



# The University of Sydney

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## Graduate Studies Committee Agenda

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### NOTICE OF MEETING

A meeting of the **Graduate Studies Committee** will be held by circulation.

Enclosed with the agenda is a form for members to complete, indicating support for or against recommendations contained in the agenda, and forward to Keri Neveldsen at the above address by **5.00pm, Monday 4 February 2002**.

Enquiries concerning this agenda may also be directed to Miss Neveldsen.

*Keri Neveldsen*

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Dr W Adams

**Registrar**

29 January 2002

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### AGENDA

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| <b>1.</b> | <b>Report of the Chair</b>   | <b>3</b> |
| 1.1       | <b>Membership of the PhD Award Sub-Committee</b>   | <b>3</b> |
|           | <i>Recommendation</i>  |          |
|           | <i>That the Graduate Studies Committee appoint members to the PhD Award Sub-Committee, as set out in the report presented.</i> |          |
| 1.2       | <b>Membership of the Coursework Sub-Committee</b>  | <b>3</b> |
|           | <i>Recommendation</i>  |          |
|           | <i>That the Graduate Studies Committee</i>   |          |
|           | (1) <i>appoint Professor Ann Brewer as Chair of the Coursework Sub-Committee;</i>  |          |
|           | <i>and</i>   |          |
|           | (2) <i>invite expressions of interest for membership of the Coursework Sub-Committee, as set out in the report presented.</i>  |          |

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- 2.1 Faculty of Medicine: Master of Medicine, Master of Science in Medicine (Clinical Epidemiology), Graduate Diploma in Medicine and Graduate Diploma of Science in Medicine (Clinical Epidemiology)** 4

***Recommendation***

*That the Graduate Studies Committee approve the introduction of a new two credit point unit of study, as set out in the report presented.*

- 2.2 Faculty of Law: minor amendments to Resolutions of the Senate** 4, 5

***Recommendation***

*That the Graduate Studies Committee note the minor amendments to the Resolutions of the Senate relating to Master's Degrees and Graduate Diplomas in the Faculty of Law, as set out in the report presented.*

**3. Next meeting**

The next meeting will be held on Monday 4 March 2002 in the Western Tower Room.

## Agenda Item 1 Report of the Chair

### 5.1 Membership of the PhD Award Sub-Committee

The Constitution of the PhD Award Sub-Committee provides for members to be appointed by the Graduate Studies Committee on the nomination of the Pro Vice-Chancellors (College).

To provide for continuity, members of the Sub-Committee are appointed for four years, three new appointments being made every two years at the first meeting of the year of the Graduate Studies Committee.

Accordingly I ask the Graduate Studies Committee to appoint the following members to the PhD Award Sub-Committee for four year terms ending February 2006:

- Dr Maureen Boughton College of Health Sciences
- Professor Ann Brewer College of Humanities and Social Sciences
- Associate Professor Brian James College of Sciences and Technology

The following members continue their terms to February 2004:

- Associate Professor John Christodoulou College of Health Sciences
- Associate Professor Phillip Jones College of Humanities and Social Sciences
- Associate Professor John Small College of Sciences and Technology

The Constitution also provides for the Graduate Studies Committee to appoint the Chair of the Sub-Committee for a four year term. Accordingly, I recommend that Associate Professor Anthony F Masters, Faculty of Science, be re-appointed to Chair the PhD Award Sub-Committee.

### 5.2 Membership of the Coursework Sub-Committee

Professor Ann Brewer has agreed to Chair the Coursework Sub-Committee for the year. Therefore proposed membership is as follows:

#### 2002 Membership

- (1) **the Chair (or nominee of the Chair) of the Graduate Studies Committee;**  
Professor Ann Brewer, Faculty of Economics and Business
- (2) **up to three (3) members of the Graduate Studies Committee drawn from the representatives of the faculties;**  
Dr Maureen Boughton, Faculty of Nursing  
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- (3) **the President (or the President's nominee) of the Sydney University Postgraduate Representative Association (SUPRA)**  
Mr Kristin Barlow, President SUPRA
- (4) **the Sub-Committee has the power to co-opt additional members.**  
Dr Mary Jane Mahony, Faculty of Health Sciences

Members of the Graduate Studies Committee are invited to express interest in membership of the Sub-Committee. Please contact Keri Neveldsen as soon as possible before Monday 25 February 2002.

## Agenda Item 2 Report from Faculties

### 2.1 Faculty of Medicine: Master of Medicine, Master of Science in Medicine (Clinical Epidemiology), Graduate Diploma in Medicine and Graduate Diploma of Science in Medicine (Clinical Epidemiology)

At its meeting of 26 November 2001, the Graduate Studies Committee approved, on the recommendation of the Combined Board of Postgraduate Studies of the faculties of Dentistry, Medicine and Pharmacy, the introduction of a new two credit point unit of study to replace an existing unit.

The Postgraduate Studies Board had reviewed the units of study offered for the Master of Medicine, Master of Medicine (Clinical Epidemiology), Graduate Diploma in Medicine and Graduate Diploma of Science in Medicine (Clinical Epidemiology) and recommended amendments as the units had evolved to meet changing academic requirements and had inappropriate credit point weightings.

The Postgraduate Studies Board also recommends the approval of an additional elective to be offered as part of the above courses. The Clinical Epidemiology courses are structured around two credit point units of study and the weighting of this unit ensures coherency within the courses' structure. The proposed unit will be offered for the first time in 2002 and is not available outside these courses.

The Combined Board of Postgraduate Studies of the faculties of Dentistry, Medicine and Pharmacy **recommends** that the Graduate Studies Committee approve the establishment of Teaching Clinical Epidemiology (2 credit points).

### 2.1 Faculty of Law: minor amendments to Resolutions of the Senate

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In accordance with the Academic Board Resolutions: *Creation, Variation and Deletion of Award Courses and Units of Study*, minor amendments to the Resolutions of the Senate relating to Master's Degrees and Graduate Diplomas in the Faculty of Law have been made.

At its meeting of 6 November 2001, the Faculty of Law resolved to:

- (1) with effect from 1 January 2002, replace the existing section 2.9 of the Resolutions of the Senate, which relates to candidates who do not have a qualification, with a new section; and
- (2) amend the Resolutions of the Senate relating to International Law programs, as set out in the report presented.

The Graduate Studies Committee is asked to **note** the amendments.

## Amendment of the Resolutions of the Senate and adoption of new Resolutions

### Resolutions of the Senate

#### Faculty of Law

##### Master's Degrees, Diplomas and Certificates

The Resolutions of the Senate relating Master's Degrees, Diplomas and Certificates in the Faculty of Law (pp 288-297, *Calendar 2001*) are amended from 1 January 2002 to the following effect:

Section 2.9 relating to admission of coursework candidates is amended by replacing the existing entry with the following new entry:

- 2.9 (a) Candidates for the following degrees and graduate diplomas, who do not hold a legal qualification, are required to complete the unit of study 'Legal Reasoning and the Common Law System' offered by the Faculty of Law:
- Master of Administrative Law and Policy
  - Master of Environmental Law
  - Master of Environmental Science and Law
  - Master of Health Law
  - Master of International Business and Law (pending Senate approval)
  - Master of Labour Law and Relations
  - Graduate Diploma in Environmental Law
  - Graduate Diploma in Health Law
  - Graduate Diploma in International Business Law
- (b) Candidates may complete the unit of study 'Legal Reasoning and the Common Law System' either:
- (i) for credit in satisfaction of the requirements for the degree or diploma in which the candidate is enrolled; or
  - (ii) on a not for credit basis as a unit to be completed in addition to units of study required for the degree or diploma in which the candidate is enrolled.
- (c) The Faculty of Law may waive this requirement if applicants have completed those law subjects which are necessary for a qualification in accountancy, or their equivalent in another common law jurisdiction.

Section 3.8 relating to coursework requirements for the International Law programs is amended by replacing the existing entry with the following new entry:

- 3.8 A candidate for the Master of International Law must:
- (a) (i) attend classes in units of study totalling 36 credit points chosen from units of study prescribed by the Faculty as units of study leading towards the award of the degree, including 'Public International Law' (candidates who have previously completed a unit of study in International Law may be exempted from this unit), 'International Law and Australian Institutions' and 6 credit points from one unit of study offered by the Department of Government and International Relations in the Master of International Studies program, and
  - (ii) pass the assessments in those units of study; and
  - (b) complete an 'International Law Research Project' worth 12 credit points on a topic approved by the program coordinator.
  - (c) candidates granted exemptions on the basis of prior studies are required to complete 36 credit points from units of study prescribed by the Faculty.