Faculty of Medicine**

- (1) Bachelor of Economics/Bachelor of Medicine and Bachelor of Surgery**

D1-D2, D8-D15

Recommendation:

That the Academic Board:

- (1) *approve the proposal from the Faculty of Economics and Business and the Faculty of Medicine to introduce the Bachelor of Economics/Bachelor of Medicine and Bachelor of Surgery combined degree,*
- (2) *recommend that Senate:*

- (a) endorse the Academic Board's approval of the proposal;
 - (b) approve the amendment of the Resolutions of Senate relating to the degrees, diplomas and certificates in the Faculty of Economics and Business and the Faculty of Medicine; and
 - (c) approve the introduction of the Resolutions of Senate relating to the course
- (3) approve the faculty requirements relating to the course
with effect from 1 January 2009, as set out in the report presented.

(2) Bachelor of Commerce/Bachelor of Medicine and Bachelor of Surgery
D2, D8-D9, D16-D21

Recommendation:

That the Academic Board:

- (1) approve the proposal from the Faculty of Economics and Business and the Faculty of Medicine to introduce the Bachelor of Commerce/Bachelor of Medicine and Bachelor of Surgery combined degree,
- (2) recommend that Senate:
 - (a) endorse the Academic Board's approval of the proposal;
 - (b) approve the amendment of the Resolutions of Senate relating to the degrees, diplomas and certificates in the Faculty of Economics and Business and the Faculty of Medicine; and
 - (c) approve the introduction of the Resolutions of Senate relating to the course
- (3) approve the faculty requirements relating to the course
with effect from 1 January 2009, as set out in the report presented.

10.2.1.3 Faculty of Engineering and Information Technologies

(1) Bachelor of Engineering (Chemical Engineering)
D2, D22-D25

Recommendation:

That the Academic Board:

- (1) approve the proposal from the Faculty of Engineering and Information Technologies to delete the Chemical Engineering specialisation from the Bachelor of Engineering,
- (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; and
- (3) approve the faculty requirements relating to the course
with effect from 1 January 2009, as set out in the report presented.

(2) Bachelor of Engineering (Chemical and Biomolecular Engineering) D3, D22-D25

Recommendation:

That the Academic Board:

- (1) approve the proposal from the Faculty of Engineering and Information Technologies to add the Chemical and Biomolecular Engineering specialisation to the Bachelor of Engineering,
- (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; and
- (3) approve the faculty requirements relating to the course
with effect from 1 January 2009, as set out in the report presented.

(3) Bachelor of Engineering D3, D24-D25

Recommendation:

That the Academic Board:

- (1) approve the proposal from the Faculty of Engineering and Information Technologies to amend the Bachelor of Engineering,
- (2) recommend that Senate endorse the Academic Board's approval of the proposal, noting that there are no related amendments to Senate Resolutions,
- (3) approve the faculty requirements relating to honours

with effect from 1 January 2009, as set out in the report presented.

10.2.1.4 Faculty of Engineering and Information Technologies and Faculty of Architecture, Design and Planning: Bachelor of Engineering/Bachelor of Design in Architecture *D3-D4, D22, D26-D29*

Recommendation:

That the Academic Board:

- (1) *approve the proposal from the Faculty of Engineering and Information Technologies and the Faculty of Architecture, Design and Planning to introduce the Bachelor of Engineering/Bachelor of Design in Architecture combined degree,*
- (2) *recommend that Senate:*
 - (a) *endorse the Academic Board's approval of the proposal;*
 - (b) *approve the amendment of the Resolutions of Senate relating to the degrees, diplomas and certificates in the Faculty of Engineering and Information Technologies and the Faculty of Architecture, Design and Planning; and*
 - (c) *approve the introduction of the Resolutions of Senate relating to the course*
- (3) *approve the faculty requirements relating to the course*

with effect from 1 January 2009, as set out in the report presented.

10.2.1.5 Faculty of Engineering and Information Technologies and Faculty of Arts: Bachelor of Information Technology/Bachelor of Arts *D4, D22, D30, D32-D34*

Recommendation:

That the Academic Board:

- (1) *approve the proposal from the Faculty of Engineering and Information Technologies and the Faculty of Arts to introduce the Bachelor of Information Technology/Bachelor of Arts combined degree,*
- (2) *recommend that Senate:*
 - (a) *endorse the Academic Board's approval of the proposal;*
 - (b) *approve the amendment of the Resolutions of Senate relating to the degrees, diplomas and certificates in the Faculty of Engineering and Information Technologies and the Faculty of Arts; and*

- (c) *approve the introduction of the Resolutions of Senate relating to the course*
- (3) *approve the faculty requirements relating to the course*
with effect from 1 January 2009, as set out in the report presented.

10.2.1.6 Faculty of Engineering and Information Technologies and Faculty of Science

- (1) **Bachelor of Information Technology/Bachelor of Medical Science**
D4-D5, D22, D31-D32, D35-D36

Recommendation:

That the Academic Board:

- (1) *approve the proposal from the Faculty of Engineering and Information Technologies and the Faculty of Science to introduce the Bachelor of Information Technology/Bachelor of Medical Science combined degree,*
- (2) *recommend that Senate:*
 - (a) *endorse the Academic Board's approval of the proposal;*
 - (b) *approve the amendment of the Resolutions of Senate relating to the degrees, diplomas and certificates in the Faculty of Engineering and Information Technologies and the Faculty of Science; and*
 - (c) *approve the introduction of the Resolutions of Senate relating to the course*
- (3) *approve the faculty requirements relating to the course*
with effect from 1 January 2009, as set out in the report presented.

- (2) **Bachelor of Information Technology/Bachelor of Science**
D5, D22, D31-D32, D37-D38

Recommendation:

That the Academic Board:

- (1) *approve the proposal from the Faculty of Engineering and Information Technologies and the Faculty of Science to introduce the Bachelor of Information Technology/Bachelor of Science combined degree,*
- (2) *recommend that Senate:*

- (a) endorse the Academic Board's approval of the proposal;
 - (b) approve the amendment of the Resolutions of Senate relating to the degrees, diplomas and certificates in the Faculty of Engineering and Information Technologies and the Faculty of Science; and
 - (c) approve the introduction of the Resolutions of Senate relating to the course
- (3) approve the faculty requirements relating to the course
with effect from 1 January 2009, as set out in the report presented.

10.2.2 Reports from Faculties

D5-D6, D39-D51

10.2.2.1 Faculty of Veterinary Science: Bachelor of Animal and Veterinary Bioscience and Bachelor of Veterinary Science

D5, D39-D48

Recommendation

That the Academic Board note the reports from the Faculty of Veterinary Science regarding minor amendments to the Bachelor of Animal and Veterinary Bioscience and Bachelor of Veterinary Science, as set out in the report presented.

10.2.2.2 Faculty of Education and Social Work: Bachelor of Education and Bachelor of Teaching/Master of Teaching

D5-D6, D49-D51

Recommendation

That the Academic Board:

- (1) approve the amendments to the English Language Requirements for the Bachelor of Education and Bachelor of Teaching/Master of Teaching, and
 - (2) amend Schedule 1 (Faculty-specific English Language Requirements), of the Resolutions of the Academic Board relating to Admission to Undergraduate Courses,
- with effect from 1 January 2009, as set out in the report presented.*

10.2.2.3 Faculty of Dentistry: Bachelor of Dentistry

D6

Recommendation

That the Academic Board note the report from the Faculty of Dentistry regarding minor amendments to the Bachelor of Dentistry, as set out in the report presented.

10.2.3 Academic Board Resolutions: Student appeals against academic decisions pages D6, B2, B5-B16

Recommendation

That the Academic Board approve the amended Academic Board Resolutions relating to student appeals against academic decisions, as set out in the report presented.

10.2.4 Proceedings of the Committee

D6

Recommendation

That the Academic Board note the proceedings of the Undergraduate Studies Committee meeting held on 2 April 2008, as set out in the report presented.

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

Appendix E

★ **11.1 Oral report of the Chair**

Recommendation

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

11.2 Report of the meeting held on 26 March 2008

E1-E29

11.2.1 Proposals for new and amended postgraduate courses

11.2.1.1 Faculty of Economics and Business

(1) Executive Master of Business Administration and Graduate Certificate in Business Administration

E1, E4-E9

Recommendation:

That the Academic Board:

- (1) *approve the proposal from the Faculty of Economics and Business to introduce the Executive Master of Business Administration and Graduate Certificate in Business Administration,*
- (2) *recommend that Senate:*
 - (a) *endorse the Academic Board's approval of the proposal;*
 - (b) *approve the amendment of the Resolutions of Senate relating to the Degrees, Diplomas and Certificates in the Faculty of Economics and Business; and*
 - (c) *approve the introduction of Resolutions of Senate relating to the courses; and*
- (3) *approve the faculty requirements relating to the courses;*
with effect from 1 January 2009, as set out in the report presented.

(2) **Master of Management, Master of Management (CEMS) and Graduate Certificate in Management** E2, E4- E5, E10-E14

Recommendation:

That the Academic Board:

- (1) *approve the proposal from the Faculty of Economics and Business to introduce the Master of Management, Master of Management (CEMS) and Graduate Certificate in Management,*
- (2) *recommend that Senate:*
 - (a) *endorse the Academic Board's approval of the proposal;*
 - (b) *approve the amendment of the Resolutions of Senate relating to the Degrees, Diplomas and Certificates in the Faculty of Economics and Business; and*
 - (c) *approve the introduction of Resolutions of Senate relating to the courses; and*
- (3) *approve the faculty requirements relating to the courses;*
with effect from 1 January 2009, as set out in the report presented.

11.2.2 Reports from Faculties E2-E3, E15-E21

11.2.2.1 Faculty of Law: Master of Administrative Law and Policy and Master of International Law E2-E3, E15-E21

Recommendation

That the Academic Board:

- (1) *approve the minor amendment to the Faculty Resolutions for the Master of Administrative Law and Policy; and*
- (2) *note the report from the Faculty of Law regarding the introduction and amendment of units of study in the Master of International Law*
as set out in the report presented.

11.2.3 Academic Board Resolutions: Student appeals against academic decisions pages E3, B2, B5-B16

Recommendation

That the Academic Board approve the amended Academic Board Resolutions relating to student appeals against academic decisions, as set out in the report presented.

11.2.4 Postgraduate English Language Requirements pages E3, E22-E28

11.2.4.1 Amendment to Policy pages E3, E22-E28

Recommendation

That the Academic Board approve the amendments to the policy "Postgraduate English Language Requirements", as set out in the report presented.

**11.2.4.2 Faculty of Economics and Business: Clarification
of Requirements** pages E3, E22-E28

Recommendation

That the Academic Board approve the amendments to the policy "Postgraduate English Language Requirements", as set out in the report presented.

11.2.5 Proceedings of the Committee

E3

Recommendation

That the Academic Board note the proceedings of the Graduate Studies Committee meeting held on 26 March 2008, as set out in the report presented.

12. Report of the Learning and Teaching Committee
(Associate Professor Greg Ryan)

Appendix F

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12.1 Oral report of the Chair

Recommendation

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

12.2 Report of the meeting held on 19 March 2008

F1-F64

**12.2.1 Revision to Academic Board Policy, Establishment and
Award of Scholarships and Prizes**

pages F1, F3-F7

Recommendation

That the Academic Board amend the policy, Establishment and Award of Scholarships, as detailed in the report presented.

12.2.2 Academic Board Phase Three Faculty Review Reports

F1-F2, F8-F64

(1) Faculty of Agriculture, Food and Natural Resources

pages F8-F27

Recommendation

That the Academic Board note the report of the Phase Three Academic Board Faculty Review of the Faculty of Agriculture, Food and Natural Resources.

**(2) Faculty of Engineering and Information
Technologies**

pages F28-F45

Recommendation

That the Academic Board note the report of the Phase Three Academic Board Faculty Review of the Faculty of Engineering and Information Technologies.

(3) Faculty of Science pages F46-F64

Recommendation

That the Academic Board note the report of the Phase Three Academic Board Faculty Review of the Faculty of Science.

12.2.3 Proceedings of the Committee

F2

Recommendation

That the Academic Board note the proceedings of the Learning and Teaching Committee meeting held on 19 March 2008, as set out in the report presented.

13. Report of the Research and Research Training Committee Appendix G
(Professor Jill Trehwella)

★ **13.1 Oral report of the Chair**

Recommendation

That the Academic Board note the report of the Chair of the Research and Research Training Committee.

13.2 Report of the meeting held on 19 March 2008 G1-G6

13.2.1 Proposals for New and Amended Courses

13.2.1.1 Faculty of Law: Doctor of Juridical Studies

pages G1, G4-G6

Recommendation

That the Academic Board:

- (1) *approve the proposal from the Faculty of Law to amend the Doctor of Juridical Studies; and*
 - (2) *approve the faculty requirements relating to the appointment of examiners*
- with effect from 1 January 2008, as set out in the report.*

13.2.2 Academic Board Resolutions: Student appeals against academic decisions pages G1 and B2, B5-B16

Recommendation

That the Academic Board approve the amended Academic Board Resolutions relating to student appeals against academic decisions, as set out in the report presented.

13.2.3 Academic Board Phase Three Faculty Review Reports

pages G1, F1-F2, F8-F64

13.2.3.1 Faculty of Agriculture, Food & Natural Resources

Recommendation

That the Academic Board note the report of the Phase Three Academic Board Faculty Review of the Faculty of Agriculture, Food & Natural Resources.

13.2.3.2 Faculty of Engineering & Information Technologies

Recommendation

That the Academic Board note the report of the Phase Three Academic Board Faculty Review of the Faculty of Engineering & Information Technologies.

13.2.3.3 Faculty of Science

Recommendation

That the Academic Board note the report of the Phase Three Academic Board Faculty Review of the Faculty of Science.

13.2.4 Proceedings of the Committee

G2-G3

Recommendation

That the Academic Board note the proceedings of the Research and Research Training Committee meeting held on 19 March 2008, as set out in the report presented.

14. Report of the Academic Staffing Committee
(Professor Belinda Bennett)

Appendix H

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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 12 March 2008

H1-H2

14.2.1 Proceedings of the Committee

H1-H2

Recommendation

That the Academic Board note the proceedings of the Academic Staffing Committee meeting held on 12 March 2008, as set out in the report presented.

15. General Business