

AGENDA ITEM 12**Report of the Learning and Teaching Committee****12.2 Report of the Learning and Teaching Committee meeting held on 7 May 2008**

The Committee met on 7 May 2008 when there were present: The Chair (Associate Professor G Ryan) presiding, Professors D Armstrong, B Sutton and K Trigwell (for S Barrie), Associate Professors M Freeman, P McCallum, P McGreevy and C Roberts, Drs D Collins, S Cumming (for J Gamble), M Edmond, D Field (for D Guest), C Groenlund, A Rubino, R Saunders, C Taylor and F Waugh, Mr R Anderson, Ms K Barnsley, Mr A Cooper (for B Meikle), Ms J Gavan, Ms S Hanfling and Ms K Laing. Ms A Griffiths was in attendance.

12.2.1 Proceedings of the Committee**(1) Review of Policies**

The Committee undertook an initial review of the following policies:

- *Consultation with Students and*
- *Flexible, Student Centre Learning in the University of Sydney*

Members were asked to consider if they were useful documents and how they might be improved. Overall, the Committee felt that they were useful documents. Improvements were recommended to update each of the documents to reflect current structures within the University as well as more up to date terminology. Suggestions from the Committee's discussion are being used to revise the documents and it is anticipated that new versions of the documents will be presented to the Board later in the year.

Professors Sutton, Ryan and Barrie are working on a conceptual framework for ordering of Academic Board documents, which will help the Committee review relevant policies and should result in a clearer understanding of how existing documents (policy, statements, resolutions and memorandums) fit together.

(2) Report from the Deputy Provost (Learning and Teaching) & Pro Vice-Chancellor

Professor Armstrong reported that Associate Professor Ryan has been appointed onto the eLearning Governance Group and Associate Professor Ellis would attend Learning and Teaching Committee meetings as appropriate, ensuring consultation between the groups on eLearning. Associate Professor Ryan is also a member of the recently convened Learning and Teaching Strategic Management Group. It was explained that this group was established following the restructure of the Institute for Teaching and Learning. It brings together representatives from the ITL, Library, Learning and Mathematics Centres as well as ITL faculty cluster coordinators.

(3) Other Reports

The Committee also noted the report of the Academic Board meeting held on 16 April 2008.