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## Graduate Studies Committee Agenda

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**Supplementary Agenda** for the meeting to be held at **2.00pm** on **Tuesday, 27 November 2007** in the Western Tower Room.

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| <b>1. Apologies</b><br>Apologies have been received from: Professor J Shields, Dr R Walker and Mr P Ball (Ms M O'Byrne attending in his stead).                            |                  |
| <b>5. Report of the Academic Board</b>   | <b>pages 2-3</b> |
| <b>Recommendation</b><br><i>That the Graduate Studies Committee note the report of the Academic Board meeting of 21 November 2007, as set out in the report presented.</i> |                  |

## **Agenda Item 5 Report of the Academic Board**

### **5. Report of the Academic Board meeting held on 21 November 2007**

The agenda for the meeting of the Academic Board on 21 November 2007 may be accessed on the web: <http://www.usyd.edu.au/su/ab/>

#### **5.1.1 Approval of New and Amended Courses**

The Academic Board approved the proposal from the Sydney College of the Arts to delete the Master of Contemporary Arts for Educators.

#### **5.1.2 Amendment to Faculty Resolutions**

The Academic Board approved amendments to the Faculty Resolutions of:

- the Master of Architecture, Master of Architectural History and Theory, Master of Design Science, Master of Facilities Management, Master of Heritage Conservation, Master of Urban Design, Master of Urban and Regional Planning, Graduate Diploma in Architectural History and Theory, Graduate Diploma in Design Science, Graduate Diploma in Facilities Management, Graduate Diploma in Heritage Conservation, Graduate Diploma in Urban Design, Graduate Diploma in Urban and Regional Planning, Graduate Certificate in Architectural History and Theory, Graduate Certificate in Design Science, Graduate Certificate in Facilities Management, Graduate Certificate in Heritage Conservation, Graduate Certificate in Urban Design and Graduate Certificate in Urban and Regional Planning in the Faculty of Architecture, Design and Planning;
- the Master of Medical Education, Graduate Diploma in Medical Education and Graduate Certificate in Medical Education in the Faculty of Medicine;
- the Master of Pharmacy in the Faculty of Pharmacy (the Academic Board approved the Chair of the Academic Board's approval of these amendments); and
- the Master of Applied Science (Health Psychology), Graduate Diploma in Applied Science (Health Psychology), Graduate Certificate in Applied Science (Health Psychology), the Master of Medical Physics and Graduate Diploma in Medical Physics in the Faculty of Science.

#### **5.1.3 Proceedings of the Committee**

The Academic Board noted the proceedings of the Graduate Studies Committee meeting held on 31 October 2007.

#### **5.1.4 Approval of Action Taken by the Chair of the Academic Board**

The Academic Board noted that the Chair had given approval in principle to a request from the Faculty of Pharmacy to amend the admission requirement for the Master of Pharmacy.

At its meeting of 29 August 2007, the Academic Board approved a request from the Faculty of Pharmacy to amend the Faculty resolutions relating to the Master of Pharmacy, including the resolutions relating to admission to the course. The approved amendments were as follows:

##### **1. Admission**

1.1 Eligibility for admission to the Master of Pharmacy course is based on:

1.1.1 a prior bachelor's degree;

~~1.1.2 meeting the minimum weighted average mark (WAM) which will be determined by the Faculty;~~

1.1.2 successful completion of the GAMSAT or MCAT for international applicants;

1.1.3 meeting the minimum GPA of 5.5 out of 7;

1.1.4 meeting a minimum of five out of the seven prerequisite units of study;

1.1.5 achieving a satisfactory mark for the Pharmacy Case Study Scenario.

The Faculty is currently processing admissions for 2008 and has found the above revised criteria to be too inflexible. The Faculty requested approval of a further amendment as follows:

**1. Admission**

1.1 Eligibility for admission to the Master of Pharmacy course is based on:

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1.1.3 meeting the minimum GPA as determined by the Faculty of ~~5.5 out of 7~~;

The Academic Board approved the Chair's approval of this amendment.

**5.1.5 Other Reports**

The Academic Board noted reports on the following matters:

- the College Sydney Project;
- the award of degrees with merit;
- the recent review of pan-faculty undergraduate scholarships; and
- the 2007 Winter School.