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## Graduate Studies Committee

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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 17 September 2001** in the **Western Tower Room** is set out below.

Keri Neveltsen  
*Secretary to the Committee*

11 September 2001

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## AGENDA

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**1. Minutes of the previous meeting**

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*Recommendation*

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

**2. Business arising out of the minutes** (not dealt with elsewhere in the agenda)

**3. Report of the Academic Board**

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*Recommendation*

*That the Committee note the decisions of the Academic Board, at its meeting on 15 August 2001 in respect of the Committee's report, as set out in the report presented.*

**4. Report of the Alternative Chair**

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**4.1 Appointment of Working Parties to consider new and amended courses**

**4.1.1 Faculty of Dentistry: Graduate Certificate in Restorative Dentistry**

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*Recommendation*

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

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- 4.2 Higher doctorates**
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- Recommendation*  
That the Committee note the report and confirm the Alternative Chair's action in approving the award of the degree of Doctor of Science, as set out in the report presented.
- 4.3 Report of the Teaching and Learning Committee** 21
- Recommendation*  
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** 22, separate enclosure
- Recommendation*  
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**
- Recommendation*  
That the Committee note the oral report of the Alternative Chair.
- 5. Report of the PhD Award Sub-Committee**
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- 5.1.1 Receipt of report** 25
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- Recommendation*  
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** 25
- Recommendation*  
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

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### **Recommendation**

*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) 26

### **Recommendation**

*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) 27

### **Recommendation**

*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**

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**Recommendation**

*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**

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**Recommendation**

*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**

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**Recommendation**

*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**

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**Recommendation**

*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**

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**Recommendation**

*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** 30

**Recommendation**

*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** 31

**Recommendation**

*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** 31

**Recommendation**

*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** 31-32

**Recommendation**

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

### **6.1.3 Proceedings of the Sub-Committee**

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#### **Recommendation**

*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** **33, separate enclosure**

#### **Recommendation**

*That the Committee recommend through the Academic Board that Senate approve:*

- (1) 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) the amendment of the Resolutions of the Senate relating to Degrees, Diplomas and Certificates in the Faculty of Economics and Business with effect from 1 January 2003, as set out in the report presented; and*
- (3) the adoption of new Resolutions of the Senate relating to the Master of Business and Graduate Certificate in Business courses, with effect from 1 January 2003, as set out in the report presented.*

### **7.2 Faculty of Arts: Master of Philosophy and Doctor of Philosophy – Museum Studies** **33, separate enclosure**

#### **Recommendation**

*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 and Doctor 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**

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#### **Recommendation**

*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**

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#### **Recommendation**

*That the Committee:*

- (1) recommend through the Academic Board that Senate 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**

**10. Next meeting**

***Recommendation***

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

## **AGENDA ITEM 1**

### **Minutes of the previous meeting**

#### **Minutes of the Graduate Studies Committee meeting held on 20 August 2001**

**There were present:** The Chair (Associate Professor R T Ross) presiding, Professors A Brewer and G Gill, Associate Professors J Christodoulou, A F Masters and M Prosser, Drs B Adamson, E Baily, M Boughton, J Finkelstein and R Walker, Mr B Baldwin and Mr K Barlow. Miss K Neveldsen was in attendance.

**Apologies were received from:** Professors C Adam, M Crossley, L Field, J Gero and P Ramsden and Associate Professors P McCallum, F Nicholas and D Rothwell.

**1. Minutes of the previous meeting**

The Committee noted that Resolution 97/01 should read that the Committee endorsed a vote of appreciation of Professor Siddle's tenure rather than a vote of confidence.

**Resolution 113/01**

That, subject to the amendment noted, the Committee adopt the minutes of the previous meeting held on 16 July 2001 as a true record.

**2. Business arising out of the minutes**

There was no business arising.

**3. Report of the Chair**

**3.1 Membership of the Committee**

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The Chair reported that Professor Jeff Sigafoos had resigned and on behalf of the Committee extended appreciation for his commitment and contribution. The Committee welcomed Dr Richard Walker as the new representative of the Faculty of Education.

The Committee also welcomed Professor Graeme Gill as the Alternative Chair of the Research Committee, following Professor Les Field's appointment as Acting Pro Vice-Chancellor (Research).

**Resolution 114/01**

That the Committee note the resignation of Professor J Sigafoos and welcome Dr R Walker as the representative of the Faculty of Education and Professor Graeme Gill as the Alternative Chair of the Research Committee.

**3.2 Higher doctorates**

**3.2.1 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 Michael Robert Dence

**Published work:** *Meteorite Impact Cratering and Shock Metamorphism on the Earth and Moon*

**Examiners:** Dr Bevan M French  
Dr Andrew Glikson  
Dr Alex Bevan  
Professor H Jay Melosh

**Resolution 115/01**

That the Committee note and confirm the Chair's action in approving the award of the degree of Doctor of Science.

**3.3 Working Party on Clinical Psychology**

**3.3.1 Doctor of Clinical Psychology/Master of Science and Doctor of Clinical Psychology/Doctor of Philosophy**

The Chair reported that the working party to consider the proposed Doctor of Clinical Psychology/Master of Science and Doctor of Clinical Psychology/Doctor of Philosophy met following the last Graduate Studies Committee and recommended through the Academic Board that Senate approve the introduction of the new courses.

The Chair reported that as agreed in Resolution 98/01, the working party had unanimously agreed to refer the course proposals directly to the August meeting of the Academic Board. The Academic Board received a presentation from Professor Stephen Touyz on the proposal and endorsed the proposal and recommended that Senate approve the introduction of the new courses.

The Committee noted that, at the Academic Board meeting, the Chair had encouraged other faculties to consider whether combined postgraduate degrees would be appropriate in their areas.

**Resolution 116/01**

That the Committee receive and note the report relating to the Working Party to consider the proposal for the introduction of the Doctor of Clinical Psychology/Master of Science and Doctor of Clinical Psychology/Doctor of Philosophy, as set out in the report presented.

**3.4 Oral report**

**3.4.1 Graduate Programs in Pain Management**

The Chair reported that he had received a request from the Faculty of Medicine seeking permission to offer the range of Pain Management programs to full-time enrolments. Currently the 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) and Graduate Certificate in Pain Management are all offered on a part-time basis.

Following the successful trial of one enrolment of an exceptional international student full-time for the Graduate Diploma in Medicine (Pain Management) this year, the Faculty wished to extend enrolments in all programs to include full-time enrolments and the Chair recommended that the Graduate Studies Committee endorse this.

**Resolution 117/01**

That the Committee endorse the proposal of the Faculty of Medicine to offer the 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) and Graduate Certificate in Pain Management on a full-time basis.

### **3.4.2 Bachelor of Medicine/Bachelor of Surgery**

The Chair reported that he had corresponded with the Dean of Medicine regarding the proposal in the Faculty Resolutions relating to the Bachelor of Medicine/Bachelor of Surgery that candidates for the PhD could complete in 5 semesters.

The Committee noted that the Chair had advised the Faculty that the Resolutions of the Senate allowed for early completion as an exception, rather than the rule, and that this should be determined when candidates were nearing completion rather than at the commencement of candidature.

The Committee noted that the Chair would write to the Dean re-confirming this.

### **3.4.3 Alternative Chair of the Committee**

The Chair reported that, in accordance with Academic Governance Rule 13(4), the Academic Board appointed Associate Professor A F Masters as Alternative Chair of the Graduate Studies Committee for the period ending 31 December 2002.

The Committee noted that the Chair would be unavailable during September and early October and that all communication should be directed through the Secretary and the Alternative Chair.

### **Resolution 118/01**

That the Committee note the report of the Chair.

## **4. Report of the PhD Award Sub-Committee**

### **4.1 Report of the PhD Award Sub-Committee meeting held on 7 August 2001**

#### **4.1.1 Receipt of report**

##### **Resolution 119/01**

That the Committee receive and note the report of the PhD Award Sub-Committee meeting held on 7 August, as set out in the report presented.

#### **4.1.2 Second Quarter Report 2001**

The Chair of the PhD Award Sub-Committee, Associate Professor A F Masters, highlighted the second quarter report 2001, in particular:

- concern regarding the length of time taken for some examinations;
- the Sub-Committee's suggestion that Postgraduate Co-ordinators consider initiating consideration of the appointment of examiners by supervisors once a candidate had reached three years full time candidature;
- heads of departments should be encouraged to provide timely reports for consideration by faculty boards.

The Committee noted in discussion:

- a mechanism for encouraging faculties to report delays in examinations before examinations were concluded should be investigated and appropriate use of FlexSIS reports may facilitate this;
- academic staff needed to be encouraged to submit reports in a timely manner;
- the appointment of a Dean of Graduate Studies may assist in improving the examination process;
- the consolidated statistics should be circulated to Deans for comment;

**Resolution 120/01**

- (i) That the Committee note the second quarter report of 2001 of the PhD Award Sub-Committee, as set out in the report presented; and
- (ii) That the Chair of the Graduate Studies Committee:
  - (a) discuss with the FlexSIS development team processes relating to PhD candidatures; and
  - (b) consolidated second quarter statistics relating to the award of the degree of Doctor of Philosophy to Deans for comment.

**4.1.3 Proceedings of the Sub-Committee**

**Resolution 121/01**

That the Committee note the proceedings of the PhD Award Sub-Committee meeting held on 7 August 2001, as set out in the report presented.

**5 Report of the Coursework Sub-Committee**

**5.1 Report of the Coursework Sub-Committee meeting held on 6 August 2001**

**5.1.1 Receipt of report**

**Resolution 122/01**

That the Committee receive and note the report of the Coursework Sub-Committee meeting held on 6 August 2001, as set out in the report presented.

**5.1.2 Proposals for new and amended postgraduate courses**

**(1) Faculty of Engineering: Master of Automation in Field Robotics and Graduate Diploma in Automation in Field Robotics**

The Committee noted that the Coursework Sub-Committee had considered a proposal from the Faculty of Engineering for the introduction in 2002 of the following new postgraduate courses:

- Master of Automation in Field Robotics
- Graduate Diploma in Automation in Field Robotics
- Graduate Certificate in Automation in Field Robotics

The Chair reported that the Sub-Committee had endorsed the proposal for the Master of Automation in Field Robotics and the Graduate Diploma in Automation in Field Robotics, but not the proposed Graduate Certificate as the proposal had not met the credit point requirement.

The Committee noted that the Faculty had subsequently requested an exemption to the credit point requirement and this would be considered at the next meeting of the Coursework Sub-Committee.

The Committee noted the proposed courses were designed to meet demand for advanced training from the Engineering sector and had been developed with an intended market of engineers actively engaged in technical work in field automation related industries.

The proposed courses were based on a series of intensive modules consisting of a series of lectures, laboratories and tutorials. The modules were designed to be self-contained and portable, to enable courses to be delivered at industry sites and overseas to enhance participation.

The objective of the proposed courses was to provide and ensure that Australian and overseas industry was supplied with engineers with the abilities and knowledge to develop and implement field automation systems.

It was noted that the Sub-Committee had discussed several problems with the proposal including:

- the use of nomenclature inconsistent with required terminology, in particular the use of the term 'course' when 'unit of study' was meant and the use of 'unit' when 'credit point' was appropriate;
- the proposed Graduate Certificate did not comply with Academic Board policy on requirements for graduate certificates which clearly state that a minimum of 24 credit points worth of study must be successfully completed.

#### **Resolution 123/01**

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

- (1) the proposal from the Faculty of Engineering for the introduction in 2002 of the new courses, Master of Automation in Field Robotics and Graduate Diploma in Automation in Field Robotics;
- (2) the amendment of the Resolutions of the Senate relating to the Degrees, Diplomas and Certificates in the Faculty of Engineering, 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.

#### **(2) Faculty of Science: Master of Environmental Science and Law**

The Committee noted that the Coursework Sub-Committee had considered a proposal from the Faculty of Science for the introduction in 2002 of the new postgraduate course, Master of Environmental Science and Law.

The Chair reported that clarification of which Faculty would administer the course was still awaited.

The Committee noted that the proposed course was designed to allow students from the Faculties of Law and Science to combine equal units of study from each Faculty and to provide graduates with the opportunity to advance their skills and abilities to solve multifaceted problems concerning the environment. Increasingly, practitioners in the environmental area were requiring a knowledge of both science and law in order to conduct their work.

#### **Resolution 124/01**

That, subject to clarification of administration of the degree, the Committee recommend through the Academic Board that Senate approve:

- (1) the proposal from the Faculty of Science for the introduction in 2002 of the new course, Master of Environmental Science and Law;
- (2) the amendment of the Resolutions of the Senate relating to the Degrees, Graduate Diplomas and Graduate Certificates

- in the Faculty of Science, 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.

(3) **Faculty of Health Sciences:  
Master of Health Science (Sports Physiotherapy) and  
Master of Health Science (Manipulative Physiotherapy)**

The Committee noted that the Coursework Sub-Committee had considered a proposal from the Faculty of Health Sciences for the introduction in 2002 of the new postgraduate course, Master of Health Science (Sports and Manipulative Physiotherapy).

The Chair advised members that the Sub-Committee had clarified that the proposal was to offer a combined degree and had discussed the name of the degree. The Chair reported that, following the meeting, the Faculty confirmed the degree name as Master of Health Science (Sports Physiotherapy) and Master of Health Science (Manipulative Physiotherapy).

The Committee noted that the proposed course had been developed to meet a substantial need within the physiotherapy community as the nature of the professional caseload of physiotherapists working in musculoskeletal physiotherapy dictated that they required a combination of the knowledge and skills entailed in both existing Master's programs.

The proposed course would meet the needs of the professional association, be responsive to the needs of physiotherapists in the field and would ensure the University remained competitive in its course offerings.

It was noted that the Sub-Committee had discussed the following issues:

- the intention of the proposal was to create an alternate pathway for a combined Master's program rather than completing an existing degree and receiving advanced standing in the second;
- both existing Master's programs would continue;
- the intention was to provide a combined degree program however the Sub-Committee noted the faculty may wish to reconsider the proposed name to more accurately reflect this.

**Resolution 125/01**

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

- (1) the proposal from the Faculty of Health Sciences for the introduction in 2002 of the new combined course, Master of Health Science (Sports Physiotherapy) and Master of Health Science (Manipulative Physiotherapy);
- (2) the amendment of the Resolutions of the Senate relating to the Degrees, Diplomas and Certificates in the Faculty of Health Sciences, 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.

**(4) Faculty of Health Sciences:  
Master of Health Science (Developmental Disability) and  
Graduate Certificate of Health Science (Developmental  
Disability)**

The Committee noted the Coursework Sub-Committee had considered a proposal from the Faculty of Health Sciences for the introduction in 2002 of the new postgraduate courses, Master of Health Science (Developmental Disability) and Graduate Certificate of Health Science (Developmental Disability).

The Chair noted that the Sub-Committee had discussed issues relating to the unit codes but advised that, despite the indication from the codes, the proposed units were graduate units and the faculty was addressing the issue of codes.

The proposed courses were designed to advance multidisciplinary practice in the field of developmental disabilities and responded to demand from practitioners (particularly medical, health, dental, nursing and related professions) working in the developmental disabilities field for graduate level study.

It was noted that the Sub-Committee had discussed the following issues:

- the proposal was for an articulated graduate program that would encompass health professionals from multi-disciplinary fields;
- while unique, the proposal had strong support from industry, professional bodies and governmental agencies;
- representation on the management committee would reflect the cross-College initiative but the programs would be located within the Faculty of Health Sciences;
- the faculty did not wish to propose a graduate diploma;
- the alphanumeric codes allocated to some of the units of study did not comply with the conventions adopted by Academic Board and would need to be altered.

**Resolution 126/01**

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

- (1) the proposal from the Faculty of Health Sciences for the introduction in 2002 of the new courses, Master of Health Science (Developmental Disability) and Graduate Certificate of Health Science (Developmental Disability);
- (2) the amendment of the Resolutions of the Senate relating to the Degrees, Diplomas and Certificates in the Faculty of Health Sciences, 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.

(5) **Faculty of Health Sciences: Master of Applied Science**

The Committee noted that the Coursework Sub-Committee had considered a proposal from the Faculty of Health Sciences for the introduction in 2002 of the amendment of the Resolutions of the Senate relating to the Master of Applied Science.

The proposed amendment was to clarify that the degree of Master of Applied Science may be taken as a generic degree, or in an appropriate cognate field, as specified. The Master of Applied Science offered by the Faculty of Health Sciences was a research Master's and the Master of Health Sciences was coursework based.

It was noted that the Sub-Committee had discussed the following issues:

- the faculty had previously considered introducing an MPhil, but felt that the Master of Applied Science – research and Master of Health Sciences – coursework were sufficient;
- currently some cognate streams were not specified on the testamur;
- the current Resolutions allowed the faculty to require a candidate who had not completed an Honours degree to undertake preliminary study.

**Resolution 127/01**

That the Committee recommend through the Academic Board that Senate approve the amendment of the Resolutions of the Senate relating to the Master's degrees in the Faculty of Health Sciences, with effect from 1 January 2002, as set out in the report presented.

(6) **Faculty of Health Sciences: Master of Health Science (Indigenous Community Health), Graduate Diploma of Health Science (Indigenous Community Health) and Graduate Certificate of Health Science (Indigenous Community Health)**

The Committee noted that the Coursework Sub-Committee had considered a proposal from the Faculty of Health Sciences for amendment to the postgraduate coursework program in Indigenous Community Health, with effect from 1 January 2002.

The proposed amendment was to change the duration of the Master's degree and graduate diploma, reduce the number of core units of study for the Master's degree, graduate diploma and graduate certificate and allow the award of the Master's degree and graduate diploma in professional streams.

It was noted that the Sub-Committee had discussed the following issues:

- the faculty had reviewed the programs and wished to ensure consistency with other graduate programs by reducing the credit points required;
- award with merit would be new to the Master's course;
- while students may be able to study a subject area for the Graduate Diploma, the stream would not be able to be printed on the testamur.

**Resolution 128/01**

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

- (1) the change in the duration of Master of Health Science (Indigenous Community Health), Graduate Diploma of Health Science (Indigenous Community Health) and Graduate Certificate of Health Science (Indigenous Community Health); and
- (2) the adoption of professional streams in the Master of Health Science (Indigenous Community Health) and Graduate Diploma of Health Science (Indigenous Community Health), with effect from 1 January 2002, as set out in the report presented.

**(7) Faculty of Health Sciences:**

**Graduate Certificate of Health Science (Casemix)**

The Committee noted that the Coursework Sub-Committee had considered a proposal from the Faculty of Health Sciences for the amendment to the Graduate Certificate of Health Science (Casemix), with effect from 1 January 2002.

The Chair had clarified that the proposal was for an additional mode of delivery for the program.

The proposed new mode of delivery reflected changes in NSW funding of the health sector and would ensure the course continued to meet the educational needs of participants.

**Resolution 129/01**

That the Committee recommend to the Academic Board that the Board approve the additional mode of delivery for the Graduate Certificate of Health Science (Casemix), with effect from 1 January 2002, as set out in the report presented.

**(8) Faculty of Health Sciences: Master of Physiotherapy**

The Committee noted that the Coursework Sub-Committee had considered a proposal from the Faculty of Health Sciences for the introduction in 2002 of the new postgraduate course, Master of Physiotherapy.

The proposed course would provide advanced study, building on the existing Bachelor's degree offered by the Faculty and complementing the faculty's existing graduate offerings in physiotherapy. It aimed to offer an alternative method of professional preparation for those with an undergraduate degree in a related area such as Exercise and Sport Science or Human Movement Science.

The proposed course would directly address the Faculty of Health Sciences strategic plan in that it "facilitates courses of study which maximise opportunities for education in the health professions and fields...through articulation with other undergraduate courses in the University."

It was noted that the Sub-Committee had discussed the following issues:

- the proposed course was similar to that being offered in other institutions and would enable the University to remain competitive;
- there was professional support for the introduction of the course;
- units of study were proposed to be taught in parallel with undergraduate units;
- the faculty wished to use parallel teaching to reduce duplication in teaching and would differentiate between undergraduate and postgraduate through the tutorial sessions and the requirement for a discrete research project;
- the faculty may wish to consider the issue of non-conformity in credit points for the various units offered, however it was noted that this was to enable to scheduling of the required clinical placements.

The Sub-Committee had expressed serious concern at the proposal to teach parallel units and noted that the proposal was in contravention of the Academic Board policy *The use of parallel teaching of postgraduate and undergraduate students in postgraduate courses*, which did not allow the undergraduate units to be included in Master's coursework programs.

Following a request from the Chair, the head of school subsequently provided advice and clarification regarding the issue addressing the concerns of the Sub-Committee.

#### **Resolution 130/01**

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

- (1) the proposal from the Faculty of Health Sciences for the introduction in 2002 of the new course, Master of Physiotherapy;
- (2) the amendment of the Resolutions of the Senate relating to the Degrees, Diplomas and Certificates in the Faculty of Health Sciences, 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.

### **5.1.3 Proceedings of the Sub-Committee**

#### **Resolution 131/01**

That the Committee note the proceedings of the Coursework Sub-Committee meeting held on 6 August 2001, as set out in the report presented.

## **6. General business**

### **6.1 Review of the Academic Board and the Academic Forum**

In response to a query the Chair advised that the Review Panel was finalising its recommendations, which could include a proposal for a significant change to the Board's Committee structure.

It was anticipated that the report of the Panel would be received within the next month and would be circulated for discussion.

**7. Next Meeting**

**Resolution 132/01**

That the Committee note that the next meeting would be on Monday 17 September 2001.



## AGENDA ITEM 4 Report of the Chair

- 4.1 Appointment of Working Parties to consider new and amended postgraduate courses**  
I have appointed the following working parties to consider new and/or amended postgraduate courses:

**4.1.1 Faculty of Dentistry; Graduate Certificate in Restorative Dentistry**

Working Party on the introduction of the Graduate Certificate in Restorative Dentistry:

- Associate Professor A F Masters (Chair)
- Mr K Barlow (SUPRA)
- Professor I Klienberg (Proponent)
- Professor A Brewer, Economics and Business
- Associate Professor J Christodoulou, Medicine

**4.2 Higher doctorates**

**4.2.1 Award of degree: Doctor of Science**

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On the recommendation of the Faculty of Science Postgraduate Studies Committee, I have 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

All examiners recommended that the degree be awarded.

**4.3 Report of the Teaching and Learning Committee meeting of 23 August 2001**

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

During discussion the Committee noted the success of the postgraduate student induction program conducted by the 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.

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

At its meeting of 10 March 1999, the Academic Board requested that the Teaching and Learning Committee review the University's Plagiarism Policy. A long period of investigation and review was undertaken. This resulted in the development of a draft Academic Honesty Policy articulating commitment to honesty in academic undertakings as a core value of the University.

Concern regarding the draft Policy's consistency with Chapter 8, Student Discipline, University of Sydney By-laws 1999, resulted in an initial round of consultation, offering members of the University community the opportunity to comment on a proposed alternative method of handling allegations of academic dishonesty.

Feedback received and further consideration has resulted in the attached draft Academic Board Resolution: *Academic Honesty in Coursework*.

Chapter 8, University of Sydney By-laws outlines the process to be undertaken in respect of allegations of student misconduct. The By-laws provide for any member of the University staff or student to refer a written complaint relating to the conduct of a student to the Registrar for a recommendation to the Vice-Chancellor for an investigation, or for the Registrar to recommend an investigation to the Vice-Chancellor without such a complaint.

This leaves a gap where allegations of misconduct are not referred to the Registrar and instead are dealt with by departments and faculties.

The draft Academic Board Resolution: *Academic Honesty in Coursework* proposes a consistent approach in circumstances where allegations of academic dishonesty are not referred to the Registrar and provides guidance to academic staff. It treats the issue as an academic one. If a student has acted dishonestly in the submission of work for assessment, then he or she has failed to meet the University's standards for successful completion of a unit of study. It places the responsibility for decision-making with heads of departments/school, or equivalent, as part of their role in finalising results for units of study.

The draft Resolution ensures the systems of maintaining the University's academic standards are consistent and complements the By-laws and the existing process for dealing with allegations of misconduct in examinations.

Comments on the proposed Resolution are invited from members of the University community by **Friday 5 October** 2001.



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31 August 2001

**Memorandum to:-**

Graduate Studies Committee  
University of Sydney

**Report of the Faculty of Science's Postgraduate Studies Committee**

**Award of degree: Doctor of Science**

The Postgraduate Studies Committee of the Faculty of Science, at its meeting on 21 August 2001, resolved to recommend the award of the degree of Doctor of Science to the following candidate:

<b>Candidate:</b>	Dr Garry Halliday
<b>Published work:</b>	<i>The Immune Response in Skin Carcinogenesis</i>
<b>Examiners:</b>	Dr Honnavara N. Ananthaswamy Dr F. R. de Gruijl Dr Vivienne E Reeve Professor Mary Norval

The first examiner stated that:

"... the body of Dr Halliday's work as evidenced by his numerous publications in peer-reviewed journals, invited review articles, and book chapters is widely recognised by scholars in the field of photoimmunology and skin cancer as a distinguished contribution to knowledge."

and

"I enthusiastically recommend that the degree of Doctor of Science be awarded to Dr Halliday."

The second examiner stated that:

"... the present volume overviewing his work makes it amply clear that [he] fully deserves the honors of Doctor of Science from the University of Sydney."

The third examiner stated that:

"I conclude that this thesis is an illustration of a distinguished and original contribution to knowledge, and that its contents have resulted in significant scholarly debate and critique. I recommend that the degree of Doctor of Science should be awarded."

The fourth examiner stated that:

“... the science of skin biology has progressed significantly due to the careful and imaginative studies of Dr Halliday. In particular he has made major and distinguished contributions to the elucidation of the immunology of cutaneous carcinomas and melanomas, and to discovering the impact of solar UV radiation on recall responses, tumour immunity and sunscreen immunoprotection.”

and

“I have no hesitation in recommending to the University of Sydney that Dr Gary Halliday is awarded a DSc degree.”

All examiners recommended that the degree be awarded.

Please find attached the examiner's reports. Also attached are the Prima Facie final recommendations for the award of the degree.

*(Note: Hard copies are available for inspection in the Academic Board office).*

If you have any problems in relation to this matter, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely

(A/Prof) Brian James  
Chair  
Postgraduate Studies Committee  
Faculty of Science

## **AGENDA ITEM 5**

### **Report of the PhD Award Sub-Committee**

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

The Committee met on 4 September 2001 when there were present: The Chair of the PhD Award Sub-Committee (Associate Professor A F Masters) presiding, Professor H Price, Associate Professors J Chirstodoulou, P Jones, F Nicholas, J Small and S West. 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 4 September 2001.

**2. Appointment of Examiners**

The Sub-Committee noted that faculties should be reminded that all examiners should have indicated their willingness to act by the time the appointment of examiners form is noted by the PhD Award Sub-Committee.

***Recommendation***

*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.*

**3. Proceedings of the Sub-Committee**

**(1) Summary of the Graduate Studies Committee**

The Sub-Committee noted the report of proceedings of the Graduate Studies Committee held on 20 August 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 concerned and the faculty board of postgraduate studies, with respect to six candidates and resolved to approve the award of the degree of Doctor of Philosophy, subject to conditions.

**(b) Cases referred to the Sub-Committee**

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

- (i) to approve the award of the degree of Doctor of Philosophy, subject to emendations, in two cases;
- (ii) to recommend revision and resubmission for examination in four cases;
- (iii) to recommend the appointment of a fourth examiner/assessor in one case.

**(c) Appointment of Examiners**

The Sub-Committee noted that examiners had been appointed for 19 candidates for the degree of Doctor of Philosophy.

## AGENDA ITEM 6

### Report of the Coursework Sub-Committee

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

The Coursework Sub-Committee met on 3 September 2001 when there were present: The Chair (Associate Professor R T Ross) presiding, Professor A Brewer, Dr M Boughton, Dr M J Mahony (by telephone) and Mr K Barlow. Associate Professor H Fulton, Dr J Finkelstein and Dr G Hartonian were present to speak to the proposals. 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 its meeting held on 3 September 2001.

#### 2. Proposals for new and amended postgraduate courses

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

The Sub-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 Sub-Committee noted that following the last meeting the Chair had requested that the Faculty of Nursing provide advice regarding the extent to which they had consulted other cognate faculties regarding the proposal, with a view to utilising existing offerings.

The Faculty of Nursing advised that while consultation regarding this specific course had not occurred, the Faculty had consulted cognate faculties regarding proposed courses in general.

In considering the proposal, the Sub-Committee noted that the outstanding issues were the way in which the issue of consultation had been handled by the Faculty, and the apparent generic title of some of the proposed units of study.

The Sub-Committee noted that there had been discussion between the Faculties of Nursing and Economics and Business regarding the content of the proposed units but that the generic nature of the unit descriptor could still cause confusion.

The Sub-Committee agreed that it would commend the proposal to the Graduate Studies Committee, noting that the course descriptors needed to be clearer with a particular emphasis on nursing when published.

#### **Recommendation**

*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)**

The Sub-Committee was asked to consider 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.

**Recommendation**

*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**

The Sub-Committee was asked to consider 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

**Recommendation**

*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**

The Sub-Committee was asked to consider 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.

**Recommendation**

*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**

The Sub-Committee was asked to consider 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 is 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.

**Recommendation**

*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**

The Sub-Committee was asked to consider 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.

The Sub-Committee noted that the Department of English and the Faculty of Economics and Business had collaborated on the development of a unit of study that was not included in the original proposal.

Associate Professor Helen Fulton attended the meeting and circulated a revised proposal incorporating the jointly developed unit of study. It was noted 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.

**Recommendation**

*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**

The Sub-Committee was asked to consider 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.

**Recommendation**

*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**

The Sub-Committee was asked to consider 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.

**Recommendation**

*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**  
The Sub-Committee was asked to consider 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.

**Recommendation**

*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**

The Sub-Committee was asked to consider 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.

**Recommendation**

*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**  
The Sub-Committee considered a formal written request from the Faculty of Engineering seeking approval of the Graduate Studies Committee for dispensation for the lower credit point requirements for the Graduate Certificate in Automation in Field Robotics.

The Sub-Committee had previously considered a proposal for the introduction in 2002 of the new postgraduate courses, Master of Automation in Field Robotics,

Graduate Diploma in Automation in Field Robotics and Graduate Certificate in Automation in Field Robotics.

The Sub-Committee had commended the proposals in relation to the Masters and Graduate Diploma to the Graduate Studies Committee for recommendation through the Academic Board for Senate approval but had noted that the Graduate Certificate proposal did not comply with Academic Board policy on requirements for graduate certificates which clearly state that a minimum of 24 credit points worth of study must be successfully completed and deferred consideration of the proposed course until this meeting.

The Sub-Committee did not feel that special dispensation for a lower credit point requirement was warranted in this instance and agreed that the Chair convey this to the Faculty.

***Recommendation***

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

**3. Proceedings of the Sub-Committee**

**(1) Services offered to students after 4.30pm**

The Sub-Committee approved a draft letter and questionnaire for circulation to faculties seeking information about the availability of services to postgraduate students during evenings and weekends.

## **AGENDA ITEM 7**

### **Proposals for new and amended courses**

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

The Committee is 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 differentiates the Faculty's postgraduate business courses from those offered by other institutions.

The Faculty is committed to providing outstanding postgraduate courses that are 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 has consulted with various interest groups, including the Dean, Australian Graduate School of Management (AGSM) during the development of the proposal.

The full proposal is available on the web at:

<http://www.usyd.edu.au/su/ab/committees/GSC/2001.html>

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

The Committee is 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 Doctor of Philosophy.

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

The proposal specifically caters for candidates whose interests are not being met within the current offerings and will 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

The full proposal is available on the web at:

<http://www.usyd.edu.au/su/ab/committees/GSC/2001.html>

## **AGENDA ITEM 8**

### **Reports from Faculties**

#### **8.1 Faculty of Economics and Business: Master of Human Resource Management and Coaching, Graduate Diploma in Human Resource Management and Coaching and Graduate Certificate in Human Resource Management and Coaching**

The Committee is 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.

The postgraduate courses were approved by Senate in June however, the Faculty has 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 proposal is to introduce a "gateway" unit for candidates prior to undertaking more advanced units.

Accordingly the Faculty proposes 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 do not have a specified pre-requisite.

#### **8.2 Faculty of Architecture**

##### **(1) Amendment to the Graduate Coursework Resolutions**

The Committee is 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 proposed is 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.

The full proposal is available on the web at:

<http://www.usyd.edu.au/su/ab/committees/GSC/2001.html>

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

The Faculty of Architecture advises the Committee that it has 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 advises the Committee that it has 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. Full details of the units of study changes are available for perusal in the Academic Board Office.