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## Graduate Studies Committee

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Memorandum to: Members of the Graduate Studies Committee

Set out below is a supplementary agenda for the meeting of the Graduate Studies Committee to be held at 2.00 pm on Monday 20 August 2001.

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Secretary to the Committee

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### SUPPLEMENTARY AGENDA

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#### 3. Report of the Chair

##### 3.4 Oral report

##### 3.4.1 Graduate Certificate in Pain Management

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

#### 5. Report of the Coursework Sub-Committee

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

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

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

*(pages 2-3, separate attachment)*

##### **Recommendation**

*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.*

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## AGENDA ITEM 5 Report of the Coursework Sub-Committee

### 5.1.2 Proposals for new and amended postgraduate courses

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

The Sub-Committee 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."

The full proposal was available on the web at:  
<http://www.usyd.edu.au/su/ab/committees/CworkSC/meetings01.html>

Dr Elizabeth Ellis was present for discussion of the proposal.

The Sub-Committee noted in discussion:

- 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 the 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 expressed serious concern at the proposal to teaching parallel units and noted that the proposal was in direct 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.

The Sub-Committee agreed that the Chair request that the head of school provide advice and clarification regarding this issue.

The advice from the head of school is attached. The Chair will speak further to this at the meeting. *(separate attachment - available in hard copy only)*

## **Resolutions of the Senate**

### **Faculty of Health Sciences**

#### **MASTER'S DEGREES**

The Resolutions of the Senate relating to Master's degrees in the Faculty of Health Sciences (pp280-282, *Calendar 2001*) are to be amended from 1 January 2002 to the following effect:

Section 1(4) relating to the Masters degree in the Faculty of Health Sciences is added with the subsequent re-numbering of the remaining sections:

#### **MASTER'S DEGREES**

Subject areas

1.

(4) Masters degrees in the Faculty of Health Science are:

(i) Master of Physiotherapy