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Memorandum to: Members of the Graduate Studies Committee

The agenda for the meeting of the Graduate Studies Committee scheduled to be held at **2.00 pm** on **Monday 15 October 2001** in the **Western Tower Room** is set out below.

Keri Neveltsen
Secretary to the Committee

11 October 2001

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That the Committee note that the next meeting will be held on Monday 19 November 2001.

AGENDA ITEM 1

Minutes of the previous meeting

Minutes of the Graduate Studies Committee meeting held on 17 September 2001

There were present: The Alternative Chair (Associate Professor A F Masters) presiding, Professors C Adam, A Brewer, L Field and J Gero, Associate Professors J Christodoulou, P McCallum, F Nicholas and J Small, Drs B Adamson, E Baily, J Finkelstein and R Walker and Mr K Barlow. Miss K Neveltsen was in attendance.

Apologies were received from: The Chair (Associate Professor R T Ross), Professors M Crossley and P Ramsden, Associate Professors M Prosser and D Rothwell and Dr M Boughton.

1. Minutes of the previous meeting

Resolution 133/01

That the Committee adopt the minutes of the previous meeting held on 20 August 2001 as a true record.

2. Business arising from the previous minutes

There was no business arising from the previous minutes.

3. Report of the Academic Board

The Committee note the report of the Academic Board meeting of 15 August 2001 in relation to the reports of the Graduate Studies Committee meetings of 18 June and 16 July 2001.

Resolution 134/01

That the Committee noted the decisions of the Academic Board, at its meeting of 15 August 2001, as set out in the report presented.

4. Report of the Alternative Chair

4.1 Appointment of Working Parties to consider new and amended courses

4.1.1 Faculty of Dentistry: Graduate Certificate in Restorative Dentistry

The Committee noted that the Chair appointed Associate Professor A F Masters (Chair), Mr K Barlow (SUPRA), Professor I Klineberg (Proponent), Professor A Brewer and Dr B Adamson to a working party to consider the proposed new course, Graduate Certificate in Restorative Dentistry.

Resolution 135/01

That the Committee note and confirm the Alternative Chair's action in appointing the members of the Working Party, as set out above.

4.2 Higher doctorates

4.2.1 Award of Degree

The Committee noted that on the recommendation of the Faculty of Science Postgraduate Studies Committee, the Chair considered the examiners reports and approved the award of the degree of Doctor of Science to the following candidate:

Candidate: Dr Garry Halliday

Published work: *The Immune Response in Skin Carcinogenesis*

Examiners: Dr H N Ananthaswamy
Dr F R de Gruijl
Dr V E Reeve
Professor M Norval

Resolution 136/01

That the Committee note the report and confirm the Alternative Chair's action in approving the award of the degree of Doctor of Science to Dr G Halliday, as set out above.

4.3 Report of the Teaching and Learning Committee

The Committee noted that Associate Professor Russell Ross had attended the Teaching and Learning Committee meeting of 23 August 2001 where the Committee received a report from the Learning Centre.

The Chair reported that during discussion the Teaching and Learning Committee noted the success of the postgraduate student induction program conducted by the Learning Centre. The Centre had conducted a two hour workshop for postgraduate research students in the Faculty of Economics and Business which included an analysis of theses within different discipline areas of Economics, explored the thesis as a persuasive document and the writer's roles in developing the thesis argument.

Resolution 137/01

That the Committee note the report of the Chair relating to the Teaching and Learning Committee, as set out in the report presented.

4.4 Draft Academic Board Resolution: *Academic Honesty in Coursework*

The Committee noted that the draft Academic Board Resolution: *Academic Honesty in Coursework* had been circulated widely throughout the University, and that comments and feedback were invited by Friday 5 October 2001.

The Committee noted that the University needed to ensure that the procedures outlined in the proposed Resolution were procedurally fair and transparent.

Resolution 138/01

That the Committee consider the draft Academic Board Resolution: *Academic Honesty in Coursework* and provide feedback to the Chair of the Academic Board.

4.5 Oral report

The Alternative Chair had nothing further to report.

Resolution 139/01

That the Committee note the report of the Alternative Chair.

5. Report of the PhD Award Sub-Committee

5.1 Report of the PhD Award Sub-Committee meeting held on 4 September 2001

5.1.1 Receipt of report

Resolution 140/01

That the Committee receive and note the report of the PhD Award Sub-Committee meeting held on 4 September 2001.

5.1.2 Appointment of Examiners

The Chair of the PhD Award Sub-Committee, Associate Professor A F Masters, highlighted the Sub-Committee's continued concern that many examiners appeared not to have indicated their willingness to act at the time the appointment of examiners was noted by the Sub-Committee.

Resolution 141/01

That the Graduate Studies Committee remind faculties of the need to fully complete Appointment of Examiners forms before referring them to the PhD Award Sub-Committee for noting. In particular, at least three examiners should have signified their willingness to examine the thesis.

5.1.3 Proceedings of the Sub-Committee

Resolution 142/01

That the Committee note the proceedings of the PhD Award Sub-Committee meeting held on 4 September 2001, as set out in the report presented.

6. Report of the Coursework Sub-Committee

6.1 Report of the Coursework Sub-Committee meeting held on 3 September 2001

6.1.1 Receipt of report

Resolution 143/01

That the Committee receive and note the report of the Coursework Sub-Committee meeting held on 3 September 2001.

6.1.2 Proposals for new and amended postgraduate courses

(1) Faculty of Nursing: Graduate Certificate in Nursing (Health Services)

On the recommendation of its Coursework Sub-Committee, the Graduate Studies Committee considered a proposal from the Faculty of Nursing for the introduction in 2002 of the new stream, Health Services, to the Graduate Certificate in Nursing.

The proposed course had been developed in response to the changing needs of health care delivery. Advances in technology, changing roles of nurse managers and clinicians and budget considerations had created a need for educational support for nurses commencing in management roles and the course would enable students to study individual units through the utilisation of distance and flexible modes of delivery to increase accessibility for students employed in health care professions in a wide geographical area.

It was noted that issues relating to consultation with cognate faculties, with a view to utilising existing offerings, had been extensively discussed and the Committee agreed that faculties should be encouraged to consider issues of collaboration at the time new course proposals were developed.

The Graduate Studies Committee noted that issues relating to the generic nature of the course descriptors had been discussed and the Faculty had agreed to clarify the descriptions with a particular emphasis on nursing content prior to publication.

Resolution 144/01

That the Graduate Studies Committee recommend that the Academic Board:

- (1) recommend that Senate approve:
 - (a) the proposal from the Faculty of Nursing for the introduction in 2002 of the new stream, Graduate Certificate in Nursing (Health Services);
 - (b) the amendment of the Resolutions of the Senate relating to the Degrees, Diplomas and Certificates in the Faculty of Nursing, with effect from 1 January 2002, as set out in the report presented; and
 - (c) the adoption of the Resolutions of the Senate relating to the Graduate Certificate in Nursing (Health Services), made pursuant to the University of Sydney (Coursework) Rule 2000, with effect from 1 January 2002, as set out in the report presented;
- (2) note the Resolutions of the Faculty relating to the above course, made pursuant to the University of Sydney (Coursework) Rule 2000; and
- (3) approve the Faculty requirements relating to admission, units of study, and award of the Graduate Certificate, as set out in the report presented.

(2) **Faculty of Nursing: Graduate Certificate in Nursing (Mental Health)**

On the recommendation of its Coursework Sub-Committee, the Graduate Studies Committee considered a proposal from the Faculty of Nursing for the introduction in 2002 of the new stream, Mental Health, to the Graduate Certificate in Nursing.

The proposed stream had been developed in response to the needs of the health care sector. The proposal noted there was a general shortage of nurses for all fields of nursing, however, the area of mental health had been targeted by the New South Wales Department of Health which wished to make available scholarships to encourage and attract nurses into the field of mental health.

It was proposed that the Graduate Certificate in Nursing (Mental Health) would facilitate and support the entry of new graduates of the Bachelor of Nursing degree into the specialised area of mental health by extending knowledge and understanding of mental health.

The proposed stream was intended for registered nurses, to enhance the knowledge and skills required by them for the comprehensive management of complex mental health cases.

Resolution 145/01

That the Graduate Studies Committee recommend that the Academic Board:

- (1) recommend that Senate approve:
 - (a) the proposal from the Faculty of Nursing for the introduction in 2002 of the new stream, Graduate Certificate in Nursing (Mental Health);
 - (b) the amendment of the Resolutions of the Senate relating to the Degrees, Diplomas and Certificates in the Faculty of Nursing, with effect from

- 1 January 2002, as set out in the report presented;
and
- (c) the adoption of the Resolutions of the Senate relating to the Graduate Certificate in Nursing (Mental Health), made pursuant to the University of Sydney (Coursework) Rule 2000, with effect from 1 January 2002, as set out in the report presented;
- (2) note the Resolutions of the Faculty relating to the above course, made pursuant to the University of Sydney (Coursework) Rule 2000; and
- (3) approve the Faculty requirements relating to admission, units of study, and award of the Graduate Certificate, as set out in the report presented.

(3) Faculty of Nursing: Amendment to the Master of Midwifery and Graduate Diploma in Midwifery

On the recommendation of its Coursework Sub-Committee, the Graduate Studies Committee considered a proposal from the Faculty of Nursing for the amendment of the courses, Master of Midwifery and Graduate Diploma in Midwifery.

The proposal revised the Resolutions of the Senate and Faculty Resolutions in line with the University of Sydney (Coursework) Rule 2000 and amended the duration of the courses and the units of study candidates were required to undertake.

The courses allowed registered nurses the opportunity to gain additional qualifications in a highly specialised field and were accredited by the Nurses Registration Board of New South Wales.

Resolution 146/01

That the Graduate Studies Committee recommend that the Academic Board:

- (1) recommend that Senate approve:
 - (a) the proposal from the Faculty of Nursing for the revised duration of the Master of Midwifery and Graduate Diploma in Midwifery;
 - (b) the rescission of the Resolutions of the Senate relating to the Master of Midwifery and Graduate Diploma in Midwifery, as set out in the report presented; and
 - (c) the adoption of the revised Resolutions of the Senate relating to the Master of Midwifery and Graduate Diploma in Midwifery, made pursuant to the University of Sydney (Coursework) Rule 2000, with effect from 1 January 2002, as set out in the report presented;
- (2) note the Resolutions of the Faculty relating to the above courses, made pursuant to the University of Sydney (Coursework) Rule 2000; and
- (3) approve the Faculty requirements relating to admission, units of study, and award of the degree, as set out in the report presented.

(4) **Faculty of Architecture: Master of Architecture, Graduate Diploma in Architecture and Graduate Certificate in Architecture**

On the recommendation of its Coursework Sub-Committee, the Graduate Studies Committee considered a proposal from the Faculty of Architecture for the introduction in 2002 of the new courses, Master of Architecture, Graduate Diploma in Architecture and Graduate Certificate in Architecture.

It was proposed that the courses would be offered in two streams, *Architectural History*, *Theory and Criticism*, and *Architectural Design*. The proposal addressed the demand of the architecture profession and it was expected that the courses would contribute to the academic spirit of the Faculty and encourage undergraduate students to consider graduate study in architecture as a major step towards a challenging international career.

The courses were targeted at practising architects, graduate students who were seeking broader professional opportunities, mid-career academics, graduates from cognate disciplines and graduates without an Honours degree who would like to use the courses as a basis for doctoral study.

Consultation with architectural professionals had led to support for the proposal and it was proposed that a professional advisory committee comprising academics and prominent professional representatives would be established to assist in monitoring and reviewing the courses.

Resolution 147/01

That the Graduate Studies Committee recommend through the Academic Board that Senate approve:

- (1) the proposal from the Faculty of Architecture for the introduction in 2002 of the new courses, Master of Architecture, Graduate Diploma in Architecture and Graduate Certificate in Architecture;
- (2) the amendment of the Resolutions of the Senate relating to the Degrees, Diplomas and Certificates in the Faculty of Architecture, with effect from 1 January 2002, as set out in the report presented; and
- (3) the adoption of the Resolutions of the Senate relating to Postgraduate Coursework Study, with effect from 1 January 2002, as set out in the report presented.

(5) **Faculty of Architecture: Amendment to the Master of Urban and Regional Planning**

On the recommendation of its Coursework Sub-Committee, the Graduate Studies Committee considered a proposal from the Faculty of Architecture for the introduction in 2002 of three new streams for the Master of Urban and Regional Planning.

It was proposed to continue to offer the course with no specialisation, as was current practice, or with a specialisation in Housing Studies, Heritage Conservation or Urban Design.

The proposal had been developed in response to the need for specialisation in the planning profession. The specialisations would

utilise existing units of study and be well-received by the relevant professional bodies.

Resolution 148/01

That the Graduate Studies Committee recommend through the Academic Board that Senate approve:

- (1) the proposal from the Faculty of Architecture for the introduction in 2002 of the new specialisations, Master of Urban and Regional Planning (Housing Studies), Master of Urban and Regional Planning (Heritage Conservation) and Master of Urban and Regional Planning (Urban Design);
- (2) the amendment of the Resolutions of the Senate relating to the award of the Master's degree, graduate diploma or graduate certificate in the Faculty of Architecture, with effect from 1 January 2002, as set out in the report presented; and
- (3) the adoption of the Resolutions of the Senate relating to the above streams, with effect from 1 January 2002, as set out in the report presented.

(6) Faculty of Arts: Master of Professional Communication, Graduate Diploma in Professional Communication and Graduate Certificate in Professional Communication

On the recommendation of its Coursework Sub-Committee, the Graduate Studies Committee considered a proposal from the Faculty of Arts for the introduction in 2002 of the new courses, Master of Professional Communication, Graduate Diploma in Professional Communication and Graduate Certificate in Professional Communication.

The proposal had been developed as part of a broad move by the Faculty to combine its areas of expertise in language and communication to offer a professional training program with direct vocational applications.

The courses were aimed at local and overseas students intending to take up, or already occupying, career positions in professional, managerial and administrative organizations where a tertiary qualification in communication would significantly enhance their career projection.

The Master of Professional Communication was aimed at managers and professional workers whose jobs were oriented towards text and communication rather than finance, thus differentiating it from the Master of Business Administration. By pioneering such a degree, the first of its kind, the University of Sydney would secure a competitive advantage over other tertiary institutions delivering vocational training to the corporate sector.

It was noted that the Department of English and the Faculty of Economics and Business had collaborated on the development of a core unit of study within the course and that there could be wide interest from other faculties regarding the unit and that the faculty could consider the flexibility of its teaching modes to allow for increased cross-listing by faculties.

Resolution 149/01

That the Graduate Studies Committee recommend through the Academic Board that Senate approve:

- (1) the proposal from the Faculty of Arts for the introduction in 2002 of the new courses, Master of Professional Communication, Graduate Diploma in Professional Communication and Graduate Certificate in Professional Communication;
- (2) the amendment of the Resolutions of the Senate relating to the Degrees, Diplomas and Certificates in the Faculty of Arts, with effect from 1 January 2002, as set out in the report presented; and
- (3) the adoption of the Resolutions of the Senate relating to the above courses, with effect from 1 January 2002, as set out in the report presented.

(7) Faculty of Arts: Master of Arts – Korean as a Foreign Language, new subject area

On the recommendation of its Coursework Sub-Committee, the Graduate Studies Committee considered a proposal from the Faculty of Arts for the introduction in 2002 of the new subject area, Korean as a Foreign Language for the Master of Arts.

The proposal to introduce the new subject area followed the Australian government including Korean as one of the four national priority languages which had seen an increase in the development of Korean language education in primary and secondary schools.

It was anticipated that both local and international students would enrol and utilise the University's existing exchange programs to enhance their studies.

Resolution 150/01

That the Graduate Studies Committee recommend through the Academic Board that Senate approve:

- (1) the proposal from the Faculty of Arts for the introduction in 2002 of the new subject area for the Master of Arts, Korean as a Foreign Language;
- (2) the amendment of the Resolutions of the Senate relating to the Postgraduate Degrees and Diplomas in the Faculty of Arts, with effect from 1 January 2002, as set out in the report presented; and
- (3) the adoption of the Resolutions of the Senate relating to the above course, with effect from 1 January 2002, as set out in the report presented.

(8) Faculty of Arts: Master of Arts and Graduate Diploma in Arts – name change to Italian Studies

On the recommendation of its Coursework Sub-Committee, the Graduate Studies Committee considered a proposal from the Faculty of Arts for the amendment from 2002 of the subject area 'Italian' to 'Italian Studies' reflecting the departmental name change from the Department of Italian to the Department of Italian Studies.

Resolution 151/01

That the Sub-Committee commend the proposal to the Graduate Studies Committee for recommendation through the Academic Board that Senate approve:

- (1) the proposal from the Faculty of Arts for the amendment in 2002 of the course name "Italian" to "Italian Studies";
- (2) the amendment of the Resolutions of the Senate relating to the Postgraduate Degrees and Diplomas in the Faculty of Arts, with effect from 1 January 2002, as set out in the report presented; and
- (3) the adoption of the Resolutions of the Senate relating to the above courses, with effect from 1 January 2002, as set out in the report presented.

(9) Faculty of Arts: Graduate Certificate in Arts – Italian Studies, new subject area

On the recommendation of its Coursework Sub-Committee, the Graduate Studies Committee considered a proposal from the Faculty of Arts for the introduction in 2002 of the new subject area, Italian Studies for the Graduate Certificate in Arts.

The proposal to introduce the new subject area aimed to increase the attractiveness of postgraduate coursework in Italian Studies for a wider range of students and to allow students to combine continuing study of Italian language with advanced study in Italian Literature and Linguistics, Art History, History, Ancient History and Language Pedagogy.

Resolution 152/01

That the Graduate Studies Committee recommend through the Academic Board that Senate approve:

- (1) the proposal from the Faculty of Arts for the introduction in 2002 of the new subject area, Italian Studies, for the Graduate Certificate in Arts;
- (2) the amendment of the Resolutions of the Senate relating to the Postgraduate Degrees and Diplomas in the Faculty of Arts, with effect from 1 January 2002, as set out in the report presented; and
- (3) the adoption of the Resolutions of the Senate relating to the above course, with effect from 1 January 2002, as set out in the report presented.

(10) Faculty of Arts: Master of Arts, Graduate Diploma in Arts and Graduate Certificate in Arts – Applied Linguistics restructured courses

On the recommendation of its Coursework Sub-Committee, the Graduate Studies Committee considered a proposal from the Faculty of Arts for revised pathways for the Master of Arts (Applied Linguistics), Graduate Diploma in Arts (Applied Linguistics) and Graduate Certificate in Arts (Applied Linguistics).

The rationalisation of the courses was aimed at improving the effective use of expertise and talents of staff involved in teaching the courses and to reposition the Master's degree with a distinctive identity, attracting students based on the calibre of teachers and researchers involved.

Resolution 153/01

That the Graduate Studies Committee recommend that the Academic Board approve the proposal from the Faculty of Arts for revised pathways for the Master of Arts (Applied Linguistics), Graduate Diploma in Arts (Applied Linguistics) and Graduate Certificate in Arts (Applied Linguistics), with effect from 1 January 2002, as set out in the report presented.

(11) Faculty of Engineering: Graduate Certificate in Automation in Field Robotics

On the recommendation of its Coursework Sub-Committee, the Graduate Studies Committee considered a formal written request from the Faculty of Engineering seeking approval of the Graduate Studies Committee for dispensation for a lower credit point requirement in the Graduate Certificate in Automation in Field Robotics.

The Committee noted that previous consideration the Graduate Certificate had previously been considered along with the Master of Automation in Field Robotics, Graduate Diploma in Automation in Field Robotics and Graduate Certificate in Automation in Field Robotics which the Committee had recommended through the Academic Board to Senate for approval.

The Coursework Sub-Committee had previously reported that the Graduate Certificate proposal did not comply with Academic Board policy on requirements for graduate certificates which clearly stated that a minimum of 24 credit points worth of study must be successfully completed.

The Committee noted that the Faculty had requested special dispensation for a lower credit point requirement and that the Sub-Committee had felt that the dispensation was not warranted in this instance.

Secretary's note: Subsequent to the meeting the Alternative Chair clarified with the Chair of the Coursework Sub-Committee that Sub-Committee had not commended the proposal for approval.

Resolution 154/01

That the Graduate Studies Committee note that the Coursework Sub-Committee did not commend for approval the proposal for the introduction in 2002 of the new course, Graduate Certificate in Automation in Field Robotics to the Graduate Studies Committee.

6.1.3 Proceedings of the Sub-Committee

Resolution 155/01

That the Committee note the proceedings of the Coursework Sub-Committee meeting held on 3 September 2001, as set out in the report presented.

7. Proposals for new and amended courses

7.1 Faculty of Economics and Business: Master of Business and Graduate Certificate in Business

The Committee was asked to consider a proposal from the Faculty of Economics and Business for the introduction in 2003 of the new courses, Master of Business and Graduate Certificate in Business.

Building on the intellectual distinctiveness of the Faculty and its two cross-disciplinary schools, the innovative and forward-looking design of the proposed Master's course differentiated the Faculty's postgraduate business courses from those offered by other institutions.

The Faculty was committed to providing outstanding postgraduate courses that were distinguished by an inquiry-focus, a social science base as well as integrated content and delivery, enabling students to achieve their professional and personal goals and enhance their contributions to business and society.

The Faculty had consulted with various interest groups, including the Dean, Australian Graduate School of Management (AGSM) during the development of the proposal.

During discussion the Committee noted that the proposal would normally have been referred to a working party to clarify issues relating to admission, credit and probationary candidature. The Committee understood that the proposal was received at the time the Chair would be absent and prior to the appointment of an Alternative Chair and that there appeared to be no additional clarification needed on the issues normally considered by a working party. The Committee agreed that, because of these unique circumstances, recognising that the proposal met the normal academic criteria, that the degree was not intended for introduction until 2003 and that the Faculty needed approval before beginning the detailed planning process, it would consider the proposal. Following discussion, the Committee agreed to commend the proposal through the Academic Board to Senate for approval in principle without the associated Resolutions of the Senate. The Committee agreed to consider revised Resolutions of the Senate for referral to Senate at a later date.

Resolution 156/01

That the Committee recommend through the Academic Board that Senate:

- (1) approve in principle the proposal from the Faculty of Economics and Business for the introduction in 2003 of the new courses, Master of Business and Graduate Certificate in Business;
- (2) note the associated Resolutions of the Senate will be referred for approval upon finalisation by the Faculty.

7.2 Faculty of Arts: Master of Philosophy and Doctor of Philosophy – Museum Studies

The Committee was asked to consider a proposal from the Faculty of Arts for the introduction in 2002 of the new subject area of Museum Studies for the Master of Philosophy and note that facilities were now in place for candidates to undertake museum studies for the Doctor of Philosophy.

The Master of Philosophy was already offered in a variety of subject areas and following a restructure of the Museum Studies unit, the Faculty proposed to utilise existing strengths in coursework courses to develop a research culture within Museum Studies courses.

The proposal specifically catered for candidates whose interests were not being met within the current offerings and would attract candidates interested in the role of the

museum in social change, museum history and museology, museums and public culture and museums and the politics of representation.

Resolution 157/01

That the Committee recommend that the Academic Board

- (1) approve the proposal from the Faculty of Arts for the introduction in 2002 of the new subject area, Museum Studies, for the Master of Philosophy;
- (2) recommend that Senate approve the amendment of the Resolutions of the Senate relating to the Master of Philosophy, with effect from 1 January 2002, as set out in the report presented.

8. Reports from Faculties

8.1 Faculty of Economics and Business

The Committee was asked to consider a proposal from the Faculty of Economics and Business to recommend through the Academic Board that Senate approve the amendment of the Resolutions of the Senate relating to the Master of Human Resource Management and Coaching, Graduate Diploma in Human Resource Management and Coaching and Graduate Certificate in Human Resource Management and Coaching.

These postgraduate courses were approved by Senate in June 2001 however, the Faculty had since identified an anomaly in unit of study entry requirements between units administered by the Faculty of Economics and Business and those units administered by the Faculty of Science.

This had arisen from the use of existing units which had previously only been available to candidates enrolled in the Graduate Certificate in Applied Science, where candidates were required to possess a recognised undergraduate major in Psychology. The units offered for the Human Resource Management and Coaching courses did not recognise that some candidates lacked an undergraduate major in Psychology and the Faculty proposed to introduce a "gateway" unit for candidates prior to undertaking more advanced units.

Accordingly the Faculty proposed that the Resolutions of the Senate be amended to provide for a candidate without an undergraduate major in psychology to complete a specified introductory unit of study before progressing to advanced units, even where those advanced units did not have a specified pre-requisite.

Resolution 158/01

That the Committee recommend through the Academic Board that Senate approve the proposal from the Faculty of Economics and Business for the amendment of the Resolutions of the Senate relating to the Human Resource Management and Coaching courses, with effect from 1 January 2002, as set out in the report presented.

8.2 Faculty of Architecture

(1) Amendment to the Graduate Coursework Resolutions

The Committee was asked to consider a proposal from the Faculty of Architecture to recommend through the Academic Board that Senate approve the amendment of the Faculty Resolutions relating to Master's degrees by coursework, Graduate Diplomas and Graduate Certificates.

The proposal was to provide for a minimum core requirement for the Master's degree, Graduate Diploma and Graduate Certificate and to provide for specific accreditation needs as required.

(2) **Introduction of new units of study**

The Faculty of Architecture advised the Committee that it had approved the introduction of a new unit of study, PLAN9048 Environmental Design and Planning, to replace two existing units of study, ARCH9047 Landscape Design and Urban Ecology and DESC9083 Urban Environmental Sciences and Services due to their similarity of content.

(3) **Revised units of study**

The Faculty of Architecture advised the Committee that it had reviewed the units of study offered in courses relating to Urban and Regional Planning, Design Computing/Digital Media/Film Media/Digital Video and Audio Design with a view to rationalising its unit offerings.

Resolution 159/01

That the Committee:

- (1) recommend through the Academic Board that Senate approve the proposal from the Faculty of Architecture for the amendment of the Graduate Coursework Resolutions, with effect from 1 January 2002, as set out in the report presented; and
- (2) note the Faculty amendments to units of study, as set out in the report presented.

9. General business

No items of general business were raised.

10. Next meeting

Resolution 160/01

That the Committee note that the next meeting will be held on Monday 15 October 2001.

AGENDA ITEM 3

Report of the Academic Board

Report of the Academic Board meeting of 12 September 2001

The report of the Graduate Studies Committee meeting of 20 August 2001 to the Academic Board is available on pages 19-31 of the agenda for the meeting of the Academic Board on 12 September 2001. The agenda may be accessed on the web at the following URL: <http://www.usyd.edu.au/su/ab/>

The Academic Board received and noted the report and endorsed the Committee's recommendations in respect of the proposals for the introduction of the following new courses:

- Faculty of Engineering Master of Automation in Field Robotics
 Graduate Diploma in Automation in Field Robotics

- Faculty of Science Master of Environmental Science and Law

- Faculty of Health Sciences Master of Health Science (Sports Physiotherapy) and Master
 of Health Science (Manipulative Physiotherapy)
 Master of Health Science (Developmental Disability)
 Graduate Certificate of Health Science (Developmental
 Disability)
 Master of Physiotherapy

The Academic Board also endorsed the Committee's recommendations in respect of amendment to the Resolutions of the Senate relating to the following courses:

- Faculty of Health Sciences Master of Applied Science
 Master of Health Science (Indigenous Community Health)
 Graduate Diploma of Health Science (Indigenous
 Community Health)
 Graduate Certificate of Health Science (Indigenous
 Community Health)
 Graduate Certificate of Health Science (Casemix)

The Academic Board noted the extension of the method of enrolment to incorporate full-time candidates for the following courses:

- Faculty of Medicine Master of Medicine (Pain Management)
 Master of Science in Medicine (Pain Management)
 Graduate Diploma in Medicine (Pain Management)
 Graduate Diploma of Science in Medicine (Pain
 Management)
 Graduate Certificate in Pain Management

AGENDA ITEM 5

Report of the PhD Award Sub-Committee

Report of the PhD Award Sub-Committee meeting held on 2 October 2001

The Committee met on 2 October 2001 when there were present: The Chair of the PhD Award Sub-Committee (Associate Professor A F Masters) presiding, Associate Professors J Chirstodoulou, F Nicholas and J Small. Miss K Neveldsen was in attendance.

1. Receipt of Report

The Sub-Committee **recommends** that the Graduate Studies Committee receive and note the following report of the meeting held on 2 October 2001.

2. Marking of examiners' reports

The Sub-Committee noted that parts of one examiner's report had been blacked out. Whilst it appeared that this may have been a correction by the examiner, the Sub-Committee was concerned that this was not clear and accordingly resolved to recommend that the Graduate Studies Committee provide advice to faculties regarding this.

Recommendation

That the Graduate Studies Committee recommend to faculties that if examiners' reports contain corrections and/or annotations, the Faculty should inform the Sub-Committee whether the corrections and/or annotations were present on receipt of the report by the Faculty, or added subsequently and if so, why.

3. Proceedings of the Sub-Committee

(1) Report of the Graduate Studies Committee meeting

The Sub-Committee noted the report of proceedings of the Graduate Studies Committee held on 17 September 2001.

(2) Doctor of Philosophy

(a) Award of the degree with qualification

The Sub-Committee noted that the Chair had considered the examiners' reports, together with the recommendations of the head of department/school and the faculty board of postgraduate studies concerned, with respect to twelve candidates and resolved to approve the award of the degree of Doctor of Philosophy, subject to qualification.

(b) Revision and re-examination

The Sub-Committee noted that the Chair had considered the examiners' reports, together with the recommendations of the head of department/school and the faculty board of postgraduate studies concerned, with respect to two candidates and resolved to note the decision of the faculty concerned to not award the degree of Doctor of Philosophy and require the candidates to revise and resubmit the theses for examination.

(c) Cases referred to the Sub-Committee

The Sub-Committee considered examiners' reports, together with the recommendations of the head of department/school and the faculty board of postgraduate studies concerned, with respect to two candidates and resolved to:

- (i) note the decision of the faculty concerned that the degree of Doctor of Philosophy be not awarded and that the candidate be required to revise and resubmit the thesis for examination, in one case; and

- (ii) not endorse the recommendation of the faculty concerned to appoint a fourth examiner to act as an assessor in one case, and to refer the candidate to the faculty concerned for further consideration with recommendations.

(d) Appointment of Examiners

The Sub-Committee noted that examiners had been appointed for thirty candidates for the degree of Doctor of Philosophy.

AGENDA ITEM 6

Reports of Working Parties on new or amended postgraduate courses

7.2 Faculty of Engineering: Doctor of Engineering Practice

The Working Party met on Monday 8 October 2001, when there were present: Associate Professor A F Masters (Alternative Chair) (presiding), Associate Professors B James and D Rothwell, Drs J Finkelstein and T Langrish (proponent) and Mr K Barlow. Comments were received from Professor A Brewer. Apologies were received from Professor A Brewer and Dr B Adamson. Miss K Neveldsen was in attendance.

The Working Party was asked to consider a proposal from the Faculty of Engineering for the introduction in 2002 of the new course, Doctor of Engineering Practice.

The proposal notes that schemes offering vocational research training in engineering have increasingly been introduced in many universities overseas as an alternative to the traditional research that is carried out within tertiary education institutions. The proposed course is seen as a way to offer industry based research experience and the success of professional doctorates overseas indicates that there is scope for introducing industry based engineering research degrees in Australia, especially at a time when government policy is to encourage closer links between universities and industry.

The Working Party discussed a variety of issues including proposed admission requirements, thesis requirements, the examination process, selection of units of study, supervision and monitoring and credit transfer. In particular, the Working Party sought increased clarification of the difference between the proposed course and the Doctor of Philosophy, in which candidates are currently able to undertake limited coursework.

The Working Party noted that there were no clear proposed Resolutions of the Senate and these would need to be provided, reflecting the discussions of the Working Party before the proposal could be considered further.

This included addressing the minimum part-time length of candidature, clearly articulating credit particularly for work undertaken at other institutions, specifying the word length of the thesis and considering the timetabling of the coursework, thesis and doctoral seminars.

The Working Party was unanimous in its support of the proposal in principle and agreed to further consider the proposal following receipt of revised Resolutions of the Senate.

AGENDA ITEM 7

Amendment of the Resolutions of the Senate

7.1 Faculty of Education: Graduate Diploma in Education Studies and Graduate Certificate in Educational Studies

(1) Graduate Diploma in Educational Studies

The Faculty of Education recommends that Section 10 of the Resolutions of the Senate relating to the Graduate Diploma in Educational Studies (all designations except the Teaching English as a Foreign Language for which completion of the additional units of study be required from 1 January 2003) offered by the Faculty (page 251, *Calendar 2001*) be amended as follows with effect from 1 January 2002:

Requirements for the diploma

10. (1) To qualify for award of the diploma, candidates must complete ~~four~~ six units of study, as set out in the Table of Units of Study, to the value of ~~24~~ 36 credit points, which must include at least three units of study from an individual program of studies. The program of study must include core unit(s) of study specified for the designated area in which the candidate is enrolled.

~~(2) Normally, one unit of study must be a foundation unit, two units of study must be co-requisite units and one unit of study must be an advanced unit. An advanced unit of study may not be undertaken concurrently with a foundation unit of study.~~

(2) Graduate Certificate in Educational Studies

The Faculty of Education recommends that Section 10 of the Resolutions of the Senate relating to the Graduate Certificate in Educational Studies (all designations except 'Higher Education' for which completion of the additional units to be required from 1 January 2003) offered by the Faculty (page 253, *Calendar 2001*) be amended as follows with effect from 1 January 2002:

Requirements for the certificate

10. (1) To qualify for award of the certificate, candidates must complete ~~two~~ four units of study from a designated degree program of studies, as set out in the Table of Units of Study, to the value of ~~12~~ 24 credit points. The program of study must include specified core unit(s) of study.

~~(2) The two units of study will be a foundation unit of study and a co-requisite unit of study.~~