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## 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 10 December 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 M Edmond  
**Acting Registrar**

3 December 2008

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### AGENDA

Pages

- ★ 1. **Apologies**  
Apologies have been received from: Professor B Bennett and Associate Professor S Newberry.

- ★ 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 12 November 2008**

**Appendix A**  
A1-A24

***Recommendation***

*The Academic Board adopt the minutes of the previous meeting held on 12 November 2008 as a true record.*

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

- ★ 5. Discussion Topics Appendix "Discussion Topics"  
5.1 Advanced Standing, Credit and Exemption pages 1-6

**Recommendation**

*That the Academic Board note the discussion on Advanced Standing, Credit and Exemption.*

- 5.2 Proposed Postgraduate Coursework Rule pages 7-14

**Recommendation**

*That the Academic Board note the discussion on the proposed Postgraduate Coursework Rule.*

- ★ 6. Report of the Chair Appendix B

- 6.1 Report on Senate Matters

- 6.1.1 Report of the Senate meeting held on 1 December 2008

*supplementary agenda*

**Recommendation**

*That the Academic Board note the report of the Chair of the Academic Board on academic matters considered by Senate at its meeting of 1 December 2008.*

- 6.2 Honours and Distinctions B1

**Recommendation**

*That 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 Student Appeals against Academic Decisions B1-B2

**Recommendation**

*That the Academic Board amend the Academic Board Resolutions regarding Student Appeals against Academic Decisions, as set out in the report presented.*

- 6.3.2 Response to Question raised at November meeting B2

**Recommendation**

*That the Academic Board note the responses to the question raised at its November meeting, as set out in the report presented.*

- 6.3.3 Academic Board Membership for 2009 B2, B4-B7

**Recommendation**

*That the Academic Board:*

- (1) note the report on the membership of the Academic Board for 2009; and*
- (2) approve the nominated student members from the faculties as set out in the report presented.*

**6.3.4 2009 Meeting Dates** B3, B8

**Recommendation**

*That the Academic Board note the schedule of meeting dates for 2009, as set out in the report presented.*

**6.3.5 Authority of the Chair of the Academic Board** B3

**Recommendation**

*That the Academic Board authorise its Chair to act on its behalf in respect of any urgent matters that may arise between the Board meeting on 12 December 2007 and the first 2008 Academic Board meeting, as set out in the report presented.*

**6.3.6 Christmas Party** B3

**Recommendation**

*That the Academic Board note the report of the Chair on the Academic Board Christmas Party, as set out in the report presented.*

★ **7. Report of the Vice-Chancellor and Principal** Appendix C

**7.1 Report on Senate Matters**

**7.1.1 Report of the Senate meeting held on 1 December 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 3 November 2008.*

**7.2 General report**

**7.2.1 Triple Bottom Line Reporting**

*C1, separate item*

**Recommendation**

*That the Academic Board note the Vice-Chancellor's report on Triple Bottom Line Reporting, as set out in the report presented.*

**7.2.2 Professional Services Stakeholder Survey and Staff Engagement Survey**

*C1, separate items*

**Recommendation**

*That the Academic Board note the Vice-Chancellor's report on the Professional Services Stakeholder Survey and Staff Engagement Survey, as set out in the report presented.*

★ **8. Question time**

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

(Time limit 15 minutes)

9. **Reports of the Faculties** **Appendix D**  
9.1 **Report of the University of Sydney Summer and Winter School**  
9.1.1 **Response to Questions on Report of 2008 Winter School** D1-D2

**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** D1, 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.*

10. **Report of the Undergraduate Studies Committee** **Appendix E**  
(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 26 November 2008** E1-E77  
10.2.1 **Proposals for new and amended undergraduate courses**  
10.2.1.1 **Faculty of Law: Bachelor of Laws and Combined Law Degrees** E1, E6-E37

**Recommendation**

*That the Academic Board:*

- (1) *approve the proposal from the Faculty of Law to amend the Bachelor of Laws and related Combined Law degrees;*
- (2) *recommend that Senate endorse the Academic Board's approval of the proposal, noting there are no amendments to the Resolutions of Senate related to the courses; and*
- (3) *note the Resolutions of the Faculty relating to the above courses, made pursuant to the University of Sydney (Coursework) Rule 2000 (as amended); and*
- (4) *approve the faculty requirements relating to the honours degree,*  
*with effect from 1 January 2009, as set out in the report presented.*

**10.2.1.2 Faculty of Veterinary Science: Bachelor of Veterinary Sciences** **E1-E2, E38**

**Recommendation**

*That the Academic Board:*

- (1) *approve the proposal from the Faculty of Veterinary Science to amend the Bachelor of Veterinary Science;*
- (2) *recommend that Senate endorse the Academic Board's approval of the proposal, noting there are no amendments to the Resolutions of Senate related to the courses; and*
- (3) *note the Resolutions of the Faculty relating to the above courses, made pursuant to the University of Sydney (Coursework) Rule 2000 (as amended); and*
- (4) *approve the faculty requirements relating to admission*

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

**10.2.2 Resolutions of Senate**

**10.2.2.1 Faculty of Dentistry: Bachelor of Dentistry** **E2, E39-E52**

**Recommendation**

*That the Academic Board:*

- (1) *recommend that Senate approve the rescission of the Resolutions of Senate related to the Bachelor of Dentistry in the Faculty of Dentistry; and*
- (2) *note the Resolutions of the Faculty of Dentistry relating to the Bachelor of Dentistry, made pursuant to the University of Sydney (Coursework) Rule 2000 (as amended); and*
- (3) *approve the faculty requirements relating to admission, units of study, the pass degree, combined degrees, the honours degree, specially designated streams and award of the degree,*

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

**10.2.3 Reports from Faculties**

**10.2.3.1 Faculty of Agriculture, Food and Natural Resources: Bachelor of Agricultural Economics, Bachelor of Horticultural Science, Bachelor of Land and Water Science, Bachelor of Resource Economics and Bachelor of Science in Agriculture** **E2, E53-E58**

**Recommendation**

*That the Academic Board:*

- (1) *approve the changes to the Bachelor of Agricultural Economics, Bachelor of Horticultural Science, Bachelor of Land and Water Science, Bachelor of Resource Economics and Bachelor of Science in Agriculture in the Faculty of Agriculture, Food and Natural Resources, and*

- (2) *note the Resolutions of the Faculty relating to the above courses, made pursuant to the University of Sydney (Coursework) Rule 2000 (as amended) with effect from 1 January 2009, as set out in the report presented.*

#### **10.2.3.2 Faculty of Law: Bachelor of Laws**

##### **(1) Further Assessment**

E3, E6-E13

###### **Recommendation**

*That the Academic Board approve the proposed amendments to the Faculty Resolutions for the Bachelor of Laws and Combined Law degrees in the Faculty of Law made pursuant to the University of Sydney (Coursework) Rule 2000 (as amended), with effect from 1 January 2009, as set out in the report presented.*

##### **(2) Semi-Intensive Mode of Study**

E3, E59-E62

###### **Recommendation**

*That the Academic Board approve the proposal from the Faculty of Law to offer first year units of study in the graduate entry Bachelor of Laws by semi intensive mode with effect from 1 January 2009 noting there are no consequent amendments to Faculty Resolutions, as set out in the report presented.*

##### **(3) Shanghai Winter School**

E3-E4, E63-E66

###### **Recommendation**

*That the Academic Board:*

- (1) *approve the proposal from the Faculty of Law to offer Chinese Law units of study from its Bachelor of Laws in conjunction with the East China University of Political Science and Law in Shanghai, China; and*
- (2) *recommend that Senate endorse the Academic Board's approval of the proposal, noting there are no subsequent amendments to the Resolutions of Senate with effect from 1 January 2009, as set out in the report presented.*

#### **10.2.3.3 Board of Studies in Indigenous Studies: Diploma of Education (Aboriginal)**

E4, E67-E68

###### **Recommendation**

*That the Academic Board:*

- (1) *approve the changes to the Diploma of Education (Aboriginal) in the Board of Studies in Indigenous Studies, and*
- (2) *note the Resolutions of the Faculty relating to the above course, made pursuant to the University of Sydney (Coursework) Rule 2000 (as amended)*

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

#### **10.2.4 Admission Schemes**

##### **10.2.4.1 National University of Singapore High School Diploma program**

*E4, E69-E75*

###### **Recommendation**

*That the Academic Board:*

- (1) recognise the NUS High School Diploma program for the purpose of admitting international students to the University, and*
- (2) approve a consequent amendment to the Academic Board policy on Admission to Undergraduate Courses*

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

##### **10.2.4.2 Faculty of Education and Social Work: Bachelor of Education and combined degrees**

*E4-E5, E76-E77*

###### **Recommendation**

*That the Academic Board approve the proposal from the Faculty of Education and Social Work to introduce flexible entry for Bachelor of Education degrees beginning with the 2009 intake noting there are no consequent amendments to the relevant Faculty Resolutions, as set out in the report presented.*

#### **10.2.5 Proceedings of the Committee**

*E5*

###### **Recommendation**

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

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

**Appendix F**

##### **★ 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 November 2008**

*F1-F33*

###### **11.2.1 Proposals for new and amended postgraduate courses**

##### **★ 11.2.1.1 Faculty of Education and Social Work: Graduate Certificate in Teaching English as a Foreign Language**

*F1-F2, F6-F9*

###### **Recommendation**

*That the Academic Board:*

- (1) approve the proposal from the Faculty of Education and Social Work to offer the Graduate Certificate in*

*Teaching English as a Foreign Language in South Korea;*

- (2) *recommend that Senate endorse the Academic Board's approval of the proposal, noting there are no subsequent amendments to the Resolutions of Senate*

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

**11.2.1.2 Faculty of Health Sciences: Master of Health Science (Physiotherapy), Master of Health Sciences, Graduate Diploma in Health Sciences and Graduate Certificate in Health Sciences**

*F3, F10-F15*

**Recommendation**

*That the Academic Board:*

- (1) *approve the proposal from the Faculty of Health Science to amend the Master of Health Science (Physiotherapy), the Master of Health Sciences, the Graduate Diploma in Health Sciences and the Graduate Certificate in Health Sciences;*
- (2) *recommend that Senate:*
  - (a) *endorse the Academic Board's approval of the proposal; and*
  - (b) *approve the amendment of the Resolutions of Senate related to the Master of Health Science (Physiotherapy) in the Faculty of Medicine; and*
- (3) *approve the faculty requirements relating to the courses;*

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

**11.2.1.3 Faculty of Medicine: Master of Medicine (Reproductive Health Sciences and Human Genetics)/Master of Philosophy and Master of Science in Medicine (Reproductive Health Sciences and Human Genetics)/Master of Philosophy**

*F3-F4, F16-F28*

**Recommendation**

*That the Academic Board:*

- (1) *approve the proposal from the Faculty of Medicine to introduce the Master of Medicine (Reproductive Health Sciences and Human Genetics)/Master of Philosophy and Master of Science in Medicine (Reproductive Health Sciences and Human Genetics)/Master of Philosophy combined degrees, and to amend the Master of Medicine and Master of Science in Medicine degrees;*
- (2) *recommend that Senate:*
  - (a) *endorse the Academic Board's approval of the proposal;*
  - (b) *approve the amendment of the Resolutions of Senate related to the degrees, diplomas and certificates in the Faculty of Medicine; 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**

### **11.2.2.1 Faculty of Engineering and Information Technologies**

#### **(1) Master of Information Technology** *F4, F29-F30*

##### ***Recommendation***

*That the Academic Board note the reports from the Faculty of Engineering and Information Technologies regarding amendments to the units of study in the Master of Information Technology, as set out in the reports presented.*

#### **(2) Master of Engineering and Master of Professional Engineering** *F4, F31-F33*

##### ***Recommendation***

*That the Academic Board note:*

- (1) *the reports from the Faculty of Engineering and Information Technologies regarding amendments to the units of study in the Master of Engineering and Master of Professional Engineering; and*
- (2) *that the proposed structure of some postgraduate units of study in the Master of Professional Engineering, which would allow postgraduate students to attend undergraduate lectures but receive separate assessments and tutorials, is consistent with the Board's policy on parallel teaching as set out in the report presented.*

### **11.2.2.2 Faculty of Medicine: Master of Surgery** *F4-F5, F16-F18*

##### ***Recommendation***

*That the Academic Board:*

- (1) *approve the proposal from the Faculty of Medicine to amend the Master of Surgery degree;*
- (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 Degrees, Diplomas and Certificates in the Faculty of Medicine; and*
- (3) *approve the faculty requirements for the course; with effect from 1 January 2009, as set out in the report presented.*

### 11.2.3 Proceedings of the Committee

F5

#### **Recommendation**

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

## 12. Report of the Learning and Teaching Committee (Associate Professor Simon Barrie)

Appendix G

### ★ 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 November 2008

G1-G7

#### 12.2.1 Academic Board Faculty Reviews: Faculty Progress

G1, G3-G5

#### **Recommendation**

*That the Academic Board note the Faculty Progress Report from the Faculty of Science, as set out in the report presented.*

#### 12.2.2 2007 Annual Report of the Institute for Teaching and Learning

G1, G6-G7

#### **Recommendation**

*That the Academic Board note the Faculty Progress Report from the Faculty of Science, as set out in the report presented.*

#### 12.2.3 Retiring Members of the Committee

G1-G2

#### **Recommendation**

*That the Academic Board note the Faculty Progress Report from the Faculty of Science, as set out in the report presented.*

#### 12.2.4 Proceedings of the Committee

G2

#### **Recommendation**

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

## 13. Report of the Research and Research Training Committee (Professor Bruce Sutton)

Appendix H

### ★ 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 November 2008** H1-H5

**13.2.1 Proposals for new and amended courses**

**13.2.1.1 Faculty of Medicine: Master of Medicine (Reproductive Health Sciences and Human Genetics)/Master of Philosophy and Master of Science in Medicine (Reproductive Health Sciences and Human Genetics)/Master of Philosophy** H1

***Recommendation***

*That the Academic Board note that the Research and Research Training Committee supports the approval of the proposal from the Faculty of Medicine to introduce the double degrees of Master of Medicine (Reproductive Health Sciences and Human Genetics)/Master of Philosophy and Master of Science in Medicine (Reproductive Health Sciences and Human Genetics)/Master of Philosophy, with effect from 1 January 2009, as set out in the report of the Graduate Studies Committee*

**13.2.2 Cotutelle Scheme** H1-H2, H3-H5

***Recommendation***

*That the Academic Board approve the amendments to the Cotutelle Scheme, as set out in the report presented.*

**13.2.3 Proceedings of the Committee** H2

***Recommendation***

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

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

★ **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 3 December 2008**

**14.2.1 Proceedings of the Committee** *supplementary agenda*

***Recommendation***

*That the Academic Board note the proceedings of the Academic Staffing Committee meeting held on 3 December 2008, as set out in the report presented.*

**15. General Business**

**Appendix I**

**15.1 Academic Staff Promotions**

**15.1.1 Academic Staff Promotions to Level E in 2008**

11-15

***Recommendation***

*That the Academic Board note the report on the promotion of academic staff to Level E in 2008, as set out in the report presented.*