



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 26 August 2009** 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

Secretary to Academic Board

19 August 2009

AGENDA

Pages

- ★ 1. **Apologies**
Apologies have been received from: Professor G Llewellyn, I Ramzan and K Trigwell (Dr C Nelson attending in his stead).

★ 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 meetings**

3.1 **Meeting of 1 July 2009**

Appendix A

A1-A29

Recommendation

The Academic Board adopt the minutes of the previous meeting held on 1 July 2009 as a true record.

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

- ★ 5. **Discussion Topic**
5.1 **Academic Board Review: Discussion Paper** separate attachment

- ★ 6. **Report of the Chair** **Appendix B**
6.1 **Report on Senate Matters**
6.1.1 **Report of the Senate meeting held on 3 August 2009** B1-B3

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 3 August 2009.

- 6.2 **Honours and Distinctions** B3-B4

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** B4

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** B5

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.

- ★ 7. **Report of the Vice-Chancellor and Principal** **Appendix C and attachment**
7.1 **Report on Senate Matters**
7.1.1 **Report of the Senate meeting held on 3 August 2009** C1

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 August 2009.

- 7.2 **General report**

- ★ 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 Faculty of Medicine and Faculty of Nursing and Midwifery

9.1.1 Amendment to the Governance of Faculties, Colleges, College Boards, Departments, Schools and Committees *D1, D2-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.

9.2 Report of the Faculty of Medicine

9.2.1 Semester and Vacation Dates 2010 *D1, D4*

Recommendation

That the Academic Board approve the semester and vacation dates for the Faculty of Medicine for the year 2010, as set out in the report presented.

9.3 Report of the Faculty of Nursing and Midwifery

9.3.1 Amendment to the Governance of Faculties, Colleges, College Boards, Departments, Schools and Committees *D1, D5*

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.

9.4 Report of the University of Sydney Summer and Winter School

9.4.1 2009 Winter School *D1, D6-D12*

Recommendation

That the Academic Board note the report of the 2009 Winter School, 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 5 August 2009 *E1-E17*

10.2.1 Report of the Admissions Sub-Committee

10.2.1.1 Table of Comparative English Test Scores *E1-E2, E5*

Recommendation

That the Academic Board approve the amended table of comparative English test scores, as set out in the report presented.

10.2.1.2 Flexible Entry Scheme

E2, E6

Recommendation

That the Academic Board amend the policy Admission to Undergraduate Courses, with effect from 1 January 2010, as set out in the report presented.

10.2.1.3 Faculty of Health Sciences: Multicultural Entry Scheme and Vocational Entry Scheme

E3, E7

Recommendation

That the Academic Board amend the policy Admission to Undergraduate Courses, with effect from 1 January 2010, as set out in the report presented.

★ **10.2.2 University of Sydney (Amendment Act) Rule 1999 (as amended)**

E3, E8

Recommendation

That the Academic Board recommend that Senate approve amendments to the University of Sydney (Amendment Act) Rule 1999 (as amended), with effect from 1 January 2010, as set out in the report presented.

10.2.3 Reports from Faculties

10.2.3.1 Faculty of Arts: Bachelor of Arts, Bachelor of Arts (Honours) and Diploma of Arts

E4, E9-E12

Recommendation

That the Academic Board approve:

- (1) *the proposal from the Faculty of Arts to amend a subject area in the Bachelor of Arts and Bachelor of Arts (Honours) and introduce a new subject area in the Diploma of Arts; and*
- (2) *approve the amendments to the Faculty Resolutions for the courses relating to subject areas*

with effect from 1 January 2010, as set out in the report presented.

10.2.3.2 Faculty of Engineering and Information Technologies

(1) Bachelor of Engineering

E4, E13

Recommendation

That the Academic Board note the report of the Faculty of Engineering and Information Technologies regarding amendments to units of study in the Bachelor of Engineering degree.

(2) Bachelor of Engineering: Civil Engineering stream

E4, E14

Recommendation

That the Academic Board note the report of the Faculty of Engineering and Information Technologies regarding amendments to units of

study in the Bachelor of Engineering degree, as set out in the report presented.

10.2.3.3 Faculty of Pharmacy: Bachelor of Pharmacy E4, E15-E17

Recommendation

That the Undergraduate Studies Committee recommend that the Academic Board note the report of the Faculty of Pharmacy regarding new units of study in the Bachelor of Pharmacy with effect from 1 January 2010, as set out in the report presented.

10.2.4 Proceedings of the Committee E4

Recommendation

That the Academic Board note the proceedings of the Undergraduate Studies Committee meeting held on 5 August 2009, as set out in the report presented.

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

★ **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 12 August 2009 F1-F34

11.2.1 Reports from Faculties

**11.2.1.1 Faculty of Agriculture, Food and Natural Resources:
Master of Agriculture, Graduate Diploma in
Agriculture and Graduate Certificate in Agriculture**

F1, F6-F11

Recommendation

That the Academic Board:

- (1) *approve the proposal from the Faculty of Agriculture, Food and Natural Resources to amend the Master of Agriculture, Graduate Diploma in Agriculture and Graduate Certificate in Agriculture, and*
 - (2) *approve the amendments to the Faculty Resolutions related to the courses*
- with effect from 1 January 2010, as set out in the report presented.*

11.2.1.2 Faculty of Architecture, Design and Planning

(1) Master of Architecture

F1, F12

Recommendation

That the Academic Board:

- (1) *approve the proposal from the Faculty of Architecture, Design and Planning to amend the Master of Architecture, and*

(2) *approve the amendments to the Faculty Resolutions related to the courses with effect from 1 January 2010, as set out in the report presented.*

- (2) Master of Heritage Conservation, Master of Interaction Design and Electronic Arts, Master of Urban and Regional Planning** *F1-F2, F13*

Recommendation

That the Academic Board:

- (1) *approve the proposal from the Faculty of Architecture, Design and Planning to amend the Master of Heritage Conservation, Master of Interaction Design and Electronic Arts and Master of Urban and Regional Planning, and*
- (2) *approve the amendments to the Faculty Resolutions related to the courses with effect from 1 January 2010, as set out in the report presented.*

- (3) Master of Heritage Conservation** *F2, F14*

Recommendation

That the Academic Board note the report from the Faculty of Architecture, Design and Planning regarding amendments to the units of study in the Master of Heritage Conservation, as set out in the report presented.

- (4) Graduate Diploma of Urban Design and Graduate Certificate of Urban Design** *F2, F15*

Recommendation

That the Academic Board:

- (1) *approve the proposal from the Faculty of Architecture, Design and Planning to amend the Graduate Diploma of Urban Design and Graduate Certificate of Urban Design, and*
- (2) *approve the amendments to the Faculty Resolutions related to the courses with effect from 1 January 2010, as set out in the report presented.*

- (5) Postgraduate courses – credit transfer** *F2, F16*

Recommendation

That the Academic Board:

- (1) *approve the proposal from the Faculty of Architecture, Design and Planning to amend the credit transfer requirements for its postgraduate courses, and*
- (2) *approve the amendments to the Faculty Resolutions related to the courses with effect from 1 January 2010, as set out in the report presented.*

11.2.1.3 Faculty of Arts

- (1) **Master of Professional Communication, Graduate Diploma in Professional Communication and Graduate Certificate in Professional Communication** F2-F3, F17

Recommendation

That the Academic Board:

- (1) *approve the proposal from the Faculty of Arts to amend the English language requirements for the Master of Professional Communication, Graduate Diploma in Professional Communication and Graduate Certificate in Professional Communication; and*

- (2) *approve the amendments to the policy "Postgraduate English Language Requirements"*

with effect from 1 January 2010, as set out in the report presented.

- (2) **Master of Arts, Graduate Diploma in Arts and Graduate Certificate in Arts** F3, F18-F19

Recommendation

That the Academic Board:

- (1) *approve the proposal from the Faculty of Arts to amend the Master of Arts, Graduate Diploma in Arts and Graduate Certificate in Arts, and*

- (2) *approve the amendments to the Faculty Resolutions related to the course*

with effect from 1 January 2010, as set out in the report presented.

11.2.1.4 Faculty of Dentistry: Doctor of Clinical Dentistry – English Language Requirements F3, F20-F22

Recommendation

That the Academic Board:

- (1) *approve the proposal from the Faculty of Dentistry to amend the English language requirements for the Doctor of Clinical Dentistry, Graduate Certificate in Clinical Dentistry and Graduate Diploma in Clinical Dentistry, and*

- (2) *approve the amendments to the policy "Postgraduate English Language Requirements"*

with effect from 1 January 2010, as set out in the report presented.

11.2.1.5 Faculty of Economics and Business

- (1) Graduate Certificate in Innovation and Enterprise** *F3-F4, F23-F24*

Recommendation

That the Academic Board:

- (1) approve the proposal from the Faculty of Economics and Business to amend the Graduate Certificate in Innovation and Enterprise, and*
- (2) approve the amendments to the Faculty Resolutions related to the course with effect from 1 January 2010, as set out in the report presented.*

- (2) Master of Transport Management, Graduate Diploma in Transport Management, Graduate Certificate in Transport Management and associated combined degrees** *F4, F25-F27*

Recommendation

That the Academic Board:

- (1) approve the proposal from the Faculty of Economics and Business to amend the Master of Transport Management, Graduate Diploma in Transport Management, Graduate Certificate in Transport Management and associated combined degrees, and*
- (2) approve the amendments to the Faculty Resolutions related to the courses with effect from 1 January 2010, as set out in the report presented.*

**11.2.1.6 Faculty of Engineering and Information Technologies:
Master of Information Technology** *F4, F28-F31*

Recommendation

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

11.2.2.7 Faculty of Nursing and Midwifery: Master of Nursing and associated combined degrees *F4-F5, F32*

Recommendation

That the Academic Board note the report from the Faculty of Nursing and Midwifery regarding the unit of study "Human Bioscience in Health" in the Master of Nursing and associated combined degrees, as set out in the report presented.

11.2.2.8 Sydney College of the Arts: Master of Film and Digital Image and Master of Interactive and Digital Media

F5, F33-F34

Recommendation

That the Academic Board note the reports from the Sydney College of the Arts related to units of study in the Master of Film and Digital Image and Master of Interactive and Digital Media, as set out in the report presented.

11.2.2 Proceedings of the Committee

F5

Recommendation

That the Academic Board note the proceedings of the Graduate Studies Committee meeting held on 12 August 2009, as set out in the report presented.

12. Report of the Learning and Teaching Committee
(Professor Tony Aspromourgos)

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 12 August 2009

G1-G9

12.2.1 University of Sydney (Student Appeals against Academic Decisions) Rule 2006 (as amended)

G1-G9

Recommendation

That the Academic Board:

- (1) recommend that Senate approve amendments to the University of Sydney (Student Appeals against Academic Decisions) Rule 2006 (as amended);*
- (2) approve the rescission of the Academic Board Resolutions: Student Appeals against Academic Decisions, as of the date the revised Senate rule becomes effective; and*
- (3) approve the development of a user's guide in conjunction with the revised Senate rule*
with immediate effect, as set out in the report presented.

12.2.2 Proceedings of the Committee

G1

Recommendation

That the Academic Board note the proceedings of the Learning and Teaching Committee meeting held on 12 August 2009, as set out in the report presented.

- 13. Report of the Research and Research Training Committee** **Appendix H**
(Professor Bruce Sutton)
- ★ **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 5 August 2009** **H1-H5**
13.2.1 PhD Review Working Party report **H1, separate attachment**
- Recommendation**
That the Academic Board receive and note the report of the PhD Review Working Party, as set out in the report presented.
- 13.2.2 Best Practice Manual** **H1, separate attachment**
- Recommendation**
That Academic Board endorse the adoption of the Best Practice Manual, as set out in the report presented.
- 13.2.3 Reports from Faculties**
- 13.2.3.1 Faculty of Economics and Business: English Language Requirements** **H1, H3-H5**
- Recommendation**
That the Academic Board approve the amendment to Schedule 1 of the policy "Postgraduate English Language Requirements", with effect from 1 January 2010, as set out in the report presented.
- 13.2.4 Proceedings of the Committee** **H2**
- Recommendation**
That the Academic Board note the proceedings of the Research and Research Training Committee meeting held on 5 August 2009, as set out in the report presented.
- 14. Report of the Academic Staffing Committee** **Appendix I**
(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 29 July 2009** **I1**
14.2.1 Proceedings of the Committee **I1**
- Recommendation**
That the Academic Board note the proceedings of the Academic Staffing Committee meeting held on 29 July 2009, as set out in the report presented.

15. General Business