



Graduate Studies Committee Agenda

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Notice of Meeting

A meeting of the **Graduate Studies Committee** will be held at **3.00pm** on **Tuesday 5 October 2004** in the Darlington Centre Boardroom.

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

Sally Paynter

for

Dr W Adams

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24 September 2004

Agenda

Pages

1. Apologies

The following apologies have been received:

2. Minutes of previous meeting

(pages 12-20)

Recommendation

That the Graduate Studies Committee adopt the minutes of the previous meeting held on 23 August 2004 as a true record.

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

4. Report of the Academic Board

(page 21)

Recommendation

That the Graduate Studies Committee note the report of the Academic Board meeting of 4 August 2004, as set out in the report presented.

5. Report of the Chair

(page 22, confidential attachment)

5.1 Mandatory electronic lodgement of Library copies of Research Higher Degree theses

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Recommendation

That the Graduate Studies Committee note the Chair's report on Mandatory electronic lodgement of Library copies of Research Higher Degree theses.

5.2 Higher degrees

5.2.1 Admission to candidature and appointment of examiners(*confidential attachment*)

Recommendation

That the Graduate Studies Committee note and confirm the action of the Chair in approving the admission to candidature of, and appointment of examiners for, candidatures for higher degrees, as set out in the report presented.

5.2.2 Award of degree (*confidential attachment*)

Recommendation

That the Graduate Studies Committee note and confirm the action of the Chair in approving the award of higher degrees, as set out in the report presented.

5.3 Oral report

Recommendation

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

6. Report of the PhD Award Sub-Committee (*pages 23-28*)

6.1 Oral report of the Chair of the PhD Award Sub-Committee

Recommendation

That the Graduate Studies Committee note the report of the Chair of the PhD Award Sub-Committee.

6.2 Report of the meeting held on 17 August 2004 (*page 23*)

6.2.1 Receipt of report

Recommendation

That the Graduate Studies Committee receive and note the report of the PhD Award Sub-Committee meeting held on 17 August 2004.

6.2.2 Examination Procedures (*page 23*)

Recommendation

That the Graduate Studies Committee:

- (i) advise faculties that in cases where the supervisor and/or faculty believes that an examiner has misunderstood a section of the thesis, that the correction of such misunderstandings be included in the list of emendations to be made to the final thesis; and*
- (ii) remind all faculties that the most recent versions of forms, such as the appointment of examiners form, are to be used.*

6.2.3 Second quarter report of 2004 (*pages 23, 25-28*)

Recommendation

That the Graduate Studies Committee:

- (i) remind faculties that the identification of suitable examiners should occur prior to the lodgement of the thesis; and*
- (ii) note the Second Quarter Report 2004, as set out in the report presented.*

6.2.4 Proceedings of the Sub-Committee (pages 23-24)

Recommendation

That the Graduate Studies Committee note the proceedings of the PhD Award Sub-Committee, at its meeting of 17 August 2004, as set out in the report presented.

7. Report of the Postgraduate Coursework Sub-Committee (pages 29-33)

7.1 Oral report of the Chair of the Postgraduate Coursework Sub-Committee

Recommendation

That the Graduate Studies Committee note the report of the Chair of the Postgraduate Coursework Sub-Committee.

7.2 Report of the meeting held on 10 August 2004 (pages 29-33)

7.2.1 Receipt of report

Recommendation

That the Graduate Studies Committee receive and note the report of the Postgraduate Coursework Sub-Committee meeting held on 10 August 2004.

7.2.2.1 Faculty of Arts:

- (1) **Master of Development Studies; Graduate Diploma in Development Studies; and Graduate Certificate in Development Studies** (page 29)

Recommendation

That the Graduate Studies Committee that the Academic Board:

- (1) *recommend that Senate:*
- (a) *approve the introduction of the new courses, Master of Development Studies; Graduate Diploma in Development Studies; and Graduate Certificate in Development Studies;*
 - (b) *amend the Resolutions of the Senate relating to Degrees, Diplomas and Certificates in the Faculty of Arts; and*
 - (c) *adopt the Resolutions of the Senate relating to the Master of Development Studies; Graduate Diploma in Development Studies; and Graduate Certificate in Development Studies;*
- (2) *note the Resolutions of the Faculty relating to the above courses, made pursuant to the University of Sydney (Coursework) Rule 2000, as amended; and*
- (3) *approve the faculty requirements relating to admission; units of study; and the award of the award course, with effect from 1 January 2005, as set out in the report presented.*

- (2) **Master of Strategic Public Relations; Graduate Diploma in Strategic Public Relations; and Graduate Certificate in Strategic Public Relations** (page 30)

Recommendation

That the Graduate Studies Committee recommend that the Academic Board:

- (1) *recommend that Senate:*
- (a) *approve the introduction of the new courses, Master of Strategic Public Relations; Graduate Diploma in*

- Strategic Public Relations; and Graduate Certificate in Strategic Public Relations;*
- (b) *amend the Resolutions of the Senate relating to Degrees, Diplomas and Certificates in the Faculty of Arts; and*
 - (c) *adopt the Resolutions of the Senate relating to the Master of Strategic Public Relations; Graduate Diploma in Strategic Public Relations; and Graduate Certificate in Strategic Public Relations;*
- (2) *note the Resolutions of the Faculty relating to the above courses, made pursuant to the University of Sydney (Coursework) Rule 2000, as amended; and*
- (3) *approve the faculty requirements relating to admission; units of study; and the award of the award course, with effect from 1 January 2005, as set out in the report presented.*

(3) Master of Letters; Master of Arts; Graduate Diploma in Arts; and Graduate Certificate in Arts: Ancient World Studies

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On the recommendation of the Faculty of Arts, the Postgraduate Coursework Sub-Committee recommends through the Graduate Studies Committee that the Academic Board recommend that Senate approve the introduction of the new subject area, Ancient World Studies, in the Master of Letters; Master of Arts; Graduate Diploma in Arts; and Graduate Certificate in Arts, with effect from 1 January 2005.

Recommendation

That the Graduate Studies Committee recommend that the Academic Board:

- (1) *approve the introduction of the new subject area, Ancient World Studies, for the Master of Letters; Master of Arts; Graduate Diploma in Arts; and Graduate Certificate in Art; and*
 - (2) *note the amended Resolutions of the Faculty relating to the above courses,*
- with effect from 1 January 2005, as set out in the report presented.*

7.2.2.2 Faculty of Science

(1) Graduate Diploma in Applied Science; and Graduate Certificate in Applied Science: Informatics and Communication

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Recommendation

That the Graduate Studies Committee recommend that the Academic Board:

- (1) *approve the cessation of the subject area, Informatics and Communication, in the Graduate Diploma in Applied Science; and Graduate Certificate in Applied Science; and*
 - (2) *recommend that Senate amend the Resolutions of the Senate relating to the Graduate Diploma in Applied Science; and Graduate Certificate in Applied Science,*
- with effect from 1 January 2005, as set out in the report presented.*

- (2) **Master of Applied Science; Graduate Diploma in Applied Science; and Graduate Certificate in Applied Science: Photonics** (pages 31-32)

Recommendation

That the Graduate Studies Committee recommend that the Academic Board:

- (1) *approve the cessation of the subject area, Informatics and Communication, in the Master of Applied Science; Graduate Diploma in Applied Science; and Graduate Certificate in Applied Science; and*
 - (2) *recommend that Senate amend the Resolutions of the Senate relating to the Master of Applied Science; Graduate Diploma in Applied Science; and Graduate Certificate in Applied Science,*
- with effect from 1 January 2005, as set out in the report presented.*

- (3) **Master of Quantitative Marine Ecology; Graduate Diploma in Quantitative Marine Ecology; and Graduate Certificate in Quantitative Marine Ecology** (page 32)

Recommendation

That the Graduate Studies Committee recommend that the Academic Board:

- (1) *approve the cessation of the Master of Quantitative Marine Ecology; Graduate Diploma in Quantitative Marine Ecology; and Graduate Certificate in Quantitative Marine Ecology; and*
 - (2) *recommend that Senate rescind the Resolutions of the Senate relating to the Master of Quantitative Marine Ecology; Graduate Diploma in Quantitative Marine Ecology; and Graduate Certificate in Quantitative Marine Ecology,*
- with effect from 1 January 2005, as set out in the report presented.*

- (4) **Graduate Diploma in Applied Science; and Graduate Certificate in Applied Science: Surface Coatings** (pages 32-33)

Recommendation

That the Graduate Studies Committee recommend that the Academic Board:

- (1) *approve the cessation of the subject area, Surface Coatings, in the Graduate Diploma in Applied Science; and Graduate Certificate in Applied Science; and*
 - (2) *recommend that Senate amend the Resolutions of the Senate relating to the Graduate Diploma in Applied Science; and Graduate Certificate in Applied Science,*
- with effect from 1 January 2005, as set out in the report presented.*

8. **Report of the Postgraduate Coursework Sub-Committee** (pages 34-40)
8.1 **Oral report of the Chair of the Postgraduate Coursework Sub-Committee**

Recommendation

That the Graduate Studies Committee note the report of the Chair of the Postgraduate Coursework Sub-Committee.

8.2 Report of the meeting held on 30 August 2004 (page 34)
8.2.1 Receipt of report

Recommendation

That the Graduate Studies Committee receive and note the report of the Postgraduate Coursework Sub-Committee meeting held on 30 August 2004.

8.2.2 Proposals for new and amended courses

**8.2.2.1 Faculty of Dentistry: Master of Dental Science (Prosthodontics);
Graduate Diploma in Clinical Dentistry (Restorative); and Graduate
Certificate in Clinical Dentistry (Restorative)** (pages 34-35)

Recommendation

That the Graduate Studies Committee recommend that the Academic Board:

- (1) *recommend that Senate:*
 - (a) *approve the introduction of the new courses, Graduate Diploma in Clinical Dentistry (Restorative); and Graduate Diploma in Clinical Dentistry (Restorative);*
 - (b) *amend the Resolutions of the Senate relating to Degrees, Diplomas and Certificates in the Faculty of Dentistry; and*
 - (c) *amend the Resolutions of the Senate relating to the Master of Dental Science; and*
 - (d) *adopt the Resolutions of the Senate relating to the Graduate Diploma in Clinical Dentistry (Restorative); and Graduate Certificate in Clinical Dentistry (Restorative);*
- (2) *note the Resolutions of the Faculty relating to the above courses, made pursuant to the University of Sydney (Coursework) Rule 2000, as amended; and*
- (3) *approve the faculty requirements relating to admission; units of study; and the award of the award course,*
with effect from 1 January 2005, as set out in the report presented.

**8.2.2.2 Faculty of Economics and Business: Master of Economics; and Graduate
Diploma in Economics** (pages 35-36)

Recommendation

That the Graduate Studies Committee recommend that the Academic Board:

- (1) *approve the amendments to the Master of Economics;*
- (2) *approve the introduction of the new major, Financial Economics Sciences;*
- (3) *approve the amendments to the Graduate Diploma in Economics;*
- (4) *recommend that Senate:*
 - (a) *rescind the Resolutions of the Senate relating to the Master of Economics; and the Graduate Diploma in Economics;*
 - (b) *adopt the Resolutions of the Senate relating to the Master of Economics; and the Graduate Diploma in Economics, made pursuant to the University of Sydney (Coursework) Rule 2000, as amended;*
- (5) *note the Resolutions of the Faculty relating to the above courses, made pursuant to the University of Sydney (Coursework) Rule 2000, as amended; and*
- (6) *approve the faculty requirements relating to admission; units of study; and the award of the award course,*
with effect from 1 January 2005, as set out in the report presented.

8.2.2.3 Faculty of Education and Social Work

(1) Master of Education (Coach Education)

(page 36-37)

Recommendation

That the Graduate Studies Committee recommend that the Academic Board:

- (1) approve the introduction of the new specialisation, Coach Education, in the Master of Education; and*
- (2) recommend that Senate amend the Resolutions of the Senate relating to the Master of Education,*
with effect from 1 January 2005, as set out in the report presented.

(2) Master of Education (Human Movement); Graduate Diploma in Educational Studies (Human Movement); and Graduate Certificate in Educational Studies (Human Movement)

(page 37)

Recommendation

That Graduate Studies Committee recommend that the Academic Board:

- (1) approve the re-introduction of the specialisation, Human Movement, in the Master of Education; Graduate Diploma in Educational Studies; and Graduate Certificate in Educational Studies; and*
- (2) recommend that Senate amend the Resolutions of the Senate relating to the Master of Education; Graduate Diploma in Educational Studies; and Graduate Certificate in Educational Studies,*
with effect from 1 January 2005, as set out in the report presented.

(3) Master of Teaching; Bachelor of Teaching; and Graduate Diploma in Professional Studies (Education)

(pages 37-38)

Recommendation

That the Graduate Studies Committee recommend that the Academic Board:

- (1) approve the amendments to the Master of Teaching; and Bachelor of Teaching;*
- (2) recommend that Senate:*
 - (a) approve the introduction of the new course, Graduate Diploma in Professional Studies (Education);*
 - (b) amend the Resolutions of the Senate relating to Degrees, Diplomas and Certificates in the Faculty of Education; and*
 - (c) rescind the Resolutions of the Senate relating to the Master of Teaching; and Bachelor of Teaching*
 - (d) adopt the Resolutions of the Senate relating to the Master of Teaching; Bachelor of Teaching; and Graduate Diploma in Professional Studies (Education), made pursuant to the University of Sydney (Coursework) Rule 2000, as amended;*
- (2) note the Resolutions of the Faculty relating to the above courses, made pursuant to the University of Sydney (Coursework) Rule 2000, as amended; and*
- (3) approve the faculty requirements relating to admission; units of study; and the award of the award course,*
with effect from 1 January 2005, as set out in the report presented.

8.2.2.4 Faculty of Medicine: Master of Public Health (Honours); and Master of International Public Health (Honours) (pages 38-39)

Recommendation

That the Graduate Studies Committee recommend that the Academic Board:

- (1) *approve amendments to the Master of Public Health (Honours); and Master of International Public Health (Honours); and*
- (2) *recommend that Senate amend the Resolutions of the Senate relating to the Master of Public Health (Honours); and Master of International Public Health (Honours),*

with effect from 1 January 2005, as set out in the report presented.

8.2.2.5 Faculty of Law: Graduate Diploma in Public Health Law (page 39)

Recommendation

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

- (1) *approve the introduction of the new course, Graduate Diploma in Public Health Law;*
- (2) *amend the Resolutions of the Senate relating to Degrees, Diplomas and Certificates in the Faculty of Law; and*
- (3) *amend the Resolutions of the Senate relating to Master's Degrees and Graduate Diplomas in the Faculty of Law,*

with effect from 1 January 2005, as set out in the report presented.

8.2.2.6 Sydney Conservatorium of Music: Master of Music Studies (Pedagogy); Graduate Diploma in Music (Pedagogy); and Graduate Certificate in Music (Pedagogy) (pages 39-40)

Recommendation

That the Graduate Studies Committee recommend that the Academic Board:

- (1) *recommend that Senate:*
 - (a) *approve the introduction of the new courses, Master of Music Studies (Pedagogy); Graduate Diploma in Music (Pedagogy); and Graduate Certificate in Music (Pedagogy);*
 - (b) *amend the Resolutions of the Senate relating to Degrees, Diplomas and Certificates in the Sydney Conservatorium of Music; and*
 - (c) *adopt the Resolutions of the Senate relating to the Master of Music Studies (Pedagogy); Graduate Diploma in Music (Pedagogy); and Graduate Certificate in Music (Pedagogy), made pursuant to the University of Sydney (Coursework) Rule 2000, as amended;*
- (2) *note the Resolutions of the Faculty relating to the above courses, made pursuant to the University of Sydney (Coursework) Rule 2000, as amended; and*
- (3) *approve the faculty requirements relating to admission; units of study; and the award of the award course,*

with effect from 1 January 2005, as set out in the report presented.

9. Report of the Postgraduate Research Training Sub-Committee (pages 41-44)
9.1 Oral report of the Chair of the Postgraduate Research Training Sub-Committee

Recommendation

That the Graduate Studies Committee note the report of the Chair of the Postgraduate Research Training Sub-Committee.

9.2 Report of the meeting held on 21 September 2004 (page 41)

9.2.1 Receipt of report

Recommendation

That the Graduate Studies Committee receive and note the report of the Postgraduate Research Training Sub-Committee meeting held on 21 September 2004.

9.2.2 Proposals for new and amended courses

9.2.2.1 Faculty of Rural Management: Doctor of Sustainable Agriculture (pages 41-42)

Recommendation

That Graduate Studies Committee recommend that the Academic Board:

- (1) recommend that Senate:*
 - (a) approve the introduction of the new course, Doctor of Sustainable Agriculture;*
 - (b) amend the Resolutions of the Senate relating to Degrees, Diplomas and Certificates in the Faculty of Rural Management; and*
 - (c) adopt the Resolutions of the Senate relating to the Doctor of Sustainable Agriculture; and*
- (2) note the amendment of the Resolutions of the Faculty relating to the Master of Sustainable Agriculture, Graduate Diploma in Sustainable Agriculture, and Graduate Certificate in Sustainable Agriculture,*
with effect from 1 January 2005, as set out in the report presented.

9.2.2.2 Faculty of Arts: Master of Philosophy; and Master of Letters: Peace and Conflict Studies (page 42)

Recommendation

That the Graduate Studies Committee recommend that the Academic Board:

- (1) approve the introduction of the new subject area, Peace and Conflict Studies, for the Master of Philosophy, and Master of Letters;*
- (2) recommend that Senate amend the Resolutions of the Senate relating to the Master of Philosophy; and*
- (3) note the amended Resolutions of the Faculty relating to the Master of Letters,*
with effect from 1 January 2005, as set out in the report presented.

9.2.2.3 Faculty of Education and Social Work: Master of Education (Research) (pages 42-43)

Recommendation

That the Graduate Studies Committee recommend that the Academic Board:

- (1) recommend that Senate:*
 - (a) approve the introduction of the new master level award course, Master of Education (Research);*
 - (b) amend the Resolutions of the Senate relating to the Degrees, Diplomas and Certificates in the Faculty of Education and Social Work, and*
 - (c) adopt the new Resolutions of the Senate relating to the Master of Education (Research), and*

- (2) *approve the faculty requirements relating to admission, units of study, the pass degree, and award of the degree, with effect from 1 January 2005, as set out in the report presented.*

9.2.2.4 Faculty of Science: Doctor of Clinical Psychology/Master of Science; and Doctor of Clinical Neuropsychology/Master of Science (page 43)

Recommend

That the Graduate Studies Committee recommend that the Academic Board:

- (1) *approve the amendments to the Doctor of Clinical Psychology/Master of Science; and Doctor of Clinical Neuropsychology/Master of Science; and*
- (2) *recommend that Senate amend the Resolutions of the Senate relating to the Doctor of Clinical Psychology/Master of Science; and Doctor of Clinical Neuropsychology/Master of Science,*
with effect from 1 January 2005, as set out in the report presented.

9.2.2.5 Faculty of Architecture

9.2.2.5.1 Doctor of Philosophy (Architecture) (pages 43-44)

Recommendation

That the Graduate Studies Committee recommend that the Academic Board:

- (1) *approve the amendments to the Doctor of Philosophy (Architecture); and*
- (2) *note the amended Resolutions of the Faculty relating to the Doctor of Philosophy (Architecture)*
with effect from 1 January 2005, as set out in the report presented.

9.2.2.5.2 Master of Philosophy (Architecture) (page 44)

Recommendation

That the Graduate Studies Committee recommend that the Academic Board:

- (1) *approve the amendments to the Master of Philosophy (Architecture);*
- (2) *recommend that Senate amend the Resolutions of the Senate relating to the Master of Philosophy (Architecture); and*
- (3) *note the amended Resolutions of the Faculty relating to the Master of Philosophy (Architecture)*
with effect from 1 January 2005, as set out in the report presented.

10. Report of the Postgraduate Awards Sub-Committee

10.1 Oral report of the Chair of the Postgraduate Awards Sub-Committee

Recommendation

That the Graduate Studies Committee note the report of the Chair of the Postgraduate Awards Sub-Committee.

11. General business

12. Next meeting

The next meeting will be held on 15 November 2004 in the Darlington Centre Boardroom.

**Agenda Item 3
Minutes of the Previous Meeting**

Minutes of the Graduate Studies Committee meeting held on Monday 23 August 004

There were present: The Chair (Associate Professor R Ross) presiding, Professors M Behnia, J Carter, J Christodoulou, F Nicholas and L Zhang, Associate Professors W Julian, A F Masters and B Paltridge, Drs A Elias, S Forsyth, M Halliwell and B Singh, Mr S Burshtein. Ms S Paynter and Miss K Neveltsen were in attendance.

3.1 Apologies

Apologies were received from: Professors C Adam and T Hirst, Associate Professors M Harding, G Gurr and R Magnusson, Dr M Boughton and Ms G Wong.

3.2 Minutes of previous meeting

3.2.1 Minutes of the meeting held on 28 June 2004

Resolved

That the Graduate Studies Committee adopt the minutes of the previous meeting held on 28 June 2004 as a true record.

3.2.2 Minutes of the meeting held by circulation in August 2004

Resolved

That the Graduate Studies Committee adopt the minutes of the previous meeting held by circulation in August 2004.

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

There was no business arising from the minutes.

3.4 Report of the Academic Board

Resolved

That the Graduate Studies Committee note the report of the Academic Board meeting of 9 June 2004, as set out in the report presented.

3.5 Report of the Chair

3.5.1 Australian Postgraduate Awards (APA) and University of Sydney Postgraduate Awards (UPA): Method of Award

The Chair informed the Graduate Studies Committee that the proposed changes to the "Australian Postgraduate Awards (APA) and University of Sydney Postgraduate Awards (UPA): Method of Award" (which had been considered by the Committee by circulation) were discussed at the Academic Board meeting of 4 August 2004.

The Chair informed members that the first recommended change had been adopted by the Academic Board, however the second recommended change relating to the 5 point cut-off had not been considered as the meeting became inquorate. The consequences were that, while minor changes were made to the policy, the current provisions (i.e. not incorporating the 5 point cut-off) would remain in place as any changes needed to have occurred by 31 August 2004 in time for the opening of applications.

The Chair also advised members that issues relating to scholarships had been raised at a Committee of Deans (CoDs) which had prompted the proposed revisions to the policy. The CoDs established a working party comprising 3 deans, the Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Research and Innovation), the Dean of Graduate Studies (DoGS) and the

Chair of the Graduate Studies Committee to look at the broad issues surrounding scholarships.

Members noted that the DoGS had been requested to provide a discussion paper on scholarships however it was considered that it would be best to discuss the issues further with the Postgraduate Awards Sub-Committee to ensure that there had been some consultation with staff who understood the scholarships process before presenting the discussion paper to the working party.

There was some concern that those expressing concern about the present system did not fully understand the processes and in particular, many people did not appreciate that DEST issued stringent guidelines concerning Australian Postgraduate Awards (APAs).

Resolved

That the Graduate Studies Committee note the report of the Chair of the Graduate Studies Committee relating to Australian Postgraduate Awards (APA) and University of Sydney Postgraduate Awards (UPA): Method of Award, as set out in the report presented.

3.5.2 Higher degrees

3.5.2.1 Admission to candidature and appointment of examiners

The Committee noted the action of the Chair in admitting to candidature and appointing examiners for three candidates for higher degrees.

Resolved

That the Graduate Studies Committee note and confirm the action of the Chair in approving the admission to candidature of, and appointment of examiners for, candidatures for higher degrees, as set out in the report presented.

3.5.2.2 Cotutelle agreement

The Committee noted the action of the Chair in regarding the examination arrangements for one candidate under a cotutelle agreement with a French university.

Resolved

That the Graduate Studies Committee note the action of the Chair in approving the examination arrangements of a cotutelle agreement, as set out in the report presented.

3.5.3 Oral report

The Chair had nothing further to report.

Resolved

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

3.6 Report of the PhD Award Sub-Committee

3.6.1 Oral report of the Chair of the PhD Award Sub-Committee

The Chair of the PhD Award Sub-Committee, Associate Professor A F Masters, asked members to clarify to staff that candidates undertaking emendations continue to require supervision.

Resolved

That the Graduate Studies Committee note the report of the Chair of the PhD Award Sub-Committee.

3.6.2 Report of the meeting held on 22 June 2004

3.6.2.1 Receipt of report

Resolved

That the Graduate Studies Committee receive and note the report of the PhD Award Sub-Committee meeting held on 22 June 2004.

3.6.2.2 Proceedings of the Sub-Committee

Resolved

That the Graduate Studies Committee note the proceedings of the PhD Award Sub-Committee, at its meeting of 22 June 2004, as set out in the report presented.

3.6.3 Report of the meeting held on 20 July 2004

3.6.3.1 Receipt of report

Resolved

That the Graduate Studies Committee receive and note the report of the PhD Award Sub-Committee meeting held on 22 June 2004.

3.6.3.2 Definition of Examination Period

The PhD Award Sub-Committee had received a query regarding the examination period for PhD theses. The Sub-Committee agreed that faculties needed to be reminded that the examination period commences when the thesis is lodged with the faculty and ends when the candidate was advised of the outcome.

Resolved

That the Graduate Studies Committee remind faculties that the examination period for the degree of Doctor of Philosophy commences when the thesis is lodged with the faculty and ends when the candidate is advised of the outcome of the examination.

3.6.3.3 Proceedings of the Sub-Committee

Resolved

That the Graduate Studies Committee note the proceedings of the PhD Award Sub-Committee, at its meeting of 22 June 2004, as set out in the report presented.

3.7 Report of the Postgraduate Coursework Sub-Committee

3.7.1 Oral report of the Chair of the Postgraduate Coursework Sub-Committee

The Chair presented the report on behalf of the Chair of the Postgraduate Coursework Sub-Committee, Dr M Boughton, who was unable to attend.

Resolved

That the Graduate Studies Committee note the report of the Chair of the Postgraduate Coursework Sub-Committee.

3.7.2 Report of the meeting held on 5 July 2004

7.2.1 Receipt of report

Resolved

That the Graduate Studies Committee receive and note the report of the Postgraduate Coursework Sub-Committee meeting held on 5 July 2004.

3.7.2.2 Proposals for new and amended courses

3.7.2.2.1 Faculty of Health Sciences

(1) **Master of Speech Language Pathology (Honours); and Master of Speech Language Pathology**

On the recommendation of the Faculty of Health Sciences, the Postgraduate Coursework Sub-Committee recommended through the Graduate Studies Committee to the Academic Board that Senate approve the introduction of the new courses, Master of Speech Language Pathology, and Master of Speech Language Pathology (Honours), with effect from 1 January 2005.

The Graduate Studies Committee was advised that in considering the proposal, the Sub-Committee discussed a variety of issues including nomenclature; professional accreditation; admission; parallel teaching; English language requirements; student numbers; and units of study.

Resolved

That the Graduate Studies Committee recommend that the Academic Board:

- (1) recommend that Senate:
 - (a) approve the introduction of the new courses, Master of Speech Language Pathology, and Master of Speech Language Pathology (Honours);
 - (b) amend the Resolutions of the Senate relating to Degrees, Diplomas and Certificates in the Faculty of Health Sciences; and
 - (c) recommend that Senate amend the Resolutions of the Senate relating to the Master's Degrees in the Faculty of Health Sciences, and the Resolutions of the Senate relating to Graduate Diplomas and Graduate Certificates in the Faculty of Health Sciences,
- (2) amend appendix one of the policy "Postgraduate English Language Requirements";
with effect from 1 January 2005, as set out in the report presented.

(2) **Master of Health Science (Augmentative and Alternative Communication); Graduate Diploma in Health Science (Augmentative and Alternative Communication); and Graduate Certificate in Health Science (Augmentative and Alternative Communication)**

The Faculty of Health Sciences recommended through the Postgraduate Coursework Sub-Committee and the Graduate Studies Committee that the Academic Board approve the introduction of the new specialisation, Augmentative and Alternative Communication, in the Master of Health Science and Graduate Diploma in Health Science, with effect from 1 January 2005.

It was noted that the Sub-Committee had requested amendments to the proposal which had been submitted by the Faculty and approved.

Resolved

That the Graduate Studies Committee recommend that the Academic Board:

- (1) approve the introduction of the new specialisation, Augmentative and Alternative Communication, in the Master of Health Science, Graduate Diploma in Health Science, and Graduate Certificate in Health Science; and
- (2) recommend that Senate amend the Resolutions of the Senate relating to the Master's Degrees in the Faculty of Health Sciences, and the Resolutions of the Senate relating to Graduate Diplomas and Graduate Certificates in the Faculty of Health Sciences,

with effect from 1 January 2005, as set out in the report presented.

(3) Master of Occupational Therapy

The Faculty of Health Sciences recommended through the Postgraduate Coursework Sub-Committee and the Graduate Studies Committee that the Academic Board approve the introduction of the new part-time mode of delivery for the Master of Occupational Therapy, with effect from 1 January 2005.

The Faculty also proposed an amendment to the admission criteria for the degree. Previously the Faculty was unable to admit students who already had a Bachelor's degree in Occupational Therapy.

Resolved

That the Graduate Studies Committee:

- (1) approve the 1 and 2 credit point units of study to be offered as part of the Master of Occupational Therapy;
- (2) recommend that the Academic Board:
 - (a) approve the alternative mode of delivery for the Master of Occupational Therapy;
 - (b) approve the amendment of the admission criteria for the Master of Occupational Therapy,

with effect from 1 January 2005, as set out in the report presented.

(4) Master of Health Science (Management) (Honours); and Master of Health Science (Management)

The Faculty of Health Sciences recommended through the Postgraduate Coursework Sub-Committee and the Graduate Studies Committee that the Academic Board approve the reduction in the Honours requirement for the Master of Health Science (Management), with effect from 1 January 2005.

During discussion the Sub-Committee had noted that the course was currently only offered off-shore through the Singapore Institute of Management and the amendments had been proposed following a review of the course which had trialled the new course review template.

Resolved

That the Graduate Studies Committee recommend that the Academic Board:

- (1) approve the amendment of the requirements for the Master of Health Science (Management)(Honours); and
- (2) note the amendment of the units of study for the Master of Health Science (Management)(Honours) and the Master of Health Science (Management), with effect from 1 January 2005, as set out in the report presented.

(5) Master of Health Science (Medical Sonography); and Graduate Diploma in Health Science (Medical Sonography)

The Faculty of Health Sciences recommended through the Postgraduate Coursework Sub-Committee and the Graduate Studies Committee that the Academic Board approve the amendment of the admission requirements for the Master of Health Science (Medical Sonography), with effect from 1 January 2005.

The Sub-Committee requested clarification on the issues of admission criteria; stage 3; and relinquishing qualifications before the proposal could proceed.

The Chair of the Sub-Committee had requested that the Graduate Studies Committee recommend approval of the changes, subject to further clarification of the requirement to relinquish qualifications.

Resolved

That the Graduate Studies Committee recommend that the Academic Board:

- (1) approve the amendment of the admission requirements of the Master of Health Science (Medical Sonography); and
- (2) note the amendment of the units of study for the Master of Health Science (Medical Sonography), and Graduate Diploma in Medical Sonography, subject to further clarification admission requirements, with effect from 1 January 2005, as set out in the report presented.

3.7.2.2.2 Faculty of Medicine: Master of Medicine (Honours); Master of Medicine; Graduate Diploma in Medicine; and Graduate Certificate in Medicine

The Faculty of Medicine recommended through the Postgraduate Coursework Sub-Committee and the Graduate Studies Committee that the Academic Board recommend that Senate approve the introduction of the new courses Masters of Medicine (Honours); Master of Medicine; Graduate Diploma in Medicine; and Graduate Certificate in Medicine, with effect from 1 January 2005.

In general discussion the issue of nomenclature, particularly the use of the term “program” was raised and members agreed the issue of calling a suite of courses a “Program” needed to be considered further.

The Graduate Studies Committee queried the use of the term “Professional” and whether this could be used in the marketing of the course.

The Chair of the Sub-Committee had asked that the proposal be approved subject to further clarification of the proposed resolutions which would include stating the topics to be offered.

Resolved

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

- (1) approve the introduction of the new courses Masters of Medicine (Honours); Master of Medicine; Graduate Diploma in Medicine; and Graduate Certificate in Medicine, and
 - (2) amend the Resolutions of the Senate relating to Degrees, Diplomas and Certificates in the Faculty of Medicine,
- subject to further clarification of the proposed Resolutions, with effect from 1 January 2005, as set out in the report presented.

3.7.2.2.3 Faculty of Science

(1) Graduate Certificate in Applied Science (Spatial Information Science)

The Faculty of Science recommended through the Postgraduate Coursework Sub-Committee and the Graduate Studies Committee that the Academic Board approve the introduction of the new specialisation, Spatial Information Science, in the Graduate Certificate in Applied Science, with effect from 1 January 2005.

The Faculty clarified for the Sub-Committee that it wished to concentrate resources at the Graduate Certificate level only at this stage.

Resolved

That the Graduate Studies Committee recommend that the Academic Board:

- (1) approve the introduction of the new specialisation, Spatial Information Science, in the Graduate Certificate in Applied Science; and
 - (2) recommend that Senate amend the Resolutions of the Senate relating to the Master of Applied Science, Graduate Diploma in Applied Science, and Graduate Certificate in the Faculty of Science,
- with effect from 1 January 2005, as set out in the report presented.

(2) **Graduate Diploma in Computing; Master of Information Technology; Graduate Diploma in Information Technology; and Graduate Certificate in Information Technology**

At its meeting of 3 May 2004, Senate approved the introduction of the new course, the Graduate Diploma in Computing and amendments to the Master of Information Technology; Graduate Diploma in Information Technology; and Graduate Certificate in Information Technology.

At its meeting of 13 April 2004, the Sub-Committee considered a proposal from the Faculty to amend the Resolutions of the Senate to clarify what constitutes unsatisfactory progress in the course. It was proposed that a candidate who failed more than a cumulative total of 18 credit points would not be permitted to re-enol.

The Sub-Committee discussed the proposal, noting that this significantly altered the way in which the Faculty dealt with students who failed. There was some concern about the apparent removal of the Dean's discretionary powers and the implications for other faculties.

The proposed amendment relating to the Information Technology courses appeared contradictory and it was agreed that the Faculty would be asked to review the provisions before the proposal could be referred to the Graduate Studies Committee.

Advice was sought from the Office of the General Counsel about whether the proposed amendments were consistent with the *University of Sydney (Coursework) Rule 2000* (as amended) and provided to the Faculty. Based on the advice the Faculty has revised the proposed amendments and resubmitted them for approval.

Resolved

That the Graduate Studies Committee recommend that the Academic Board:

- (1) approve the amendment of the Resolutions of the Faculty relating to the Graduate Diploma in Computing;
- (2) approve the amendment of the Resolutions of the Faculty relating to the Master of Information Technology; Graduate Diploma in Information Technology; and Graduate Certificate in Information Technology;

with immediate effect, as set out in the report presented.

3.7.2.3 Parallel teaching of postgraduate and undergraduate students

3.7.2.3.1 Faculty of Arts

The Faculty of Arts proposed to teach postgraduate and undergraduate pass students in parallel in units of study in Greek, Latin and Hebrew. The units of study were all elective units. There were sufficient units of study available in each semester to enable a student to avoid parallel teaching and still have a reasonable range of choices.

The Sub-Committee agreed that the Graduate Studies Committee should give approval for the units of study and that the Faculty had put forward strong arguments and clearly distinguished differences between undergraduate and postgraduate particularly in relation to assessment.

Members of the Committee noted that the rationale for the proposed parallel teaching was contradictory and unclear and it was agreed to approve the use of parallel teaching in this instance and request the Chair of the Postgraduate Coursework Sub-Committee to provide further advice to the next meeting of the Graduate Studies Committee.

Resolved

That the Graduate Studies Committee approve the parallel teaching of postgraduate and undergraduate students in units of study in the Faculty of Arts, as set out in the report presented.

3.7.2.4 Proceedings of the Sub-Committee

The Dean of Graduate Studies (DoGS) drew the attention of members to item 7.2.4.2 "Postgraduate Coursework Course Review" in the proceedings of the Sub-Committee.

Members were reminded that the template for postgraduate coursework course reviews was currently being trialled. It was noted that the Faculties of Education and Social Work; and Health Sciences as well as the Sydney College of the Arts were all in the process of using the templates.

The Committee was asked to provide feedback on the templates to the DoGS, noting in particular that there were currently difficulties in retrieving appropriate data from FlexSIS.

The DoGS reminded members that the associated policy was in the process of being amended and would be referred to the Graduate Studies Committee in due course.

Resolved

That the Graduate Studies Committee note the proceedings of the Postgraduate Coursework Sub-Committee, at its meeting of 5 July 2004, as set out in the report presented.

3.8 General business

No items of general business were raised.

3.9 Next meeting

The next meeting would be held on 5 October 2004 in the Darlington Centre Boardroom.

Agenda Item 4 Report of the Academic Board

4. Report of the Academic Board meeting held on 4 August 2004

The agenda for the meeting of the Academic Board on 4 August 2004 may be accessed on the web: <http://www.usyd.edu.au/su/ab/>

4.1 Review of student appeals provisions

Members were advised that it had been anticipated that the report would be considered at this meeting however due to technical problems, the report was unable to be completed in time for circulation with the agenda papers and would therefore be considered at the next meeting.

4.2 Postgraduate English Language Requirements

On the recommendation of the Faculty of Veterinary Science the Graduate Studies Committee recommended that the Academic Board approve the amendment of appendix one of the policy *Postgraduate English Language Requirements* to provide for requirements above the University minimum for admission to veterinary science postgraduate award courses.

4.3 Australian Postgraduate Awards (APA) and University of Sydney Postgraduate Awards (UPA): Method of Award

The Academic Board considered the following two changes for the 2005 round of awarding APAs and UPAs:

1. The allocation of scholarships to Colleges to be based on 50% actual research enrolments of the current year and 50% of completions over the previous two years (Masters and PhD completions weighted 1:2). This compares to using weighted completions only in the 2004 round.
2. To maintain parity between overall standards of award between Colleges, scholarships will not be awarded to any candidates with a final mark more than five points below the highest of the three College cut-offs. This compares to applying the 5-point differential to the second offer round only. If there are insufficient applicants that meet this requirement within a College, scholarships initially allocated to that College shall be re-allocated to other Colleges using the formula as described above.

The first of these recommendations was adopted by the Academic Board, and the policy "Australian Postgraduate Awards (APA) and University of Sydney Postgraduate Awards (UPA): Method of Award" will be amended accordingly.

The second recommendation was the subject of some discussion and the Academic Board became inquorate before the matter could be put to a vote.

Agenda Item 5 Report of the Chair

5.1 Mandatory electronic lodgement of Library copies of Research Higher Degree theses

I attended a meeting with the Dean of Graduate Studies (DoGS) and members of the Library regarding a proposal recommending the mandatory electronic lodgement of Library copies for all higher degree research theses at each Australian university.

On average two theses are lodged each working day at the University and the proposal recommends that the Library maintain a database to store and track all lodged theses. A policy relating to the lodgement of electronic copies of research higher degree theses will be drafted in due course.

Agenda Item 6 Report of the PhD Award Sub-Committee

6.2 Report of the PhD Award Sub-Committee meeting held on 17 August 2004

The Committee met on 17 August 2004 when there were present: The Chair of the PhD Award Sub-Committee (Associate Professor A F Masters) presiding, Professors J Christodoulou and P Wilson, Associate Professor D Brennan and Dr M Boughton. Ms M Kemmis was in attendance.

6.2.1 Receipt of Report

The Sub-Committee **recommends** that the Graduate Studies Committee receive and note the following report of the meeting held on 17 August 2004.

6.2.2 Examination Procedures

The Sub-Committee noted the following issues during its consideration of examination reports and related matters:

- on a number of occasions, advice from supervisors and/or faculties has included a comment that a specific examiner has “misunderstood” a section of a thesis, and members agreed that in such cases this should be addressed as an emendation to the final version of the thesis; and
- a number of faculties are using obsolete versions of forms such as those for appointment of examiners.

The Sub-Committee recommends that the Graduate Studies Committee provide advice to faculties on these issues.

Recommendation

That the Graduate Studies Committee:

- (i) *advise faculties that in cases where the supervisor and/or faculty believes that an examiner has misunderstood a section of the thesis, that the correction of such misunderstandings be included in the list of emendations to be made to the final thesis; and*
- (ii) *remind all faculties that the most recent versions of forms, such as the appointment of examiners form, are to be used.*

6.2.3 Second quarter report of 2004

(pages 25-28)

Members noted the following issues concerning the Second Quarter Report for 2004:

- faculties had been asked to report whenever the examination period went over time, but it was not clear whether this was occurring, or where such reports were to be sent; and
- a number of faculties had stated that the selection and appointment of examiners had extended the examination period, and members agreed that faculties should be reminded that the identification of suitable examiners should occur prior to the lodgement of the thesis.

Recommendation

That the Graduate Studies Committee:

- (i) *remind faculties that the identification of suitable examiners should occur prior to the lodgement of the thesis; and*
- (ii) *note the Second Quarter Report 2004, as set out in the report presented.*

6.2.4 Proceedings of the Sub-Committee

(1) Report of the Chair

The Chair advised members that issues surrounding the examination of C Waddington's thesis had been referred to the Solicitor's Office, and that further information would be provided once the Solicitor's advice had been received.

- (2) **Report of the Graduate Studies Committee meeting**
Members noted the report of the Graduate Studies Committee meeting of 28 June 2004.

- (3) **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 two candidates and resolved to approve the award of the degree of Doctor of Philosophy, subject to emendations.

 - (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 five candidates and resolved:
 - (i) to approve the award of the degree of Doctor of Philosophy, without further qualification, in one case; and
 - (ii) to approve the award of the degree of Doctor of Philosophy, subject to emendations, in four cases.

 - (c) **Appointment of Examiners**
The Sub-Committee noted that examiners had been appointed for twenty two candidate for the degree of Doctor of Philosophy.

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6.2.3.1 Awards at faculty level

The first quarter report from faculties to the Sub-Committee on PhDs awarded at faculty level for the period 1 April to 30 June 2004 is tabulated below, with complete reports from faculties attached (pages 17-48). No PhDs were awarded at faculty level for this period by the Faculty of Law and no reports were received from the Faculty of Agriculture, Food & Natural Resources, Faculty of Education & Social Work, Faculty of Rural Management and the Sydney College of the Arts.

Faculty	Award	Award subject to		Percentages		
		Typographical corrections	Emendations	Award	Typographical corrections	Emendations
Agriculture, Food & Natural Resources						
Architecture	0	0	1	0%	0%	100%
Arts	0	5	7	0%	41.7%	58.3%
Dentistry	0	0	1	0%	0%	100%
Economics & Business	0	0	3	0%	0%	100%
Education & Social Work						
Engineering	0	0	4	0%	0%	100%
Health Sciences	1	0	2	33.3%	0%	66.7%
Law	0	0	0	-	-	-
Medicine	0	4	20	0%	16.7%	83.3%
Nursing	0	0	1	0%	0%	100%
Pharmacy	0	0	2	0%	0%	100%
Rural Management						
Science	4	5	15	16.7%	20.8%	62.5%
Veterinary Science	0	0	1	0%	0%	100%
AGSM	1	0	0	100%	0%	0%
College of the Arts						
Conservatorium of Music	0	0	1	0%	0%	100%
TOTAL						

6.2.3.2 Awards by PhD Award Sub-Committee

The second quarter report on PhDs considered by the Sub-Committee indicating the recommendation of the Sub-Committee forwarded to the faculty concerned for the period 1 April to 30 June 2004 tabulated below:

Faculty	Award	Typographical corrections	Emendations	Revise and resubmit	Non-award
Agriculture, Food & Natural Resources	-	-	1	-	-
Architecture	-	-	1	-	-
Arts	-	-	8	1	-
Dentistry	-	-	-	-	-
Economics & Business	-	-	-	-	-
Education & Social Work	-	-	1	-	-
Engineering	-	-	-	-	-
Health Sciences	-	-	1	-	-
Law	-	-	-	-	-
Medicine	-	-	1	1	-
Nursing	-	-	-	-	-
Pharmacy	-	-	-	-	-
Rural Management	-	-	-	-	-
Science	-	-	-	2	-
Veterinary Science	-	-	-	-	-
AGSM	-	-	-	-	-
College of the Arts	-	-	-	-	-
Conservatorium of Music	-	-	-	-	-
TOTAL	0	0	13	4	0

6.2.3.3 Total awards – Second Quarter 2004

The total awards for the second quarter 2004 including PhDs awarded at faculty level or recommended by the PhD Award Sub-Committee is tabulated below:

Faculty	Numbers					Percentages				
	Award	Typographical corrections	Emendations	Revise and resubmit	Non-award	Award	Typographical corrections	Emendations	Revise and resubmit	Non-award
Agriculture, Food & Natural Resources	0	0	1	0	0	0%	0%	100%	0%	0%
Architecture	0	0	2	0	0	0%	0%	100%	0%	0%
Arts	0	5	15	1	0	0%	23.8%	71.4%	4.8%	0%
Dentistry	0	0	1	0	0	0%	0%	100%	0%	0%
Economics & Business	0	0	3	0	0	0%	0%	100%	0%	0%
Education & Social Work	0	0	1	0	0	0%	0%	100%	0%	0%
Engineering	0	0	4	0	0	0%	0%	100%	0%	0%
Health Sciences	1	0	3	0	0	25%	0%	75%	0%	0%
Law	0	0	0	0	0	-	-	-	-	-
Medicine	0	4	21	1	0	0%	15.4%	80.8%	3.8%	0%
Nursing	0	0	1	0	0	0%	0%	100%	0%	0%
Pharmacy	0	0	2	0	0	0%	0%	100%	0%	0%
Rural Management	-	-	-	-	-	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%
Science	4	5	15	2	0	15.4%	19.2%	57.7%	7.7%	0%
Veterinary Science	0	0	1	0	0	0%	0%	100%	0%	0%
AGSM	1	0	0	0	0	100%	0%	0%	0%	0%
College of the Arts	-	-	-	-	-	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%
Conservatorium of Music	0	0	1	0	0	0%	0%	100%	0%	0%
TOTAL	6	14	71	4	0	6.3%	14.8%	74.7%	4.2%	0%

6.2.3.4 Summary of examination times, second quarter 2004

The summary below is for PhDs awarded directly at faculty level without further qualification, subject to typographical corrections or emendations. The time of examination is calculated as the number of days between the date that the thesis was submitted and the date that the candidate was informed of the result (that is, the date of the letter information of award or award subject to qualification).

Averaged over all faculties 39% of degrees were awarded in three months or less, 18.2% in four months, 19.5% in five months, 9.1% in six months and 14.2% took longer than six months.

Faculty	Numbers								
	≤2 mths	3 mths	4 mths	5 mths	6 mths	7 mths	8 mths	9 mths	>9 mths
Agriculture, Food & Natural Resources	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Architecture	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-
Arts	1	1	3	3	1	1	-	-	1
Dentistry	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Economics & Business	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Education & Social Work	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	1	1
Engineering	-	2	1	1	-	-	-	-	-
Health Sciences	1	-	1	1	-	-	-	-	-
Law	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Medicine	3	10	4	5	2	-	-	-	-
Nursing	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-
Pharmacy	-	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-
Rural Management	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Science	2	7	4	4	3	1	1	1	1
Veterinary Science	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
AGSM	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
College of the Arts	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Conservatorium of Music	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
TOTAL	7	23	14	15	7	3	1	2	5

Agenda Item 7 Report of the Coursework Sub-Committee

7.2 Report of the Postgraduate Coursework Sub-Committee meeting held on 10 August 2004

The Committee met on 10 August 2004 when there were present: The Chair (Dr M Boughton) presiding, Drs A Bashford, A McLachlan, M J Mahony and Dr K C Wong, Mr S Burshtein and Ms G Wong. Academic proponents Dr N Maclean (Development Studies), Mr R Stanton (Strategic Public Relations), Professor A Frino (Quantitative Finance), Professor B Armstrong, Dr R Jenkin, and Dr A Magney (Health Policy), Mr D Hodgkins (Sustainable Landscape Management), and Miss K Neveltsen were in attendance.

7.2.1 Receipt of Report

The Sub-Committee **recommends** that the Graduate Studies Committee receive and note the following report of the meeting held on 10 August 2004.

7.2.2 Proposals for new and amended postgraduate courses

7.2.2.1 Faculty of Arts

(1) Master of Development Studies; Graduate Diploma in Development Studies; and Graduate Certificate in Development Studies

On the recommendation of the Faculty of Arts, the Postgraduate Coursework Sub-Committee recommends through the Graduate Studies Committee that the Academic Board recommend that Senate approve the introduction of the new courses, Master of Development Studies; Graduate Diploma in Development Studies; and Graduate Certificate in Development Studies, with effect from 1 January 2005.

The full proposal is available on the website at:

<http://www.usyd.edu.au/su/ab/committees/CworkSC/2004.html>

Recommendation

That the Graduate Studies Committee that the Academic Board:

- (1) *recommend that Senate:*
 - (a) *approve the introduction of the new courses, Master of Development Studies; Graduate Diploma in Development Studies; and Graduate Certificate in Development Studies;*
 - (b) *amend the Resolutions of the Senate relating to Degrees, Diplomas and Certificates in the Faculty of Arts; and*
 - (c) *adopt the Resolutions of the Senate relating to the Master of Development Studies; Graduate Diploma in Development Studies; and Graduate Certificate in Development Studies;*
- (2) *note the Resolutions of the Faculty relating to the above courses, made pursuant to the University of Sydney (Coursework) Rule 2000, as amended; and*
- (3) *approve the faculty requirements relating to admission; units of study; and the award of the award course, with effect from 1 January 2005, as set out in the report presented.*

(2) **Master of Strategic Public Relations; Graduate Diploma in Strategic Public Relations; and Graduate Certificate in Strategic Public Relations**

On the recommendation of the Faculty of Arts, the Postgraduate Coursework Sub-Committee recommends through the Graduate Studies Committee that the Academic Board recommend that Senate approve the introduction of the new courses, Master of Strategic Public Relations; Graduate Diploma in Strategic Public Relations; and Graduate Certificate in Strategic Public Relations, with effect from 1 January 2005.

The course had a central focus in professional public relations with two strands: a corporate communication strand and a political communication strand. Prospective students were required to take four core units of study, two from each strand. They can then take two elective specialisations in one or the other or two from both, or additional cross-listed units from Government, Sociology, English and Philosophy. The corporate communication strand focuses on public relations management including investor relations and financial relations, while the political communication strand focuses on political campaigning in theory and practice. The courses had a media focus from the perspective of public relations rather than from journalism.

In considering the proposal, the Sub-Committee discussed a variety of issues including nomenclature; teaching methods; student workload; graduate attributes; assessment procedures; and units of study.

The Sub-Committee agreed to recommend the proposal subject to the appropriate amendments being made. The Faculty presented a revised proposal accepted by the Sub-Committee.

The full proposal is available on the website at:

<http://www.usyd.edu.au/su/ab/committees/CworkSC/2004.html>

Recommendation

That the Graduate Studies Committee recommend that the Academic Board:

- (1) *recommend that Senate:*
 - (a) *approve the introduction of the new courses, Master of Strategic Public Relations; Graduate Diploma in Strategic Public Relations; and Graduate Certificate in Strategic Public Relations;*
 - (b) *amend the Resolutions of the Senate relating to Degrees, Diplomas and Certificates in the Faculty of Arts; and*
 - (c) *adopt the Resolutions of the Senate relating to the Master of Strategic Public Relations; Graduate Diploma in Strategic Public Relations; and Graduate Certificate in Strategic Public Relations;*
- (2) *note the Resolutions of the Faculty relating to the above courses, made pursuant to the University of Sydney (Coursework) Rule 2000, as amended; and*
- (3) *approve the faculty requirements relating to admission; units of study; and the award of the award course, with effect from 1 January 2005, as set out in the report presented.*

(3) **Master of Letters; Master of Arts; Graduate Diploma in Arts; and Graduate Certificate in Arts: Ancient World Studies**

On the recommendation of the Faculty of Arts, the Postgraduate Coursework Sub-Committee recommends through the Graduate Studies Committee that the Academic Board recommend that Senate approve the introduction of the new subject area, Ancient World Studies, in the Master of Letters; Master of Arts; Graduate Diploma in Arts; and Graduate Certificate in Arts, with effect from 1 January 2005.

The full proposal is available on the website at:

<http://www.usyd.edu.au/su/ab/committees/CworkSC/2004.html>

Recommendation

That the Graduate Studies Committee recommend that the Academic Board:

- (1) *approve the introduction of the new subject area, Ancient World Studies, for the Master of Letters; Master of Arts; Graduate Diploma in Arts; and Graduate Certificate in Art; and*
 - (2) *note the amended Resolutions of the Faculty relating to the above courses,*
- with effect from 1 January 2005, as set out in the report presented.*

7.2.2.2 Faculty of Science

(1) **Graduate Diploma in Applied Science; and Graduate Certificate in Applied Science: Informatics and Communication**

On the recommendation of the Faculty of Science, the Postgraduate Coursework Sub-Committee recommends through the Graduate Studies Committee that the Academic Board approve the cessation of the subject area, Informatics and Communication, in the Graduate Diploma in Applied Science; and Graduate Certificate in Applied Science, with effect from 1 January 2005.

The full proposal is available on the website at:

<http://www.usyd.edu.au/su/ab/committees/CworkSC/2004.html>

Recommendation

That the Graduate Studies Committee recommend that the Academic Board:

- (1) *approve the cessation of the subject area, Informatics and Communication, in the Graduate Diploma in Applied Science; and Graduate Certificate in Applied Science; and*
 - (2) *recommend that Senate amend the Resolutions of the Senate relating to the Graduate Diploma in Applied Science; and Graduate Certificate in Applied Science,*
- with effect from 1 January 2005, as set out in the report presented.*

(2) **Master of Applied Science; Graduate Diploma in Applied Science; and Graduate Certificate in Applied Science: Photonics**

On the recommendation of the Faculty of Science, the Postgraduate Coursework Sub-Committee recommends through the Graduate Studies Committee that the Academic Board approve the cessation of the subject area, Photonics, in the Master of Applied Science; Graduate Diploma in Applied Science; and Graduate Certificate in Applied Science, with effect from 1 January 2005.

The full proposal is available on the website at:
<http://www.usyd.edu.au/su/ab/committees/CworkSC/2004.html>

Recommendation

That the Graduate Studies Committee recommend that the Academic Board:

- (1) *approve the cessation of the subject area, Informatics and Communication, in the Master of Applied Science; Graduate Diploma in Applied Science; and Graduate Certificate in Applied Science; and*
- (2) *recommend that Senate amend the Resolutions of the Senate relating to the Master of Applied Science; Graduate Diploma in Applied Science; and Graduate Certificate in Applied Science,*

with effect from 1 January 2005, as set out in the report presented.

(3) Master of Quantitative Marine Ecology; Graduate Diploma in Quantitative Marine Ecology; and Graduate Certificate in Quantitative Marine Ecology

On the recommendation of the Faculty of Science, the Postgraduate Coursework Sub-Committee recommends through the Graduate Studies Committee that the Academic Board approve the cessation of the Master of Quantitative Marine Ecology; Graduate Diploma in Quantitative Marine Ecology; and Graduate Certificate in Quantitative Marine Ecology, with effect from 1 January 2005.

The full proposal is available on the website at:
<http://www.usyd.edu.au/su/ab/committees/CworkSC/2004.html>

Recommendation

That the Graduate Studies Committee recommend that the Academic Board:

- (1) *approve the cessation of the Master of Quantitative Marine Ecology; Graduate Diploma in Quantitative Marine Ecology; and Graduate Certificate in Quantitative Marine Ecology; and*
- (2) *recommend that Senate rescind the Resolutions of the Senate relating to the Master of Quantitative Marine Ecology; Graduate Diploma in Quantitative Marine Ecology; and Graduate Certificate in Quantitative Marine Ecology,*

with effect from 1 January 2005, as set out in the report presented.

(4) Graduate Diploma in Applied Science; and Graduate Certificate in Applied Science: Surface Coatings

On the recommendation of the Faculty of Science, the Postgraduate Coursework Sub-Committee recommends through the Graduate Studies Committee that the Academic Board approve the cessation of the subject area, Surface Coatings, in the Graduate Diploma in Applied Science; and Graduate Certificate in Applied Science, with effect from 1 January 2005.

The full proposal is available on the website at:
<http://www.usyd.edu.au/su/ab/committees/CworkSC/2004.html>

Recommendation

That the Graduate Studies Committee recommend that the Academic Board:

- (1) approve the cessation of the subject area, Surface Coatings, in the Graduate Diploma in Applied Science; and Graduate Certificate in Applied Science; and*
- (2) recommend that Senate amend the Resolutions of the Senate relating to the Graduate Diploma in Applied Science; and Graduate Certificate in Applied Science,*
with effect from 1 January 2005, as set out in the report presented.

Agenda Item 8

Report of the Postgraduate Coursework Sub-Committee

8.2 Report of the Postgraduate Coursework Sub-Committee meeting held on 30 August 2004

The Committee met on 30 August 2004 when there were present: The Acting Chair (Associate Professor R Ross) presiding, Professor M Behnia, Associate Professors W Julian and M Thompson, Drs L Harbon, M J Mahony, A McLachlan and K C Wong, and Mr S Burshtein. Academic proponents Dr M Halliwell (Pedagogy; and Creative Sound Production), Ms L Howie (Public Administration), Professor W Britton (Infection and Immunity), Associate Professor R Magnusson (Public Health Law), and Ms S Paynter and Miss K Neveltsen were in attendance.

8.2.2 Receipt of Report

The Sub-Committee **recommends** that the Graduate Studies Committee receive and note the following report of the meeting held on 30 August 2004.

8.2.3 Proposals for new and amended courses

8.2.3.1 Faculty of Dentistry: Master of Dental Science (Prosthodontics); Graduate Diploma in Clinical Dentistry (Restorative); and Graduate Certificate in Clinical Dentistry (Restorative)

On the recommendation of the Faculty of Dentistry the Postgraduate Coursework Sub-Committee recommends through the Graduate Studies Committee that the Academic Board recommend that Senate amend the Master of Dental Science (Prosthodontics) and approve the introduction of the new courses, Graduate Diploma in Clinical Dentistry (Restorative); and Graduate Certificate in Clinical Dentistry (Restorative), with effect from 1 January 2005.

The purpose of the proposal is to amend the existing award, the degree of Master of Dental Science in Prosthodontics, to make it possible to complete the degree as the third part of an articulated series of awards, with completion of the Graduate Certificate in Clinical Dentistry (Restorative) and Graduate Diploma in Clinical Dentistry (Restorative) a requirement for enrolling in the Master of Dental Science.

The Faculty is also taking the opportunity to remove Removable Prosthodontics from the list of disciplines in which the degree may be taken, as this discipline was now subsumed in Prosthodontics, and no students were enrolled in the course in this discipline.

During discussion the Sub-Committee raised the following matters:

- requirements for prosthodontics were stipulated by the profession;
- the Graduate Diploma and Graduate Certificate were exit strategies for candidates who did not complete the Master's;
- the names of the qualifications are different to ensure that those who had not completed the Master's did not give the impression of being proficient in the speciality of Prosthodontics; and
- requirements for the Master of Dental Science were stringent and set in part by legislation.

The Sub-Committee agreed to recommend the proposal for approval.

The full proposal is available on the website at:

<http://www.usyd.edu.au/su/ab/committees/CworkSC/2004.html>

Recommendation

That the Graduate Studies Committee recommend that the Academic Board:

- (1) *recommend that Senate:*
 - (a) *approve the introduction of the new courses, Graduate Diploma in Clinical Dentistry (Restorative); and Graduate Diploma in Clinical Dentistry (Restorative);*
 - (b) *amend the Resolutions of the Senate relating to Degrees, Diplomas and Certificates in the Faculty of Dentistry; and*
 - (c) *amend the Resolutions of the Senate relating to the Master of Dental Science; and*
 - (d) *adopt the Resolutions of the Senate relating to the Graduate Diploma in Clinical Dentistry (Restorative); and Graduate Certificate in Clinical Dentistry (Restorative);*
- (2) *note the Resolutions of the Faculty relating to the above courses, made pursuant to the University of Sydney (Coursework) Rule 2000, as amended; and*
- (3) *approve the faculty requirements relating to admission; units of study; and the award of the award course, with effect from 1 January 2005, as set out in the report presented.*

8.2.3.2 Faculty of Economics and Business: Master of Economics; and Graduate Diploma in Economics

On the recommendation of the Faculty of Economics and Business the Postgraduate Coursework Sub-Committee recommends through the Graduate Studies Committee that the Academic Board recommend that Senate amend the Master of Economics; and Graduate Diploma in Economics, with effect from 1 January 2005.

It is proposed to amend the existing Master's degree:

- (1) Increase the number of required units of study from 8 to 12 (with the possibility of up to 4 exemptions from a new Core, from which a minimum of 4 units must be taken);
- (2) While maintaining the same structure of compulsory units, introduce a new Major structure. At least 1 Major would be required, and a major comprised at least 3 units of study in an area. Students would be able to do double majors. The Majors selected would appear on a graduate's testamur.
- (3) Introduce a new major area called Financial Economic Sciences, in addition to the two existing areas, Economics and Econometrics.
- (4) Broaden entry requirements to allow students with strong generic quantitative skills to enrol at Master's level.

It is also proposed to amend the Graduate Diploma to introduce an accelerated pathway to the Master's degree for high achieving students.

The Sub-Committee agreed to recommend the proposal for approval.

The full proposal is available on the website at:

<http://www.usyd.edu.au/su/ab/committees/CworkSC/2004.html>

Recommendation

That the Graduate Studies Committee recommend that the Academic Board:

- (1) *approve the amendments to the Master of Economics;*
- (2) *approve the introduction of the new major, Financial Economics Sciences;*
- (3) *approve the amendments to the Graduate Diploma in Economics;*
- (4) *recommend that Senate:*

- (a) *rescind the Resolutions of the Senate relating to the Master of Economics; and the Graduate Diploma in Economics;*
- (b) *adopt the Resolutions of the Senate relating to the Master of Economics; and the Graduate Diploma in Economics, made pursuant to the University of Sydney (Coursework) Rule 2000, as amended;*
- (5) *note the Resolutions of the Faculty relating to the above courses, made pursuant to the University of Sydney (Coursework) Rule 2000, as amended; and*
- (6) *approve the faculty requirements relating to admission; units of study; and the award of the award course,*
with effect from 1 January 2005, as set out in the report presented.

8.2.3.3 Faculty of Education and Social Work

(1) Master of Education (Coach Education)

On the recommendation of the Faculty of Education and Social Work the Postgraduate Coursework Sub-Committee recommends through the Graduate Studies Committee that the Academic Board approve the introduction of the new specialisation, Coach Education, in the Master of Education, with effect from 1 January 2005.

Currently students can undertake a Graduate Certificate in Educational Studies or Graduate Diploma in Educational Studies in the area of Coach Education. Students enrolled in each of these courses expressed interest in completing a Masters degree in this area. Eight units of study were approved as part of the initial proposal. The purpose of this proposal is to have these eight units of study approved as part of a Masters of Education designated in the area of Coach Education. This new specialist degree is intended to fill a gap in the academic and professional development of those working in this field.

The Sub-Committee discussed the following issues surrounding the proposal:

- the specialisation of “Coach Education” already existed, but not at a Master’s level;
- the overall student workload appeared light for a Master’s degree;
- some minor amendments needed to be made to the proposed Resolutions; and
- the proposal had not included what the current requirements were for the Graduate Certificate and Graduate Diploma therefore it was difficult to determine how candidates progressed.

The Sub-Committee agreed to recommend the proposal for approval, subject to amendment of the proposed Resolutions.

The full proposal is available on the website at:

<http://www.usyd.edu.au/su/ab/committees/CworkSC/2004.html>

Recommendation

That the Graduate Studies Committee recommend that the Academic Board:

- (1) *approve the introduction of the new specialisation, Coach Education, in the Master of Education; and*

(2) *recommend that Senate amend the Resolutions of the Senate relating to the Master of Education, with effect from 1 January 2005, as set out in the report presented.*

(2) Master of Education (Human Movement); Graduate Diploma in Educational Studies (Human Movement); and Graduate Certificate in Educational Studies (Human Movement)

On the recommendation of the Faculty of Education and Social Work the Postgraduate Coursework Sub-Committee recommends through the Graduate Studies Committee that the Academic Board approve the re-introduction of the specialisation, Human Movement, in the Master of Education, with effect from 1 January 2005.

The Faculty proposes to reactivate the postgraduate coursework courses of study in Human Movement for full fee-paying students. The courses was designed to increase the postgraduate study options for teachers of Personal Development, Health and Physical Education.

The Sub-Committee identified issues of clarification which included use of nomenclature, overall student workload appeared light and the Sub-Committee was unclear whether this was a re-introduction or in fact a new specialisation as there was no current listing for the specialisation and approval was not required unless there were significant academic developments.

The Sub-Committee agreed to recommend the proposal for approval subject to clarification of the issues identified.

The full proposal is available on the website at:

<http://www.usyd.edu.au/su/ab/committees/CworkSC/2004.html>

Recommendation

That Graduate Studies Committee recommend that the Academic Board:

(1) *approve the re-introduction of the specialisation, Human Movement, in the Master of Education; Graduate Diploma in Educational Studies; and Graduate Certificate in Educational Studies; and*

(2) *recommend that Senate amend the Resolutions of the Senate relating to the Master of Education; Graduate Diploma in Educational Studies; and Graduate Certificate in Educational Studies,*

with effect from 1 January 2005, as set out in the report presented.

(3) Master of Teaching; Bachelor of Teaching; and Graduate Diploma in Professional Studies (Education)

On the recommendation of the Faculty of Education and Social Work the Postgraduate Coursework Sub-Committee recommends through the Graduate Studies Committee that the Academic Board recommend that Senate approve the amendments to the Master of Teaching; and Bachelor of Teaching courses, and approve the introduction of the new course, Graduate Diploma in Professional Studies (Education), with effect from 1 January 2005.

The Sub-Committee noted that nomenclature in the proposal needed to be amended to reflect University practice, the proposed Graduate

Diploma provided an exit strategy for candidates who had completed the theory but not met practicum requirements and the method of determining honours needed to be presented in the standard method.

The Sub-Committee agreed to recommend the proposal for approval subject to appropriate amendments being made to the proposal.

The full proposal is available on the website at:

<http://www.usyd.edu.au/su/ab/committees/CworkSC/2004.html>

Recommendation

That the Graduate Studies Committee recommend that the Academic Board:

- (1) approve the amendments to the Master of Teaching; and Bachelor of Teaching;
- (2) recommend that Senate:
 - (a) approve the introduction of the new course, Graduate Diploma in Professional Studies (Education);
 - (b) amend the Resolutions of the Senate relating to Degrees, Diplomas and Certificates in the Faculty of Education; and
 - (c) rescind the Resolutions of the Senate relating to the Master of Teaching; and Bachelor of Teaching
 - (d) adopt the Resolutions of the Senate relating to the Master of Teaching; Bachelor of Teaching; and Graduate Diploma in Professional Studies (Education), made pursuant to the University of Sydney (Coursework) Rule 2000, as amended;
- (2) note the Resolutions of the Faculty relating to the above courses, made pursuant to the University of Sydney (Coursework) Rule 2000, as amended; and
- (3) approve the faculty requirements relating to admission; units of study; and the award of the award course, with effect from 1 January 2005, as set out in the report presented.

8.2.3.4 Faculty of Medicine: Master of Public Health (Honours); and Master of International Public Health (Honours)

On the recommendation of the Faculty of Medicine the Postgraduate Coursework Sub-Committee recommends through the Graduate Studies Committee that the Academic Board recommend that Senate amend the Master of Public Health (Honours); and Master of International Public Health (Honours), with effect from 1 January 2005.

The purpose of the proposal was to amend the prerequisites for candidates applying for the Master of Public Health (Honours) and Master of International Public Health (Honours) courses.

The proposed amendments for both courses were for admission into the Honours courses, candidates being required to achieve a minimum weighted average grade of 75 in the first 24 credit points of coursework taken; and the treatise component of the Honours courses would increase from 8 credit points to 12 credit points.

The Sub-Committee agreed to recommend the proposal for approval, as the courses were in existence, however the Graduate Studies Committee needed to consider the broader issue of constituted honours at a Master's level.

The full proposal is available on the website at:

<http://www.usyd.edu.au/su/ab/committees/CworkSC/2004.html>

Recommendation

That the Graduate Studies Committee recommend that the Academic Board:

- (1) approve amendments to the Master of Public Health (Honours); and Master of International Public Health (Honours); and*
- (2) recommend that Senate amend the Resolutions of the Senate relating to the Master of Public Health (Honours); and Master of International Public Health (Honours),*

with effect from 1 January 2005, as set out in the report presented.

8.2.3.5 Faculty of Law: Graduate Diploma in Public Health Law

On the recommendation of the Faculty of Law the Postgraduate Coursework Sub-Committee recommends through the Graduate Studies Committee that the Academic Board recommend that Senate approve the introduction of the new course, Graduate Diploma in Public Health Law, with effect from 1 January 2005.

The purpose of the proposal was to introduce a new award course, the Graduate Diploma in Public Health Law. The course provided a specialist qualification that focuses on laws and legal strategies for the protection and promotion of public health.

This proposal also included consequential amendments to the structure of the Master of Health Law to ensure close alignment between it and the proposed Graduate Diploma. These amendments were intended to encourage those graduating with the Graduate Diploma to continue on to study at master's level, and to introduce a degree of flexibility into the master's degree to accommodate candidates with an interest in public health law.

The Sub-Committee agreed to recommend the proposal for approval, subject to appropriate amendments to the proposal.

The full proposal is available on the website at:

<http://www.usyd.edu.au/su/ab/committees/CworkSC/2004.html>

Recommendation

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

- (1) approve the introduction of the new course, Graduate Diploma in Public Health Law;*
- (2) amend the Resolutions of the Senate relating to Degrees, Diplomas and Certificates in the Faculty of Law; and*
- (3) amend the Resolutions of the Senate relating to Master's Degrees and Graduate Diplomas in the Faculty of Law,*

with effect from 1 January 2005, as set out in the report presented.

8.2.3.6 Sydney Conservatorium of Music: Master of Music Studies (Pedagogy); Graduate Diploma in Music (Pedagogy); and Graduate Certificate in Music (Pedagogy)

The Sydney Conservatorium of Music recommended through the Postgraduate Coursework Sub-Committee and the Graduate Studies Committee that the Academic Board recommend that Senate approve the new courses, Master of Music Studies (Pedagogy); Graduate Diploma in Music (Pedagogy); and Graduate Certificate in Music (Pedagogy), with effect from 1 January 2005.

The courses met an identified need for postgraduate coursework qualifications in the specialist teaching of music in a one-to-one studio context and in small groups. The courses introduced students to contemporary theoretical foundations, recent research and current practice in studio and small group music teaching, and the master's degree provides the necessary research skills for original research in the area with a view to providing a sound basis on which to build and develop teaching practice, an individual teaching philosophy and a capacity for ongoing development.

The Sub-Committee noted that the courses were aimed at practitioners currently involved with studio teaching and that there was no similar course offered at this level elsewhere

The Sub-Committee to request the Faculty to merge the proposals into one document and agreed to recommend the courses for approval.

The full proposal is available on the website at:

<http://www.usyd.edu.au/su/ab/committees/CworkSC/2004.html>

Recommendation

That the Graduate Studies Committee recommend that the Academic Board:

- (1) recommend that Senate:*
 - (a) approve the introduction of the new courses, Master of Music Studies (Pedagogy); Graduate Diploma in Music (Pedagogy); and Graduate Certificate in Music (Pedagogy);*
 - (b) amend the Resolutions of the Senate relating to Degrees, Diplomas and Certificates in the Sydney Conservatorium of Music; and*
 - (c) adopt the Resolutions of the Senate relating to the Master of Music Studies (Pedagogy); Graduate Diploma in Music (Pedagogy); and Graduate Certificate in Music (Pedagogy), made pursuant to the University of Sydney (Coursework) Rule 2000, as amended;*
- (2) note the Resolutions of the Faculty relating to the above courses, made pursuant to the University of Sydney (Coursework) Rule 2000, as amended; and*
- (3) approve the faculty requirements relating to admission; units of study; and the award of the award course,*
with effect from 1 January 2005, as set out in the report presented.

Agenda Item 9

Report of the Postgraduate Research Training Sub-Committee

9.2 Report of the Postgraduate Research Training Sub-Committee meeting held on 21 September 2004

The Committee met on 21 September 2004 when there were present: The Chair (Associate Professor R Ross) presiding, Professors D Burke, M Behnia, and J Christodoulou, Associate Professor B Paltridge and Ms G Wong. Professor S Touyz (Doctor of Clinical Psychology/Master of Science; and Doctor of Clinical Neuropsychology/Master of Science), Associate Professor G Gurr (Doctor of Sustainable Management), Drs W Lambourne (Peace and Conflict Studies), C Hunt (Doctor of Clinical Psychology/Master of Science; and Doctor of Clinical Neuropsychology/Master of Science) and Ms S Paynter were in attendance.

9.2.1 Receipt of Report

The Sub-Committee **recommends** that the Graduate Studies Committee receive and note the following report of the meeting held on 21 September 2004..

9.2.2 Proposals for new and amended courses

9.2.2.1 Faculty of Rural Management: Doctor of Sustainable Agriculture

On the recommendation of the Faculty of Rural Management the Postgraduate Research Training Sub-Committee recommends through the Graduate Studies Committee that the Academic Board recommend that Senate approve the introduction a new course, Doctor of Sustainable Agriculture, with effect from 1 January 2005.

The Faculty of Rural Management's postgraduate set of course in Sustainable Agriculture underwent a major review in 2003 and that led to several changes being proposed and approved for implementation from the start of 2004. The 2003 review supported very strongly the introduction of a Professional Doctorate level within the subject area.

The Sub-Committee were advised that the proposed course was based closely on the Faculty of Engineering's higher doctorate, Doctor of Engineering.

Members were assured that the University's proposal to transfer places from the Orange campus to Charles Sturt University would not effect the proposal and that the Faculty had been instructed to continue with the implementation of new course proposals. It was noted that all postgraduate research would take place at the Rural Management Research Institute where the University will still be closely involved.

The Sub-Committee agreed to recommend the proposal for approval.

The full proposal is available on the website at:

http://www.usyd.edu.au/ab/committees/grad_studies/pg_research/index.shtml

Recommendation

That Graduate Studies Committee recommend that the Academic Board:

- (1) recommend that Senate:*
 - (a) approve the introduction of the new course, Doctor of Sustainable Agriculture;*
 - (b) amend the Resolutions of the Senate relating to Degrees, Diplomas and Certificates in the Faculty of Rural Management; and*
 - (c) adopt the Resolutions of the Senate relating to the Doctor of Sustainable Agriculture; and*

- (2) *note the amendment of the Resolutions of the Faculty relating to the Master of Sustainable Agriculture, Graduate Diploma in Sustainable Agriculture, and Graduate Certificate in Sustainable Agriculture, with effect from 1 January 2005, as set out in the report presented.*

9.2.2.2 Faculty of Arts: Master of Philosophy; and Master of Letters: Peace and Conflict Studies

On the recommendation of the Faculty of Arts the Postgraduate Research Training Sub-Committee recommends through the Graduate Studies Committee that the Academic Board approve the introduction of a new subject area, Peace and Conflict Studies, in the Master of Philosophy; and Masters of Letters, with effect from 1 January 2005.

The introduction of the subject area “Peace and Conflict Studies” would open the way for MA (PACS) coursework students and others qualified to pursue research or advanced study in the area of Peace and Conflict Studies at the University.

The Sub-Committee agreed to recommend the proposal for approval.

The full proposal is available on the website at:

http://www.usyd.edu.au/ab/committees/grad_studies/pg_research/index.shtml

Recommendation

That the Graduate Studies Committee recommend that the Academic Board:

- (1) *approve the introduction of the new subject area, Peace and Conflict Studies, for the Master of Philosophy, and Master of Letters;*
- (2) *recommend that Senate amend the Resolutions of the Senate relating to the Master of Philosophy; and*
- (3) *note the amended Resolutions of the Faculty relating to the Master of Letters,*

with effect from 1 January 2005, as set out in the report presented.

9.2.2.3 Faculty of Education and Social Work: Master of Education (Research)

On the recommendation of the Faculty of Education and Social Work the Postgraduate Research Training Sub-Committee recommends through the Graduate Studies Committee that the Academic Board recommend that Senate approve the introduction of the new course, Master of Education (Research), with effect from 1 January 2005.

The purpose of this proposal is to introduce a new Masters level award course, a Master of Education (Research) that would focus primarily on research in the area of Education and complementing the present MEd by coursework and the existing Master of Philosophy in education.

The Sub-Committee agreed to recommend the proposal for approval.

The full proposal is available on the website at:

http://www.usyd.edu.au/ab/committees/grad_studies/pg_research/index.shtml

Recommendation

That the Graduate Studies Committee recommend that the Academic Board:

- (1) *recommend that Senate:*
 - (a) *approve the introduction of the new master level award course, Master of Education (Research);*

- (b) *amend the Resolutions of the Senate relating to the Degrees, Diplomas and Certificates in the Faculty of Education and Social Work, and*
- (c) *adopt the new Resolutions of the Senate relating to the Master of Education (Research), and*
- (2) *approve the faculty requirements relating to admission, units of study, the pass degree, and award of the degree, with effect from 1 January 2005, as set out in the report presented.*

9.2.2.4 Faculty of Science: Doctor of Clinical Psychology/Master of Science; and Doctor of Clinical Neuropsychology/Master of Science

On the recommendation of the Faculty of Science the Postgraduate Research Training Sub-Committee recommends through the Graduate Studies Committee that the Academic Board recommend that Senate approve the amendments to the resolutions relating to the Doctor of Clinical Psychology/Master of Science; and Doctor of Clinical Neuropsychology/Master of Science with effect from 1 January 2005.

The proposed changes are designed to refine the coursework components of the courses to better accommodate the requirements of the Doctor of Clinical Psychology and Doctor of Clinical Neuropsychology; reduce the workloads of both staff and students, and reduce the amount of coursework in the overall courses to permit students to concentrate on research in the final year.

The Sub-Committee noted that proposed changes to the Resolutions of Senate would also provide an appropriate mechanism for eligible students to transfer to the Doctor of Philosophy (PhD).

The Sub-Committee agreed to recommend the proposal for approval.

The full proposal is available on the website at:

http://www.usyd.edu.au/ab/committees/grad_studies/pg_research/index.shtml

Recommend

That the Graduate Studies Committee recommend that the Academic Board:

- (1) *approve the amendments to the Doctor of Clinical Psychology/Master of Science; and Doctor of Clinical Neuropsychology/Master of Science; and*
- (2) *recommend that Senate amend the Resolutions of the Senate relating to the Doctor of Clinical Psychology/Master of Science; and Doctor of Clinical Neuropsychology/Master of Science, with effect from 1 January 2005, as set out in the report presented.*

9.2.2.5 Faculty of Architecture

9.2.2.5.1 Doctor of Philosophy (Architecture)

On the recommendation of the Faculty of Architecture the Research Training Sub-Committee recommends through the Graduate Studies Committee that the Academic Board amend the Doctor of Philosophy (Architecture) with effect from 1 January 2005.

The full proposal is available on the website at:

http://www.usyd.edu.au/ab/committees/grad_studies/pg_research/index.shtml

Recommendation

That the Graduate Studies Committee recommend that the Academic Board:

- (1) *approve the amendments to the Doctor of Philosophy (Architecture);and*
 - (2) *note the amended Resolutions of the Faculty relating to the Doctor of Philosophy (Architecture)*
- with effect from 1 January 2005, as set out in the report presented.*

9.2.2.5.2 Master of Philosophy (Architecture)

On the recommendation of the Faculty of Architecture the Research Training Sub-Committee recommends through the Graduate Studies Committee that the Academic Board recommend that that Senate approved the amendments to the resolutions relating to the Master of Philosophy (Architecture) with effect from 1 January 2005.

The full proposal is available on the website at:

http://www.usyd.edu.au/ab/committees/grad_studies/pg_research/index.shtml

Recommendation

That the Graduate Studies Committee recommend that the Academic Board:

- (1) *approve the amendments to the Master of Philosophy (Architecture);*
 - (2) *recommend that Senate amend the Resolutions of the Senate relating to the Master of Philosophy (Architecture); and*
 - (3) *note the amended Resolutions of the Faculty relating to the Master of Philosophy (Architecture)*
- with effect from 1 January 2005, as set out in the report presented.*