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**Academic Board**

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**Supplementary agenda**

for the meeting on Wednesday 10 December 1997

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**additional material**

**A4. Report of the Chair**

**Part I**

1. **Report on Senate Matters** (agenda page 2)

Senate, at its meeting on 1 December 1997, on the report of the Academic Board:

- (1) approved the introduction of the new Joint Program in Public History and passed amendments to and adopted new Resolutions of the Senate as recommended in relation to the Master of Letters in Public History, Master of Arts in Public History, Graduate Diploma in Public History, Graduate Diploma in Public History (Heritage), Graduate Diploma in Public History (Media) and Graduate Certificate in Public History, with effect from 1 January 1998.
- (2) (i) approved the introduction of the new subject area of Management of Technology within the existing Master's and Graduate Diploma programs in the Faculty of Economics;



Sydney Conservatorium of Music  
Dr P McCallum

Orange Agricultural College  
Mr R Wilson

Head of Undergraduate Studies

**President of the SRC**

Mr Adair Durie has been elected as President of the SRC and is therefore a member of the Board *ex officio*.

# **that the Board note the report.**

**A5. Statement by the Vice-Chancellor and Principal**

**Part I**

**1. Report on Senate Matters**

(agenda page 3)

Senate, at its meeting held on 1 December 1997:

- (1) noted that the Chair Appointments Committee had approved offers of appointment to the position of Dean of the Faculty of Health Sciences, the Chair of Computer Science, and the Chair of Public Health and Community Medicine; and had approved titles for Personal Chairs, awarded the Title of Professor to the Head of the Oncology Research Unit, New Children's Hospital, and awarded the title of Adjunct Professor in the Faculty of Science (School of Physics).
- (2) approved the final recommendations and supporting documentation relating to the acquisition of a joint Finance/Human Resources Administrative System, subject to the Finance Committee's approval at the Committee's December meeting.
- (3) admitted the following retired members of the academic staff to the degree of Master of Science *ad eundem gradum*:  
Dr Eric Arthur Kenelm Middlemost  
Dr Ian Stuart Falconer
- (4) approved the naming of Building B14 as the "McMaster Building".
- (5) adopted the following recommendations relating to the Capital Development Program 1998-2002:
  - (a) that the emphasis in capital development over the next 3 to 4 years be directed towards projects which will allow the University to meet structural change and to provide additional accommodation for staff and students.
  - (b) that during 1998, the University develop a strategic maintenance program that establishes a procedure for determining various options and priorities for handling the considerable list of maintenance projects that present themselves.
  - (c) that, as in 1997, a mid-year review of progress on projects be undertaken with a view to determining whether some funds not likely to be spent during 1998 might be transferred into other projects enabling their more rapid completion.
  - (d) that the Economics accommodation project proceed as an urgent priority incorporating a staged new building on the Codrington Street site, temporary accommodation in the Institute Building and further refurbishment of the Merewether Building.
  - (e) that the Eastern Avenue Auditorium/Theatre project proceed to provide for part of the Economics teaching requirements, for the expected additional student load in the University, and to meet the need for high quality conference-type public venues.
  - (f) that Stage II of the Student Services Centre in the Services Building proceed.
  - (g) that the concept of a Student Services Centre on a consolidated site near the City Road Gates be further investigated.
  - (h) that the works set out in the Capital Development Program Schedule for 1998 be approved.

- (6) noted a report giving details of new Australian Research Council grants and fellowships awarded for the next three years, and placed on record its satisfaction about the University's results.
- (7) noted that the following had been elected to the Australian Academy of the Humanities:
- Associate Professor Judy Birmingham of the Department of Archaeology
  - Associate Professor Alan Chalmers, Head of the Department of History and Philosophy of Science
  - Professor Elizabeth Webby, Professor of Australian Literature
- (8) noted the UAC preference demand update.
- (9) noted the report on Criminal Records Checks.
- (10) noted advice from Professor R Johnstone about measuring teaching quality in a longitudinal sense, based on his consultations with the Centre for Teaching and Learning.
- (11) (i) noted the following recommendations of the Faculty of Dentistry relating to the position of Dean of the Faculty of Dentistry, which have been approved by the Vice-Chancellor:
1. the term of appointment of the Dean be for a period of five years, renewable at the end of that period for one further term;
  2. the appointment be advertised both internally and externally; and
  3. the position be advertised in association with a Chair appointment.
- (ii) approved the following selection committee:
- Ex Officio**  
Vice-Chancellor and Principal (Professor Gavin Brown)  
Chair of the Academic Board (Professor Ros Pesman)  
Pro-Vice-Chancellor with supervisory responsibility for the Dean (Professor J A Young)
- Members appointed by Senate**  
Three members (plus two reserves) nominated by the Faculty:  
Dr D Cockrell  
Dr W Massey  
Professor D M Walker  
Professor R W Bryant (Reserve)  
Dr A C Cameron (Reserve)
- One member, external to the University, nominated by the Vice-Chancellor:**  
Professor G Townsend
- (12) approved the 1997 Revised Budget (Version 2.1).
- (13) approved the 1998 Budget.
- (14) thanked Professor Rees for his valued contribution as a Fellow of Senate and congratulated Dr G Butler on his election and Associate Professor R S Armstrong, Professor S Leeder and Dr K K Macnab on their re-election as Fellows by and from the academic staff, for a four year term of office commencing on 1 December 1997.
- (15) noted that the following invitations for honorary awards had been accepted:
- The Rt Hon John Douglas **Anthony**, CH, Deputy Prime Minister from 1975 to 1983, and Founding President of the J D Stewart Foundation  
Hon Degree: DUniv  
Ceremony: 4pm, 18 December 1997 (Veterinary Science/Science/Agriculture)
- Mr Frank Clements **Crofts**, BScAgr MS *Oregon*, former Associate Professor in Agronomy and Director of University Farms -  
Hon Degree: DScAgr  
Ceremony: 9.30am, 29 May 1998 (Agriculture)
- The Hon Mr Justice W K **Fisher**, AO, BA LLB, President of the Industrial Relations Commission of NSW, Chief Justice of the Industrial Court of NSW and Chair of the Advisory Board of the Australian Centre for Industrial Relations Research and Teaching  
Hon Degree: DScEc

Ceremony: 2.00pm, 17 April 1998 (Economics)

Mr Robert William Gee, BVSc, FACVSc, first Director of the Australian Bureau of Animal Health from 1974 as well as being Chief Veterinary Officer of Australia, and Associate Director of the J D Stewart Foundation

Hon Degree: DVetSc

Ceremony: 4pm, 18 December 1997 (Veterinary Science/Science/Agriculture)

Professor Chris Heyde, PhD DSc A.N.U. MSc, Professor of Statistics at the Centre for Mathematics and its Applications, Institute of Advanced Studies, ANU

Hon Degree: DSc

Ceremony: 9.30am, 15 May 1998 (Science)

Mr David Johnson, MBA Harv. BEc, Chairman, President and Chief Executive Officer, Campbell Soup Co, USA and graduate of Sydney University

Hon Degree: DScEcon

Ceremony: *to be advised*

Mr Keith Jones, Senior Staff Officer (Superannuation) from 1974 to 1980, and the University Archives Honorary Research Affiliate

Hon Degree: MA

Ceremony: 9.30am, 17 April 1998 (Arts)

Mr David Malouf, novelist and poet

Ceremony: *to be advised*

Mr Phillip Smith, Chairman of Smith, Yuill and Co. Inc, a private consultancy company in the USA, publisher of the American Economic Commentary, and graduate of Sydney University

Hon Degree: DEng

Ceremony: 4pm, 18 December 1997 (Veterinary Science/Science/Agriculture)

- (16) noted the Annual Report of the Adviser on Payments by Student Societies and Organisations, and a question on notice as to why the member of staff of the Faculty of Law to be appointed as an Adviser needed to be tenured.
- (17) passed the following rule: "That members elected from the Academic Forum to the Academic Board on 5 February 1998 hold office from 1 January 1998 notwithstanding that the election occurs after 1 January 1998."

## C2. Report of the Graduate Studies Committee

### Part I

#### Second report

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#### 2. Co-tutelles with French universities

(agenda page 13)

The Graduate Studies Committee and a working party it has established has been considering the possibility of the University entering into what are known as cotutelle agreements with selected French universities. There is some immediacy about this issue because of the cases of individual students in at least two departments keen to enter into joint supervision arrangements with French universities. The Chair brings forward this report and **recommends** that the University agree to allow such agreements to be entered into and amend its legislation as set out below.

The framework established in 1994 by the French Government is designed to establish and develop partnerships between French and other research units which includes the facilitation of movement of French and other doctoral candidates under joint supervision arrangements. The outcome of a joint doctoral thesis submission is that the candidate, following an agreed single examining process, receives a doctoral award from each institution, qualified by the statement that the degree was obtained under a "cotutelle" agreement.

The candidate benefits under this arrangement in that he or she has the opportunity to work in two countries and obtains awards that are recognised in both the French and English speaking worlds, thus facilitating professional mobility. The advantages of such agreements extend beyond the benefit to the individual candidate, however, and should be

seen in the context of enhanced research cooperation between the two institutions and the two supervisors concerned. There is a wider interest in extending cooperation with French institutions.

The French Government regulations require a cotutelle agreement to be drawn up between the two participating institutions in respect of each candidate detailing the particular arrangements pertaining to that particular candidature. Normally such agreements take effect from the beginning of a candidature.

The agreement lists the two supervisors who are to undertake the joint supervision.

The agreement sets out the arrangements with regard to fees. At the least a candidate should be exempt from fees at one institution. An Australian student would be HECS-exempt and a French student would normally receive at least a fees waiver scholarship for the period within Australia. French students would be subject to the normal arrangements applying to international students with respect to health insurance etc.

The candidature is to be divided between the two countries with alternate stays in each of the two countries and a minimum of 30% in each country.

The agreement should specify the copyright of the thesis and other intellectual property issues.

The thesis is to be written in either French or English with an abstract provided in the other language.

There is to be one examination process and in the initial agreement it is determined whose processes will be followed, with both Universities agreeing to respect the outcome. There would be an exchange of letters with the candidate to ensure he/she was fully aware of all the special arrangements applying.

If the examination is carried out by the French institution at least two examiners would be appointed by each institution one being the thesis supervisor. Two of these examiners prepare written reports on the thesis which are made available to the candidate and the examining jury. The candidate is required to defend the thesis in person in French or English and provide an oral summary in the other language. The candidature does not progress to the oral defence stage if the examiners are not convinced of the candidate's prima facie preparedness.

If the examination were to be carried out under the University of Sydney's procedures there would have to be some adjustment to cope with the expectation that both institutions appoint two of the examiners and that the supervisors had to be examiners. The relevant Sydney faculty would coordinate the examining process in the normal way. It could be agreed that any significant disagreement among the examiners would result in referral to a fifth examiner who would act as an assessor.

The successful outcome of either examining process would be the award of the PhD from the University of Sydney and a Doctorat from the relevant French institution. The agreement would state that relevant certification would state that the award was made as a consequence of a cotutelle agreement with the University of ..... . The French Doctorat is normally awarded with the qualification *honorable*, *très honorable* or *très honorable avec félicitations*. This could be accommodated within the Sydney examination process by specifically asking examiners for their recommendation in respect of the Doctorat.

The signing of such an agreement, particularly if the French institution is to examine, has financial implications for the University. At the very least the University may have to fund expenses associated with two examiners attending a thesis defence. Support for the student concerned including travel is another consideration. However, the intent of such agreements is that they should operate in a broader context of cooperative research between the two institutions. Departments/faculties proposing cotutelle arrangements would have to certify that the necessary financial support would be forthcoming. There is some French Government funding available on a competitive basis.

Some amendments to the legislation would be required.

- Section 14.(3) of the Resolutions of the Senate relating to the degree of Doctor of Philosophy should be amended by inserting the words "Except where the candidature has been governed by an approved cotutelle agreement, "

- An additional section should be added to the Academic Board resolutions relating to the Examination Process.

8. Cotutelle agreements

Where a candidature has been conducted under an approved cotutelle agreement four examiners shall be appointed, two being on the recommendation of each participating institution.

# **that the Board recommend to Senate that it agree to allow such agreements to be entered into and amend its Resolutions as recommended.**

## **D1. Membership of Central Promotions Committees**

(agenda page 19)

The Chair **recommends** the appointment of the following members of Central Promotions Committees for 1998:

### **Lecturer**

Professor Derek Anderson (Deputy Vice-Chancellor, Academic and Staffing) (Chair)

Professor Ros Pesman (Chair, Academic Board)

Associate Professor Warwick Wilson (external - University of Western Sydney)

Professor Don Napper (Pro Vice-Chancellor, CST)

Dr Ann Elias (nominee Pro Vice-Chancellor, CHASS)

Dr Gayle Burr (nominee Pro Vice-Chancellor, CHS)

Dr Ken Macnab (History)

Dr Anne Green (Astrophysics)

Dr Jennifer Lingard (Biomedical Sciences)

*Meeting Date: 21 August 1998*

### **Senior Lecturer**

Professor Derek Anderson (Deputy Vice-Chancellor, Academic and Staffing) (Chair)

Professor David Cockayne (Deputy Chair, Academic Board)

Associate Professor Warwick Wilson (external - University of Western Sydney)

Associate Professor Tim Fitzpatrick (nominee Pro Vice-Chancellor, CHASS)

Dr Mary Jane Mahony (nominee Pro Vice-Chancellor, CST)

Dr Ross Menzies (nominee Pro Vice-Chancellor, CHS)

Associate Professor Ros Arnold (Teaching and Curriculum Studies)

Associate Professor Patsy Armati (School of Biological Sciences)

Associate Professor Rebecca Mason (Physiology)

*Meeting Date: 18 September 1998*

### **Associate Professor**

Professor Derek Anderson (Deputy Vice-Chancellor, Academic and Staffing) (Chair)

Professor Ros Pesman (Chair Academic Board)

Professor Robert King (external - University of New South Wales)

Associate Professor Moira Gatens (nominee Pro Vice-Chancellor, CHASS)

Professor Greg Hancock (nominee Pro Vice-Chancellor, CST)

Professor Roger Dampney (nominee Pro Vice-Chancellor, CHS)

Associate Professor Russell Ross (Economics)

Associate Professor Patsy Armati (School of Biological Sciences)

Professor Judy Lumby (Clinical Nursing)

*Meeting Date: 30 October, 1998*

### **Professor**

*Meeting date: 20 November 1998*

# **that the Board appoint the Committee members, as recommended.**

## **D2. Report of the Committee appointed to consider applications for promotion from Associate Lecturer to Lecturer**

(agenda page 19)

The Chair, acting on behalf of the Academic Board under delegated authority, considered the following report of the committee appointed to consider applications for promotion from Associate Lecturer to Lecturer and commended the committee's recommendations to the Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Academic and Staffing) for his approval. The Deputy Vice-Chancellor approved the recommendations, and all applicants have now been notified.

Twenty two applications were received.

The Committee to consider the applications met on Friday 21 November 1997 and comprised Professor Richard Johnstone (Chair), Professor David Cockayne (nominee of Chair, Academic Board), Professor Ross McPhedran (Deputy Chair, Academic Board), Associate Professor Tony Baker (UTS), Professor Brian Haynes, Associate Professor Nerida Newbigin, Associate Professor Flora Gill, Dr Jennifer Lingard, Dr Ove Hoegh-Guldberg, Dr Kenneth Macnab and Dr Anne Green.

Each applicant, who so wished was interviewed by the Faculty Promotion Assessment Committee (FPAC) appointed by the Academic Board. The FPAC considered the application and the reports of the Head of Department and the referees, and forwarded its recommendations in ranked order to the Central Promotions Committee (CPC). Following consideration of each application and of the recommendations of the relevant FPAC, the CPC met with the relevant FPAC Chair who was asked to provide additional information regarding the applicants in cases where the preliminary decisions of the CPC were not entirely in accord with the FPAC recommendations. Members of the CPC then voted for or against promotion of the candidates. At least eight members of the committee (two-thirds) voted in favour of each candidate recommended below for promotion.

It is recommended that the following sixteen (16) promotions to the grade of Lecturer be made effective from 1 January 1998. All successful applicants were strongly supported by their referees.

Dr Keith Broadfoot	Department of Fine Arts
Dr Carole Cusack	School of Studies in Religion
Dr Melissa Hardie	Department of English
Dr Peter Marks	Department of English
Dr Gail Mason	Department of Women's Studies
Dr Jennifer Milam	Department of Fine Arts
Dr Bronwyn Winter	Department of French Studies
Dr Nigel Bagnall	School of Social and Policy Studies in Education
Dr Michael Hough	Department of Behavioural Sciences
Ms Susan Page	School of Community Health (Yooroang Garang)
Ms Karyn Whelan	School of Physiotherapy
Mr Anthony Greening	Basser Department of Computer Science
Dr Dieter Hochuli	School of Biological Sciences
Mr Thomas Hubble	Department of Geology and Geophysics
Dr Colin Phillips	Mathematics Learning Centre
Ms Susan Hemsley	Department of Veterinary Anatomy and Pathology

The following statistical details on Faculty distribution are provided for the information of the Board:

Faculty	Applications received			Recommendations made		
	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female	Total
Arts	3	7	10	2	5	7
Conservatorium of Music	-	1	1	-	-	-
Education	1	-	1	1	-	1
Health Sciences	1	2	3	1	2	3
Nursing	-	1	1	-	-	-
Science	5	-	5	4	-	4
Faculty of Veterinary Science	-	1	1	-	1	1
Totals	10	12	22	8	8	16

The CPC is concerned to maintain the confidentiality of the results until after the applicants have been notified. Once endorsed by the Chair of the Academic Board, acting under delegated authority from the Board, this report will be forwarded immediately to the Deputy Vice-

Chancellor (Staffing and Academic) for his approval, a delegation already approved by Senate. The CPC requests that the referral of this report for noting by the full Academic Board be delayed until the following month, so that all applicants receive official advice of the outcome prior to its publication in the Academic Board papers.

# ***that the Board note the report.***

**D3. Appointment of Members of the Core Committee to Consider Tenure for Tenurable Staff** *(new item)*

The Board is asked to appoint three members of the Core Committee, at least one of whom is to be a professor and one a non-professorial member of staff. The constitution of this Committee is as follows:

- a Deputy Vice-Chancellor
- the Chair or a Deputy Chair of the Academic Board
- three others, including at least one professor and at least one non-professor, appointed each year by the Board.

The Chair recommends the appointment of the following members of the Core Tenure Committee for 1998:

Professor Derek Anderson (Deputy Vice-Chancellor) (Chair)

Professor Ross McPhedran (Deputy Chair, Academic Board)

Professor Gordon MacAulay (Agricultural Economics)

Professor Beth Reid (School of Health Information Management)

Associate Professor Geraldine Barnes (English)

Reserve: Professor Jocalyn Lawler (Deputy Chair, Academic Board)

# ***that the Board appoint the Committee members, as recommended.***