

**AGENDA ITEM 6
Report of the Chair****6.1 Report on Senate Matters****6.1.1 Report of the Senate meeting held on 3 August 2009**

Senate, at its meeting on 3 August 2009, on the report of the Academic Board meeting held on 1 July 2009:

- (1) noted the report of the Chair of the Academic Board.
- (2) approved the amendment of the Resolutions of the Senate relating to the Governance of Faculties, Colleges, College Boards, Departments, Schools and Committees.
- (3) endorsed the Academic Board's approval of the proposal from the Faculty of Architecture, Design and Planning to amend the Bachelor of Design in Architecture, with effect from 1 January 2010.
- (4) endorsed the Board's approval of the proposal from the Faculty of Arts to delete the Bachelor of Economic and Social Sciences, and approved the rescission of the Resolutions of the Senate relating to this course with effect from 1 January 2010.
- (5) endorsed the Board's approval of the proposal from the Faculty of Arts to amend the Master of Philosophy, with effect from 1 January 2010.
- (6) endorsed the Board's approval of the proposal from the Faculty of Economics and Business to delete the Master of Commerce (Honours), the Master of Economics (Honours), the Master of Human Resources and Industrial Relations (Honours), the Master of International Business (Honours) and the Master of International Security (Honours), approved the amendment of the Resolutions of the Senate relating to the Degree, Diplomas and Certifications in the Faculty of Economics and Business, and approved the rescission of the Resolutions of the Senate relating to these courses, with effect from 1 January 2010.
- (7) endorsed the Board's approval of the proposal from the Faculty of Engineering and Information Technologies to delete the Master of Applied Information Technology, Graduate Diploma in Applied Information Technology and Graduate Certificate in Applied Information Technology, approved the amendment of the Resolutions of the Senate relating to the Degrees, Diplomas and Certificates in the Faculty of Engineering and Information Technologies, and approved the rescission of the Resolutions of Senate relating to these courses, with effect from 1 January 2010.
- (8) endorsed the Board's approval of the proposal from the Faculty of Engineering and Information Technologies to delete the Graduate Diploma in Telecommunications, Graduate Diploma in Computer Systems Engineering, Graduate Diploma in Environmental Engineering, Graduate Diploma in Structural Engineering and Graduate Diploma in Sustainable Processing, with effect from 1 January 2010.
- (9) endorsed the Board's approval of the proposal from the Faculty of Engineering and Information Technologies to amend the Master of Engineering, and approved the amendment of the Resolutions of Senate relating to this course, with effect from 1 January 2010.
- (10) endorsed the Board's approval of the proposal from the Faculty of Engineering and Information Technologies to amend the Master of Professional Engineering, and approved the amendment of the Resolutions of Senate relating to this course, with effect from 1 January 2010.

- (11) endorsed the Board's approval of the proposal from the Faculty of Health Sciences to delete the Bachelor of Health Science (Aboriginal Health & Community Development), and approved the amendment of the Resolutions of the Senate relating to the Bachelor of Health Science, with effect from 1 January 2010.
- (12) endorsed the Board's approval of the proposal from the Faculty of Health Sciences to delete the Bachelor of Applied Science (Medical Radiation Sciences): Nuclear Medicine, Radiation Therapy, Nuclear Medicine (Honours) and Radiation Therapy (Honours) streams, with effect from 1 January 2010.
- (13) endorsed the Board's approval of the proposal from the Faculty of Health Sciences to delete the Bachelor of Applied Science (Exercise, Sport Science and Nutrition) and Bachelor of Applied Science (Exercise, Sport Science and Nutrition) Honours, and approved the amendment of the Resolutions of the Senate relating to the Bachelor of Applied Science, with effect from 1 January 2010.
- (14) endorsed the Board's approval of the proposal from the Faculty of Health Sciences to delete the Bachelor of Health Sciences/Master of Clinical Vision Sciences, Bachelor of Health Sciences/Master of Rehabilitation Counselling, Bachelor of Health Sciences/Master of Health Informatics and Bachelor of Health Sciences/Master of Health Informatics (Honours), approved the amendment of the Resolutions of the Senate relating to the Degrees, Diplomas and Certificates in the Faculty of Health Sciences, and approved the rescission of the Resolutions of the Senate relating to these courses, with effect from 1 January 2010.
- (15) endorsed the Board's approval of the proposal from the Faculty of Law to introduce the Master of Global Law, approved the amendment of the Resolutions of the Senate relating to the Degrees, Diplomas and Certificates in the Faculty of Law, and approved the adoption of the new Resolutions of the Senate relating to this course, with effect from 1 January 2010.
- (16) endorsed the Board's approval of the proposal from the Faculty of Medicine to introduce the Master of Brain and Mind Sciences, Master of Brain and Mind Sciences in Psychiatry, Graduate Diploma in Brain and Mind Sciences and Graduate Certificate in Brain and Mind Sciences, approved the amendment of the Resolutions of the Senate relating to the Degree, Diplomas and Certifications in the Faculty of Medicine, and approved the introduction of the Resolutions of the Senate relating to these courses, with effect from 1 January 2010.
- (17) endorsed the Board's approval of the proposal from the Faculty of Medicine to introduce the Master of Medicine (Sexually Transmitted Diseases/HIV)/Master of Philosophy and the Master of Science in Medicine (Sexually Transmitted Diseases/HIV)/Master of Philosophy, and amend the Master of Medicine (Sexually Transmitted Diseases/HIV), the Master of Science in Medicine (Sexually Transmitted Diseases/HIV), the Graduate Diploma in Medicine (Sexually Transmitted Diseases/HIV) and the Graduate Diploma of Science in Medicine (Sexually Transmitted Diseases/HIV), approved the amendment of the Resolutions of the Senate relating to the Degree, Diplomas and Certifications in the Faculty of Medicine, and approved the introduction of the Resolutions of the Senate relating to the combined degrees, with effect from 1 January 2010.
- (18) endorsed the Board's approval of the proposal from the Faculty of Nursing and Midwifery to delete the Doctor of Midwifery, Doctor of

- Nursing, Master of Midwifery Research, Master of Midwifery Research (Honours), Master of Nursing Research, and Master of Nursing Research (Honours), approved the amendment of the Resolutions of the Senate relating to the Degrees, Diplomas and Certificates in the Faculty of Nursing and Midwifery, and approved the rescission of the Resolutions of the Senate relating to these courses, with effect from 1 January 2010.
- (19) endorsed the Board's approval of the proposal from the Faculty of Science to introduce the Master of Sustainability, the Graduate Diploma in Sustainability and the Graduate Certificate in Sustainability, approved the amendment of the Resolutions of the Senate relating to the Degrees, Diplomas and Certificates in the Faculty of Science, and approved the adoption of the new Resolutions of the Senate relating to these courses, with effect from 1 January 2010.
- (20) endorsed the Board's approval of the proposal from the Sydney College of the Arts to change the name of the Master of Visual Arts to the Master of Fine Arts, and approved the amendment of the Resolutions of the Senate relating to the Degrees in the Sydney College of the Arts, with effect from 1 January 2010.
- (21) noted the following reports: Academic Board Action sheet, Minor course amendments and Other matters.

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 15 June 2009.

6.2 Honours and Distinctions

I am pleased to report the following honours and distinctions and recommend the Academic Board extend its congratulations to the recipients:

Professor John Hearn, Deputy Vice-Chancellor (International)
Appointed as chief executive of the Worldwide Universities Network (WUN).

Professor Manfred Lenzen, Dr Joy Murray and Dr Christopher Dey, Integrated Sustainability Analysis team, Faculty of Science
Awarded the Green Globe Public Sector Sustainability Award by the NSW Government.

Dr Kathy Belov, Faculty of Veterinary Science
Winner of the 2009 Eureka People's Choice award for her work on facial tumours in Tasmanian Devils.

Dr Alex Broom, Faculty of Health Sciences
Awarded the Institute of Social Sciences prize for the best published research by an early career researcher.

Dr John Dumay, Faculty of Economics and Business
Winner of the knowledge management category of the 2008 Emerald/EFMD Outstanding Doctoral Research Awards for his work on intellectual capital.

Dr Danie Mellor, Sydney College of the Arts
Awarded the \$40,000 first prize in the National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Art Award.

Law School Moot Team

Adriana Edmedes, Angela Ha, Nik Kirby, Ryan May and Annelise Young have been awarded the Baxter Award for best overall respondent memorial at this year's Jessup International Law moot.

Australian Learning and Teaching Council Citations

Associate Professor Maureen Boughton, Mrs Lesley Halliday and Ms Lynne Brown, Faculty of Nursing and Midwifery

Citation for a tailored programme for nursing students from culturally and linguistically diverse backgrounds that significantly enhances participation, learning and clinical competence.

Associate Professor David Easdown, Faculty of Science

Citation for sustained excellence in nurturing discovery and fulfilling potential in mathematics learning, along the spectrum from novice undergraduates to accomplished masters and doctoral students.

Dr Merran Govendir, Faculty of Veterinary Science

Citation for commitment in creating learning cultures that encourage undergraduate students to be active learners and encourage postgraduate students to optimise learning throughout their candidatures.

Associate Professor Frank Seebacher, Faculty of Science

Citation for novel and effective approaches to leading biology students from learning about science to becoming creative scientists.

Ms Kristine Sodersten and Ms Susan Rice, Faculty of Architecture, Design and Planning

Citation for an innovative approach that establishes effective, collaborative studio learning enabling previously failing architecture students to excel in design which is crucial to their professional success.

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 Application for Early Submission of PhD Thesis

The *University of Sydney (Doctor of Philosophy (PhD)) Rule 2004* provides for the Chair of the Academic Board to accept for examination a PhD thesis submitted by a candidate enrolled for less than the minimum length of candidature.

The Chair of the Academic Board has approved an application for early submission of a PhD thesis from the Faculty of Science.

Recommendation

That the Academic Board note the report of the Chair of the Academic Board regarding his approval of an application for early submission of a PhD thesis, as set out in the report presented.

6.3.2 Academic Board Membership for 2009

Dr Steve Cumming, an academic staff member from the Faculty of Health Sciences, has advised that he will be on study leave for the remainder of the year. The Dean of the Faculty of Health Sciences, Professor Gwynnyth Llewellyn, has nominated Professor Stephanie Short to fill the resulting casual vacancy.

Recommendation

That the Academic Board note and approve the nomination of Professor Stephanie Short as an academic staff representative of the Faculty of Health Sciences, as set out in the report presented.