



Undergraduate Studies Committee Agenda

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Notice of Meeting

A meeting of the **Undergraduate Studies Committee** will be held at **10.00am** on **Wednesday 4 February 2009** in the Western Tower Room. (Room S 495, first floor of the Western Tower area of the Quadrangle Building on the Camperdown Campus, opposite the Clock Tower.)

Members who are unable to attend are asked to notify Amy Griffiths at the above address. Enquiries concerning this meeting may also be directed to Ms Griffiths.

Amy Griffiths
for
Dr M Edmond
Acting Registrar

28 January 2009

Agenda

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1. **Welcome and apologies**

The following apologies have been received:
W Currie.

In 2009 the Committee will continue to be chaired by **Professor Scott Kable**, from Chemistry, and has the following representatives:

The Chair of the Academic Board
The Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Education):

Professor Bruce Sutton
Professor Derrick
Armstrong

As nominee of the Registrar:
The Director, International Office:
As nominee of the University Librarian:
Acting Deputy Director of the Koori Centre:
(co-opted)

Mr David Bowan
Mr Peter Ball
Ms Libby O'Reilly
Ms Lynette Riley

Associate Deans (Undergraduate), or equivalent, from each faculty :

- Faculty of Agriculture, Food &

Natural Resources:	Dr Stephen Cattle
• Faculty of Architecture, Design & Planning:	Dr Chris Smith
• Faculty of Arts:	Dr Bronwyn Winter
• Faculty of Dentistry:	Ms Wendy Currie
• Faculty of Economics & Business:	Dr Carole Comerton- Forde
• Faculty of Education & Social Work:	Dr Robyn Gibson
• Faculty of Engineering & Information Technologies:	Dr Doug Auld
• Faculty of Health Sciences:	Ms Jane Gamble
• Faculty of Law:	Dr Fiona Burns
• Faculty of Medicine:	Associate Professor Theresa Ho
• Faculty of Nursing & Midwifery:	Ms Lynne Brown
• Faculty of Pharmacy:	Dr Jane Hanrahan (also Deputy Chair)
• Faculty of Science:	Associate Professor Charles Collyer
• Faculty of Veterinary Science:	Associate Professor Paul McGreevy
• Sydney College of the Arts:	Ms Jane Gavan
• Sydney Conservatorium of Music:	Professor Anne Boyd
• The President of the Students' Representative Council:	Mr Noah White

An undergraduate student member of the Academic Board is soon to be appointed.

The Chair welcomes members to the Undergraduate Studies Committee for 2009.

2. Minutes of previous meeting

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Recommendation

That the Undergraduate Studies Committee adopt the minutes of the previous meeting held on 26 November 2008 as a true record.

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

4. Report of the Chair

Recommendation

That the Undergraduate Studies Committee note the report of the Chair.

5. Report of the Academic Board

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Recommendation

That the Undergraduate Studies Committee note the report of the Academic Board meeting of 10 December 2008, as set out in the report presented.

6. Proposals for new and amended undergraduate courses

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6.1 Faculty of Arts

14-16

Bachelor of Arts(Honours)

It is proposed that 'International and Comparative Literary Studies' be added as an honours level subject in the faculty.

Recommendation

That the Undergraduate Studies Committee recommend that the Academic Board:

- (1) *recommend that Senate:*
 - (a) *endorse the Academic Board's approval of the proposal from the Faculty of Arts for the introduction of International and Comparative Literary Studies as an honours course in the Bachelor of Arts,*
 - (b) *approve the amendment of the Resolutions of the Senate relating to the Degree, Diplomas and Certifications in the Faculty of Arts, and*
 - (c) *approve the adoption of the new Resolutions of the Senate relating to this course, made pursuant to the University of Sydney (Coursework) Rule 2000, 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); 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*

6.2 Faculty of Arts

17-18

Bachelor of Arts (Languages)(Honours)

The Faculty would like to permit students to undertake joint honours in a language and a Table A subject area in the Faculty of Arts, to give the program greater flexibility and recognition to students who have completed honours pre-requisites in a language and another Arts subject area.

Recommendation

That the Undergraduate Studies Committee recommend that the Academic Board:

- (1) *recommend that Senate:*
 - (a) *endorse the Academic Board's approval of the proposal from the Faculty of Arts for the introduction of a joint*

- honours course in the Bachelor of Arts(Languages) (Honours),*
- (b) approve the amendment of the Resolutions of the Senate relating to the Degree, Diplomas and Certifications in the Faculty of Arts, and*
 - (c) approve the adoption of the new Resolutions of the Senate relating to this course, made pursuant to the University of Sydney (Coursework) Rule 2000, and*
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6.3 Faculty of Arts

19-20

Bachelor Arts (Media and Communications)

The Faculty seeks amendments to the resolutions to permit students in the Bachelor of Arts (Media and Communications) degree to undertake Marketing as an additional major, or as elective units.

Recommendation

That the Undergraduate Studies Committee recommend that the Academic Board:

- (1) approve the proposal from the Faculty of Arts for the introduction of Marketing as an elective unit and additional major in the Bachelor of Arts(Media and Communications),*
- (2) recommend that Senate:*
 - (a) endorse the Academic Board's approval of the proposal,*
 - (b) approve the amendment of the Resolutions of the Senate relating to the Degree, Diplomas and Certifications in the Faculty of Arts,*
 - (c) approve the adoption of the new Resolutions of the Senate relating to this course, made pursuant to the University of Sydney (Coursework) Rule 2000, and*
- (3) note the Resolutions of the Faculty relating to the above course, made pursuant to the University of Sydney (Coursework) Rule 2000 (as amended); and*
- (4) 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.*

7. Report from Faculties

7.1 Faculty of Medicine

21-24

The faculty has confirmed changes to the Bachelor of Medicine/Bachelor of Surgery (MBBS) Honours program following the introduction of the standard University grading in stage three of the University of Sydney Medical program.

Recommendation

That the Undergraduate Studies Committee note changes to the Bachelor of Medicine/Bachelor of Surgery as set out in the report presented.

8. General business

9. Next meeting

The next meeting will be held on 1 April 2009 in the Western Tower Room.

Agenda Item 2 Minutes of the Previous Meeting

Minutes of the Undergraduate Studies Committee meeting held on Wednesday 26 November 2008

There were present: The Deputy Chair (Dr J Hanrahan) presiding, Professors D Armstrong, A Boyd, Associate Professors T Ho, C Collyer, P McGreevy, Drs D Auld, F Burns, S Cattle, W Currie, C Comerton-Forde, R Gibson, M Rosenman, B Winter and Ms J Gavan, L Riley and Mr P Ball. Associate Professor B McDonald and Ms a Griffiths were in attendance.

1. **Apologies**

Apologies were received from: S Kable, B Sutton and D Armstrong.

2. **Minutes of the previous meeting**

Correction: the first bullet point on page 9, line 6, should read

- Agriculture, Food and Natural Resources: Dr Cattle explained that eligibility for honours is calculated over 96 credit points, with a WAM of 60, 62.5 or 65 needed.
The Chair suggested ANFR honours criteria needs to be changed slightly to be inline with Academic Board policy.

Resolution 88/08

That the Undergraduate Studies Committee adopt the minutes of the previous meeting held on 29 October 2008 as a true record.

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

4. **Report of the Chair**

No report was given in the Chair's absence.

5. **Report of the Academic Board**

Acknowledging the written report, Dr Jane Hanrahan reported that the previous Academic Board meeting had seen lively discussion of the 'ethical principles on special consideration' as well as proposed changes to the honours program offered by the Faculty of Law.

Resolution 89/08

That the Undergraduate Studies Committee note the report of the Academic Board meeting of 12 November 2008, as set out in the report presented.

6. **Report of the Admissions Sub-Committee**

Resolution 90/08

That the Undergraduate Studies Committee note the report of the Admissions Sub-Committee as presented.

6.1 National University of Singapore High School Diploma program

The Committee considered the proposal received by the Admissions Sub-Committee from the International Office for the NUS Diploma program to be recognised as a qualification for admission to undergraduate programs of the

University by international students. This proposal has the support of the Admissions Sub-Committee. The recommendation contained in the agenda papers was amended slightly to clarify that it is only for international students.

Resolution 91/08

That the Undergraduate Studies Committee recommend that the Academic Board recognise the NUS High School Diploma program for the purpose of admission to the University by international students.

6.2 Bachelor of Veterinary Science

The Faculty of Veterinary Science's proposal to introduce a STAT for all applicants to the Bachelor of Veterinary Science, as well as increase the number of places available as Special Entry by providing a Rural Entry Scheme was passed by the Committee.

Resolution 92/08

That the Undergraduate Studies Committee recommend that the Academic Board

- (1) approve the changes to the Bachelor of Veterinary Science ,
- (2) note the Resolutions of the Faculty relating to the above course, 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, as set out in the report presented

With effect from 1 January 2010.

6.3 Flexible Entry

Faculty of Education and Social Work

The Faculty is seeking to introduce flexible entry for Bachelor of Education degrees which will allow entry by UAC applicants with UAls upto 5 points below the cut-off dependant on achievement of Band 4 in certain HSC courses. An updated proposal which included changes requested by the Admissions Sub-Committee was circulated to members at the meeting.

Dr Auld informed the Committee that the proposal had been given the support of the Admissions Sub-Committee after discussion of the requirements for flexible currently in use by other faculties. Dr Comerton –Forde questioned how the subjects had been chosen and whether there was evidence to suggest that university performance is enhanced by students studying these subjects at HSC level. No information on this was available to the meeting. Dr Auld commented that this reflected the problem of not having a standard program. The dates to introduce the new admissions programs by faculties was also questioned, in light of the proposal being applicable to 2009 applicants. The Secretary confirmed that this had been a concern echoed by members of the Admissions Sub-Committee, however support was given for the proposal as it was decided that the timing of the introduction would not disadvantage students.

Resolution 93/08

That the Undergraduate Studies Committee endorse the proposal from the Faculty of Education and Social Work to introduce flexible entry for Bachelor

of Education degrees beginning with the 2009 intake as set out in the report presented.

6.1.3 Proceedings of the Committee

The Committee also considered:

- Updated Go8 LOTE marketing material
- A request to consider LOTE Bonus Schemes
- Recent promotional material on Flexible Entry programs available by faculty.

7. Proposals for new and amended undergraduate courses

7.1 Faculty of Law: Honours

Resolution 94/08

That the Undergraduate Studies Committee approve the changes to the faculty resolutions for the Bachelor of Laws and associated combined degrees and recommend that the Academic Board:

- (1) note the Resolutions of the Faculty relating to the above course, made pursuant to the University of Sydney (Coursework) Rule 2000 (as amended); and
- (2) 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, as set out in the report presented.

8. Report from Faculties

8.1 Faculty of Agriculture, Food and Natural Resources

Dr Cattle explained that this proposal will bring the faculty inline with Academic Board policy.

Resolution 95/08

That the Undergraduate Studies Committee note changes to the resolutions of the Faculty of Agriculture, Food and Natural Resources and recommend that the Academic Board approve these changes.

8.2 Faculty of Dentistry

Dr W Currie spoke to this item and explained that changes to the honours component of the Bachelor of Dentistry are currently being worked on by the faculty. Changes presented here are not to the honours resolutions. There was discussion in the meeting of the definition of 'formative' and 'summative' assessment. Dr Currie explained that marks are not given.

Associate Professor Ho explained that Dentistry was in a similar situation as had been faced by Medicine. The faculties share common assessment aspects with the Faculty of Dentistry still considering how much of the Medicine Review it would take on. Previously no grading or marks had been provided to students in Medicine, but as the Committee was aware changes had been introduced by the faculty which introduced grading from second semester 2008. Medicine has information available for Dentistry to use and Acting Chair suggested

that Dentistry may want to look at the wording used by Medicine for future changes.

Resolution 96/08

That the Undergraduate Studies Committee approve the changes to the faculty resolutions for the Bachelor of Dentistry and recommend that the Academic Board:

- (1) note the Resolutions of the Faculty relating to the above course, made pursuant to the University of Sydney (Coursework) Rule 2000 (as amended); and
- (2) 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, as set out in the report presented.

8.3 Faculty of Law

8.3.1 Bachelor of Laws

Dr Fiona Burns spoke to the proposals contained in 8.3.1 and 8.3.3

Amendment of definition of 'jurisprudence' for units of study in Part 2 of LLB resolutions. The faculty has reviewed units of study in light of the University move to standardised 6 credit points. The Julius Stone Institute was explained to have reviewed jurisprudence and has provided the faculty with a more modern definition.

Resolution 97/08

That the Undergraduate Studies Committee note the changes to the Faculty of Law resolutions as presented.

8.3.2 Semi-intensive mode study for the Graduate Law program

Associate Professor B McDonald spoke to this proposal. In block mode units of study students will be able to focus on one subject at a time. Each unit will be studied for three weeks before a new unit is introduced. A revision period is included before end of semester exams.

Resolution 98/08

That the Undergraduate Studies Committee recommends that the Academic Board approve the proposal from the Faculty of Law to offer semi intensive mode of teaching for first year graduate law units of study, commencing in 2009.

8.3.3 Shanghai Winter School

The Faculty of Law provided information on its Shanghai Winter School at the request of the Academic Board. The Winter School program is an intensive introduction to Chinese Law run jointly by the Sydney Law School and the East China University of Political Science which was reported to always be well attended.

Resolution 99/08

That the Undergraduate Studies Committee notes the report on the Shanghai Winter School offered by the Faculty of Law

and recommends that the Academic Board endorse the program.

8.4 Koori Centre

Ms L Riley spoke to this proposal to update course resolutions so that they are consistent with the Faculty of Education and Social Work. They cover the practicum requirement that begins in year two of the program which then articulates to the Bachelor of Education. A situation had been encountered which could not be resolved under existing resolutions, prompting these changes.

Resolution 100/08

That the Undergraduate Studies Committee note changes to the resolutions of the Diploma of Education (Aboriginal) and recommend that the Academic Board approve these changes.

8.5 Honours update from the Faculty of Science

Associate Professor Collyer spoke to the report explaining that some courses had proved problematic for the faculty and were yet to comply with Academic Board honours requirements

- Bachelor of Science (Nutrition) with Honours in Nutrition and Dietetics (Four year program)
- Bachelor of Applied Science (Sport and Exercise Science) / Bachelor of Science (Nutrition) with Honours in Nutrition and Dietetics (Five year program administered by the Faculty of Health Sciences)

The honours year in Nutrition and Dietetics is designed as a clinical training and is a requirement by DAA for accreditation and practice as a dietician. It does not include a dissertation as required by the policy of the Academic Board. These programs recently had their accreditation withdrawn but after an extensive review this has been reinstated. The Faculty is concerned that any changes to the program may result in loss of accreditation. Discussions were reported to be underway between the Science and Health Sciences faculties and it is anticipated that there will be proposals to delete some courses in 2009.

It was not clear to the Faculty of Health Sciences that an honours program compliant with Academic Board policy would prevent accreditation.

Asked how many students are in the courses, Associate Professor Collyer responded that the BSci Nutrition has 25-30 and the combined program 50-55.

Resolution 101/08

That the Undergraduate Studies Committee note the response from the Faculty of Science.

9. Advanced Standing and Credit Policy

Changes to the Advanced Standing and Credit Policy made following the recommendations of several reviews were endorsed by the Committee.

Resolution 102/08

That the Undergraduate Studies Committee endorse changes to the *Admission: Advanced Standing, Credit Policy* and recommend that the Academic Board approve changes with effect from 1 January 2009.

10. General business

11. Next meeting

The next meeting will be held on 11 February 2009 in the Western Tower Room.

Agenda Item 5

Report of the Academic Board

5.1 Report of the Academic Board meeting held on 10 December 2008

The agenda for the meeting of the Academic Board on 10 December 2008 may be accessed on the web: <http://www.usyd.edu.au/su/ab/>.

5.1.1 Approval of New and Amended Courses

The Academic Board approved proposals for the following new and amended courses:

- Faculty of Agriculture, Food and Natural Resources: amendments 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;
- Faculty of Dentistry: amendments to the Faculty Resolutions for the Bachelor of Dentistry;
- Faculty of Education and Social Work: introduction of a flexible entry scheme for the Bachelor of Education and associated combined degrees;
- Board of Studies in Indigenous Studies: amendments to the Diploma of Education (Aboriginal);
- Faculty of Law: amendments to the Bachelor of Laws and combined degrees; introduction of a semi-intensive delivery mode for the Bachelor of Laws; and teaching of Chinese Law units of study in China; and
- Faculty of Veterinary Science: amendments to the Bachelor of Veterinary Science.

5.1.2 Admission to Undergraduate Courses

The Academic Board recognised the NUS High School Diploma program for the purpose of admitting international students to the University and amended the Academic Board policy on Admission to Undergraduate Courses.

5.1.3 Proceedings of the Committee

The Academic Board noted the proceedings of the Undergraduate Studies Committee meeting held on 26 November 2008.

5.1.4 Report of the Chair of the Academic Board

The Academic Board, in relation to items in the report of its Chair:

- approved and noted the membership of the Academic Board for 2009;
- noted the meeting dates for the Academic Board in 2009; and
- approved a minor amendment to the Academic Board policy on Student Appeals against Academic Decisions.

5.1.5 Other matters

The Academic Board also:

- discussed and commented on revisions to the Academic Board policy on Advanced Standing, Credit and Exemptions;
- discussed and commented on the proposed Postgraduate Coursework Rule;
- noted responses to questions regarding the Bachelor of Psychology (honours) and the report of the 2008 Winter School raised at the previous meeting;

- noted the report of the Vice-Chancellor on Triple Bottom Line Reporting and the Professional Services Stakeholder Survey and Staff Engagement Survey;
- approved amendments to the Senate Resolutions relating to the Governance of Faculties, Colleges, College Boards, Departments, Schools and Committees;
- noted the Faculty Progress Report from the Faculty of Science;
- noted the 2007 Annual Report of the Institute for Teaching and Learning;
- approved amendments to the Academic Board policy on the Cotutelle Scheme;
- co-opted Ms Beth Anderson as a member to the Academic Staffing Committee;
- noted the reports of academic staff promotions to Level E; and
- noted with condolences the passing of Emeritus Professor Hans Freeman, Faculty of Science.

Agenda Item 6

Proposals for new and amended undergraduate courses

6.1 Faculty of Arts

Bachelor of Arts(Honours)

It is proposed that 'International and Comparative Literary Studies' be added as an honours level subject in the faculty.

Recommendation

That the Undergraduate Studies Committee recommend that the Academic Board:

- (1) *recommend that Senate:*
 - (a) *endorse the Academic Board's approval of the proposal from the Faculty of Arts for the introduction of International and Comparative Literary Studies as an honours course in the Bachelor of Arts,*
 - (b) *approve the amendment of the Resolutions of the Senate relating to the Degree, Diplomas and Certifications in the Faculty of Arts, and*
 - (c) *approve the adoption of the new Resolutions of the Senate relating to this course, made pursuant to the University of Sydney (Coursework) Rule 2000, and*
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Minor Course Amendment Proposal

Faculty: Arts

Contact person: Dr Bronwyn Winter, email bronwyn.winter@usyd.edu.au

1. Name of award course

Include the name of the relevant qualifications(s)

Bachelor of Arts (Honours)

2. Purpose of proposal

Provide a statement setting out the reasons for the amendment(s) or approval(s) including all relevant background information

To amend the Table A subject areas for the Bachelor of Arts (Honours) to offer Honours in 'International and Comparative Literary Studies' which is an approved Table A major in the Faculty of Arts.

Approved by the Faculty's Undergraduate Matters Committee on 18 March 2008.

3. Details of amendment

Provide specific references from the relevant Resolutions of the Senate or Faculty Resolutions and clearly indicate where the proposed change is being made. Include page references to the current University Calendar. Underline proposed additions and strikethrough proposed deletions.

Faculty of Arts Undergraduate Resolutions

Bachelor of Arts (Honours)

1. An honours course is available in the following subject areas:

1.1 Part A

1.1.1 American Studies

1.1.2 Ancient History

1.1.3 Anthropology

1.1.4 Arab World, Islam and the Middle East

1.1.5 Arabic Language and Literature

1.1.6 Archaeology (Classical)

1.1.7 Archaeology (Near Eastern)

1.1.8 Archaeology (Prehistoric and Historical)

1.1.9 Art History and Theory

1.1.10 Asian Studies

1.1.11 Australian Literature

1.1.12 Biblical Studies

1.1.13 Celtic Studies

1.1.14 Classics

1.1.15 Chinese Studies

1.1.16 Cultural Studies

1.1.17 Digital Cultures

1.1.18 English

1.1.19 European Studies

1.1.20 Film Studies

1.1.21 French Studies

1.1.22 Gender Studies

1.1.23 Germanic Studies

- 1.1.24 Government and International Relations
- 1.1.25 Greek (Ancient)
- 1.1.26 Hebrew (Classical)
- 1.1.27 Hebrew (Modern)
- 1.1.28 History
- 1.1.29 Indonesian Studies
- 1.1.30 International and Comparative Literary Studies
- ~~1.1.30~~ 31 Italian Studies
- ~~1.1.31~~ 32 Japanese Studies
- ~~1.1.32~~ 33 Jewish Civilisation, Thought and Culture
- ~~1.1.33~~ 34 Korean Studies
- ~~1.1.34~~ 35 Latin
- ~~1.1.35~~ 36 Linguistics
- ~~1.1.36~~ 37 Medieval Studies
- ~~1.1.37~~ 38 Modern Greek Studies
- ~~1.1.38~~.39 Music
- ~~1.1.39~~ 40 Performance Studies
- ~~1.1.40~~ 41 Philosophy
- ~~1.1.41~~ 42 Political Economy
- ~~1.1.42~~ 43 Sanskrit
- ~~1.1.43~~ 44 Sociology
- ~~1.1.44~~ 45 Spanish and Latin American Studies
- ~~1.1.45~~ 46 Studies in Religion

4. Transitional arrangements

If the proposed amendment(s) will affect students who are currently enrolled, include details of any transitional arrangements.

Not applicable

5. Other relevant information

To be effective from 2009

6. Signature of Dean

Professor Stephen Garton
Dean, Faculty of Arts

9 January 2009

6.2 Faculty of Arts Bachelor of Arts (Languages)(Honours)

The Faculty would like to permit students to undertake joint honours in a language and a Table A subject area in the Faculty of Arts, to give the program greater flexibility and recognition to students who have completed honours pre-requisites in a language and another Arts subject area.

Recommendation

That the Undergraduate Studies Committee recommend that the Academic Board:

- (1) *recommend that Senate:*
 - (a) *endorse the Academic Board's approval of the proposal from the Faculty of Arts for the introduction of a joint honours course in the Bachelor of Arts(Languages) (Honours),*
 - (b) *approve the amendment of the Resolutions of the Senate relating to the Degree, Diplomas and Certifications in the Faculty of Arts, and*
 - (c) *approve the adoption of the new Resolutions of the Senate relating to this course, made pursuant to the University of Sydney (Coursework) Rule 2000, 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); and*
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Minor Course Amendment Proposal

Faculty: Arts

Contact person: Dr Derek Herforth, email derek.herforth@usyd.edu.au

1. Name of award course

Include the name of the relevant qualifications(s)

Bachelor of Arts (Languages) (Honours)

2. Purpose of proposal

Provide a statement setting out the reasons for the amendment(s) or approval(s) including all relevant background information

To amend the resolutions to permit students to undertake joint honours in a language and a Table A subject area in the Faculty of Arts, to give the program greater flexibility and recognition to students who have completed honours pre-requisites in a language and another Arts subject area.

Approved by the Faculty's Undergraduate Matters Committee on 25 November 2008

3. Details of amendment

Provide specific references from the relevant Resolutions of the Senate or Faculty Resolutions and clearly indicate where the proposed change is being made. Include page references to the current University Calendar. Underline proposed additions and strikethrough proposed deletions.

Faculty of Arts Undergraduate Resolutions
Bachelor of Arts (Languages) (Honours)

1.12 A Joint honours course is available in a language and second Part A subject area

4. Transitional arrangements

If the proposed amendment(s) will affect students who are currently enrolled, include details of any transitional arrangements.

Not applicable

5. Other relevant information

To be effective from 2009

6. Signature of Dean

Professor Stephen
Dean, Faculty of Arts
9 January 2009

6.3 Bachelor Arts (Media and Communications)

The Faculty seeks amendments to the resolutions to permit students in the Bachelor of Arts (Media and Communications) degree to undertake Marketing as an additional major, or as elective units.

Recommendation

That the Undergraduate Studies Committee recommend that the Academic Board:

- (1) approve the proposal from the Faculty of Arts for the introduction of Marketing as an elective unit and additional major in the Bachelor of Arts(Media and Communications),*
- (2) recommend that Senate:*
 - (a) endorse the Academic Board's approval of the proposal,*
 - (b) approve the amendment of the Resolutions of the Senate relating to the Degree, Diplomas and Certifications in the Faculty of Arts,*
 - (c) approve the adoption of the new Resolutions of the Senate relating to this course, made pursuant to the University of Sydney (Coursework) Rule 2000, and*
- (3) note the Resolutions of the Faculty relating to the above course, made pursuant to the University of Sydney (Coursework) Rule 2000 (as amended); and*
- (4) 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.*

Minor Course Amendment Proposal

Faculty: Arts

Contact person: Associate Professor Anne Dunn email anne.dunn@usyd.edu.au

1. Name of award course

Include the name of the relevant qualifications(s)

Bachelor of Arts (Media and Communications)

2. Purpose of proposal

Provide a statement setting out the reasons for the amendment(s) or approval(s) including all relevant background information

To amend the resolutions to permit students in the Bachelor of Arts (Media and Communications) degree to undertake Marketing as an additional major, or as elective units.

Approved by the Faculty's Undergraduate Matters Committee on 2 September 2008

3. Details of amendment

Provide specific references from the relevant Resolutions of the Senate or Faculty Resolutions and clearly indicate where the proposed change is being made. Include page references to the current University Calendar. Underline proposed additions and strikethrough proposed deletions.

Faculty of Arts Undergraduate Resolutions
Bachelor of Arts (Media and Communications)

1.8 An additional major or elective units in Marketing may be undertaken within the maximum Part B 60 credit points limit in section 1.7 on units of study from outside the Faculty of Arts

4. Transitional arrangements

If the proposed amendment(s) will affect students who are currently enrolled, include details of any transitional arrangements.

To allow current students in the degree to undertake marketing units in 2009

5. Other relevant information

To be effective from 2009

6. Signature of Dean

Professor Stephen
Dean, Faculty of Arts

9 January 2009

Agenda Item 8 Reports from Faculties

8.1 Faculty of Medicine

Recommendation

That the Undergraduate Studies Committee note changes to the Bachelor of Medicine/Bachelor of Surgery as set out in the report presented.

Minor Course Amendment Proposal

Faculty/Board of Studies:

Contact person:

1. Name of award course

Bachelor of Medicine/ Bachelor of Surgery (MBBS) (Course Code: KH006)

2. Purpose of proposal

The Faculty of Medicine requests that the eligibility criteria for participation in the MBBS Honours program be modified as a result of the introduction of the standard University of Sydney five point grading system in Stage 3 of the University of Sydney Medical program.

3. Details of amendment

Honours in the USydMP will remain as an integrated component of the course. Students can commence their Honours studies at the end of Stage 1 and undertake their research until the end of June in Stage 3, Year 4. Since Stage 1 and 2 units are ungraded, participation in Honours in Stages 1 and 2 will still be contingent upon achieving $\geq 75\%$ competency, adjusted for item difficulty in the Stage 2 (Year 2) barrier exams and a pass in all other components of assessment in Years 1 and 2.

In addition, under the new eligibility criteria, students will require a Weighted Average Mark (WAM) of $\geq 75\%$ averaged across at least 48 credit points in Stage 3 (Years 3 and 4 of the Sydney Medical Program) to obtain Honours.

Honours grades will be calculated according to the student's final Honours WAM (HWAM). The HWAM will be calculated from the 80 core credit points in Stage 3 plus the Honours mark which will be given double weighting.

To be awarded Honours, students must obtain a mark of at least 70 for the thesis and seminar and achieve an HWAM of 70 or above. Students who enrol in the Honours/Research Project unit of study (GDMP4110) and obtain a mark between 50-69 for the thesis and seminar or an HWAM of less than 70, will not be awarded Honours but will have "Research Project" listed on their academic transcript. Students who fail the Research Project will be required to undertake an Elective. A student with an HWAM of 90 and above may be awarded a University medal.

No changes will be required to the Senate or Faculty resolutions.

4. Transitional arrangements

The new eligibility criteria will only apply to students commencing Stage 1 in 2009.

5. Other relevant information

6. Signature of Dean

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Creation of Unit of Study Form

(Please refer to the Guidelines below for assistance in completing this form.)

1. Unit of Study Name: Max 40 Characters including spaces	Honours/ Research Project
2. Faculty, School and Discipline:	Faculty of Medicine, K00
3. Unit of Study Preferred Code: 4 letters + 4 numerals with no space, e.g. SLEE5002	GDMP4110
4. ASCED Code: List of codes available at: http://www.plansup.usyd.edu.au/statistics/deststudent07/appendixe/section_appendixe.htm	060101
5. Credit Point Value: IMPORTANT NOTE: If UoS is less than 3 CPs, please attach an explanatory note.	12 credit points
6. Session(s) Offered: Refer to guidelines for list of available sessions	One, two, 51 and 61
7. Delivery mode: Refer to guidelines for list of available delivery modes	Normal Day
8. Course(s) Associated With this Unit of Study: Include all course codes as well as names	KH006
9. Description of Course for Handbook: No more than 200 words and no lists	Honours/ Research students will undertake a supervised research project whilst enrolled in the MBBS, that will culminate in the submission of an honours thesis and a seminar given to the Discipline. Students will be monitored through regular progress reports.
10. Classes: All lowercase characters and very abbreviated, with no full stops	Frequent, regular contact the honours or research supervisor.
11. Assessment: All lowercase characters and very abbreviated, with no full stops	Honours thesis (90%) seminar (10%)
12. Unit Coordinator (s): Titles and names separated by commas and no full stops	Dr Margot Day
13. Textbooks: Please end with a full stop.	N/A
14. Prerequisite Unit of Study Code(s): Provide alphanumerical codes only, no names or commas. Use brackets to make ORs and ANDs unambiguous.	GDMP2021 & GDMP2022 & GDMP2023 & GDMP2024 & GDMP2025
15. Co-requisite Unit of Study Code(s): As for prerequisite units of study.	N/A

16. Prohibited Unit of Study Code(s): As for prerequisite units of study.	GDMP3109
17. Departmental permission required:	Yes.
18. Additional information:	To apply for honours in the MBBS, students must submit a research proposal to the Honours/ Research Co-ordinator at the end of Stage 2 and before the commencement of Stage 3 of the MBBS.
19. Assumed knowledge:	None

Approvals

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