

**AGENDA ITEM 9
Reports of Faculties**

9.1 Report of the University of Sydney Summer and Winter School

9.1.1 Response to Questions on Report of 2008 Winter School

D2

At the Academic Board's meeting of 12 November 2008, the President of SUPRA raised a number of questions regarding the report of the 2008 Winter School. The Director of the University of Sydney Summer and Winter School, Dr Jillian Stewart, has responded to these questions, as set out on the following pages.

Recommendation

That the Academic Board note the responses from the Director of the University of Sydney Summer and Winter School to questions on the report of the 2008 Winter School, as set out in the report presented.

9.2 Report of the Faculty of Education and Social Work

9.2.1 Amendment to the Governance of Faculties, Colleges, College Boards, Departments, Schools and Committees

D3

At its meeting of 13 November, the Faculty of Education and Social Work endorsed the proposal that the resolutions of Senate relating to student membership of the Faculty be amended as set out on page D3.

Recommendation

That the Academic Board recommend that Senate approve the amendments to the Senate Resolutions relating to the Governance of Faculties, Colleges, College Boards, Departments, Schools and Committees, as set out in the report presented.

Questions and responses related to the Report of the 2008 Winter School

The following three questions were raised by the President of SUPRA, with responses provided by the Director of the University of Sydney Summer and Winter School:

1. Noting that almost 50% of the enrolments are from postgraduate students in the Faculty of Economics and Business, could the School or the Faculty provide advice on the high number of such enrolments;

The Economics and Business faculty is the largest in the University, with also the largest number of international students (65.2%). Consequently they offer more postgraduate classes in Summer School and also more places in the classes.

2. How many students enrol in more than one unit of study in the Summer or Winter Schools;

From 2002, the number of students enrolling in more than one unit in Summer School is as follows:

2002 – 676 (31%)
2003 – 886 (31%)
2004 – 727 (22%)
2005 – 803 (27%)
2006 – 779 (29%)
2007 – 768 (28%)
2008 – 809 (22%)
2009 – 719 (27%) – incomplete to date as enrolments are still being taken

Students are not permitted to enrol in more than one unit in Winter School although this rule may be waived in very exceptional circumstances.

3. In 2008 how many students incurred the \$500 penalty for withdrawing after the set date, and how much in total was paid to the University from such penalties.

In 2007/8, 95 students (106 subjects) paid a total of \$53,000 in late enrolment / withdrawal fees. If a student withdraws after the class has started it prevents another student from taking the class. If a student experiences circumstances beyond their control (illness, wrong faculty information etc) this fee is waived. Each situation is assessed on a case by case basis. There were 4512 enrolments.

Resolutions of Senate

Governance of Faculties, Colleges, College Boards, Departments, Schools and Committees

The Resolutions of the Senate relating to the Governance of Faculties, Colleges, College Boards, Departments, Schools and Committees are amended, with immediate effect as follows (additions indicated by underlined, deletions indicated by strikethrough):

FACULTIES, COLLEGES, COLLEGE BOARDS, BOARDS OF STUDIES, DEPARTMENTS, SCHOOLS AND COMMITTEES

Student membership of each faculty, college board and board of studies

1.6 There shall be up to five student members of the **Faculty of Education and Social Work**, ~~namely: of any combination of post- and undergraduate and Social Work and Education students, provided they are enrolled as candidates for a degree or diploma offered by the Faculty of Education and Social Work.~~

~~1.6.1 three undergraduate students, provided they are enrolled as candidates for an undergraduate degree offered by the Faculty of Education and Social Work;~~

~~1.6.2 one postgraduate coursework student, provided they are enrolled for a postgraduate coursework award course offered by the Faculty of Education and Social Work;~~

~~1.6.3 one postgraduate research student, provided they are enrolled for a postgraduate research award course offered by the Faculty of Education and Social Work.~~