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## Undergraduate Studies Committee

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### Supplementary Agenda

for the meeting to be held at 10:00 a.m. on **Tuesday 20 February 2007**.

7. **Faculty Resolutions** (pages 2-4)
- 7.2 **Faculty of Medicine: Bachelor of Arts (Advanced)(Honours)/Bachelor of Medicine and Bachelor of Surgery; Bachelor of Medical Science/ Bachelor of Medicine and Bachelor of Surgery; Bachelor of Music Studies/Bachelor of Medicine and Bachelor of Surgery; Bachelor of Science (Advanced)/Bachelor of Medicine and Bachelor of Surgery** (pages 2-4)

**Summary:** amendment to wording of progression requirements

#### **Recommendation**

*That the Undergraduate Studies Committee recommend that the Academic Board:*

- (1) *note the amendments to the Resolutions of the Faculty relating to the Bachelor of Bachelor of Arts (Advanced)(Honours)/Bachelor of Medicine and Bachelor of Surgery, Bachelor of Medical Science/ Bachelor of Medicine and Bachelor of Surgery, Bachelor of Music Studies/Bachelor of Medicine and Bachelor of Surgery, and Bachelor of Science (Advanced)/Bachelor of Medicine and Bachelor of Surgery, made pursuant to the University of Sydney (Coursework) Rule 2000;*
  - (2) *note that the Chair of the Academic Board will be notified if, in the opinion of the relevant Dean, a student fails to meet the progression requirement; and*
  - (3) *approve the faculty resolutions relating to the requirements of the degrees,*
- with effect from 1 January 2007, as set in the report presented.*

## Agenda Item 7 Faculty Resolutions

**7.2 Faculty of Medicine: Bachelor of Arts (Advanced)(Honours)/Bachelor of Medicine and Bachelor of Surgery; Bachelor of Medical Science/ Bachelor of Medicine and Bachelor of Surgery; Bachelor of Music Studies/Bachelor of Medicine and Bachelor of Surgery; Bachelor of Science (Advanced)/Bachelor of Medicine and Bachelor of Surgery** (pages 3-4)

The Faculty of Medicine is seeking approval to amend the progression requirements for the four combined degrees named above. Students in these degrees are currently required to maintain a YAM of 80 or above in each of the first three years of the relevant program.

The Faculty has noted concern amongst enrolling students that the progression requirements are quite high. The Faculty believes that the students admitted to these programs would be more than capable of achieving this progression rate, but is concerned that the bald manner in which it is currently expressed may unnecessarily deter students from applying for admission.

The Faculty has discussed this issue with the Provost and the Chair of the Academic Board and as result the Chair of the Board gave approval to waive this part of the progression requirement for the 2007 intake of students. It is now seeking approval to permanently amend the requirement as set out in the attached revised resolutions. The Faculty of Medicine has undertaken to report to the Chair of the Academic Board on any student who fails to meet the amended progression requirement.

This amendment has the support of the Deans of the Faculty of Arts, the Faculty of Science and the Sydney Conservatorium of Music.

### **Recommendation**

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- (1) note the amendments to the Resolutions of the Faculty relating to the Bachelor of Bachelor of Arts (Advanced)(Honours)/Bachelor of Medicine and Bachelor of Surgery, Bachelor of Medical Science/ Bachelor of Medicine and Bachelor of Surgery, Bachelor of Music Studies/Bachelor of Medicine and Bachelor of Surgery, and Bachelor of Science (Advanced)/Bachelor of Medicine and Bachelor of Surgery, made pursuant to the University of Sydney (Coursework) Rule 2000; and*
- (2) note that the Chair of the Academic Board will be notified if, in the opinion of the relevant Dean, a student fails to meet the progression requirement; and*
- (3) approve the faculty resolutions relating to the requirements of the degrees, with effect from 1 January 2007, as set in the report presented.*

**Bachelor of Arts (Advanced)(Honours)/Bachelor of Medicine and Bachelor of Surgery**

2. Requirements for the Bachelor of Arts (Advanced) (Honours)/Bachelor of Medicine and Bachelor of Surgery
  - 2.1 To qualify for the award of the Bachelor of Arts (Advanced) (Honours)/Bachelor of Medicine and Bachelor of Surgery a student shall:
    - 2.1.1 complete units of study having a total value of at least 336 credit points;
    - ~~2.1.2 maintain an average mark of 80 or above in each year of the Bachelor of Arts (Advanced) (Honours) degree;~~
    - 2.1.2 complete their studies in the minimum time and to a standard to the satisfaction of the relevant Dean;
    - 2.1.3 satisfactorily complete five SMTP units in the first three years of the program;
    - 2.1.4 complete 18 junior credit points in designated Science units of study; and
    - 2.1.5 meet the requirements of the Bachelor of Arts (Advanced) (Honours) degree outlined below.

**Bachelor of Medical Science/ Bachelor of Medicine and Bachelor of Surgery**

3. Requirements for the award of the degrees
  - 3.1 To qualify for the award of the BMedSc/MBBS degrees a student shall:
    - 3.1.1 complete units of study having a total value of at least 336 credit points;
    - ~~3.1.2 maintain an AAM of 80 or above in each of the first three years of the program;~~
    - 3.1.2 complete their studies in the minimum time and to a standard to the satisfaction of the relevant Dean;
    - 3.1.3 satisfactorily complete five SMTP units in the first three years of the program; and
    - 3.1.4 meet the requirements of the Bachelor of Medical Science degree.
    - 3.1.5 Students who fail to satisfy 3.1.2 and/or 3.1.3 will be transferred to candidature for the Bachelor of Medical Science degree.
    - 3.1.6 To qualify for the award of the degrees of Bachelor of Medicine and Bachelor of Surgery a student shall complete units of study having a total value of 192 credit points as required by the Resolutions of the Faculty of Medicine.
    - 3.1.7 Students may abandon the combined degree course and elect to complete the Bachelor of Medical Science.

**Bachelor of Music Studies/Bachelor of Medicine and Bachelor of Surgery**

3. Requirements for the Bachelor of Music Studies/Bachelor of Medicine and Bachelor of Surgery
  - 3.1 To qualify for the award of the Bachelor of Music Studies/Bachelor of Medicine and Bachelor of Surgery a student shall:
    - 3.1.1 complete units of study having a total value of at least 336 credit points;
    - ~~3.1.2 maintain an annual average mark of 80% or greater in each of the first three years of the program;~~
    - 3.1.2 complete their studies in the minimum time and to a standard to the satisfaction of the relevant Dean;
    - 3.1.3 satisfactorily complete five Music-Medicine Transition Program units, as outlined in 2.1.1 and 2.1.2 above, in the first three years of the program; and
    - 3.1.4 complete 18 junior credit points in designated Science units of study as outlined in 2.1.3, 2.1.4 and 2.1.5 above
    - 3.1.5 meet the requirements of the Bachelor of Music Studies degree outlined below.

**Bachelor of Science (Advanced)/Bachelor of Medicine and Bachelor of Surgery**

3. Requirements for the award of the degrees
  - 3.1 To qualify for the award of the Bachelor of Science (Advanced)/MBBS degrees a student shall:
    - 3.1.1 complete units of study having a total value of at least 336 credit points;

- ~~3.1.2 maintain an AAM of 80 or above in each of the first three years of the program;~~
- 3.1.2 complete their studies in the minimum time and to a standard to the satisfaction of the relevant Dean;
- 3.1.3 satisfactorily complete five SMTP units in the first three years of the program; and
- 3.1.4 meet the requirements of the Bachelor of Science (Advanced) degree outlined below.
- 3.1.5 Students who fail to satisfy subsections 3.1.2 and/or 3.1.3 will be transferred to candidature for the Bachelor of Science (Advanced) degree.
- 3.1.6 To qualify for the award of the degrees of Bachelor of Medicine and Bachelor of Surgery, a student shall complete units of study having a total value of 192 credit points as required by the Resolutions of the Faculty of Medicine.
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