



Academic Board

Supplementary agenda

for the meeting on Wednesday 12 November 1997

Additional material and amendments to the agenda papers are set out below.

P *The following items have been starred:*

- A1. Starring
- A4. Report of the Chair, Part II
- A5. Statement by the Vice-Chancellor and Principal, Part II
- A13. Draft Intellectual Property Policy
- C1. Report of the Undergraduate Studies Committee, Part I
 - 1. Amendment of the Resolutions of the Senate
 - (1) Faculty of Architecture
Initial proposal for major changes to existing award program, the Bachelor of Science (Architecture)
- C1. Report of the Undergraduate Studies Committee, Part II
- C2. Report of the Graduate Studies Committee, Part II
- C3. Report of the Teaching and Learning Committee, Part II
- C4. Report of the Research Committee, Part II
- C5. Report of the Library and Information Technology Committee, Part II
- C6. Report of the Academic Staffing Committee, Part II

additional and revised material

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A4. Report of the Chair

Part I

1. Report on Senate Matters

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Senate, at its meeting on 3 November 1997, on the report of the Academic Board:

- (1) passed the recommended amendment to the admission requirements relating to undergraduate degrees.
- (2) approved the introduction in the Faculty of Engineering of the new Graduate Certificate in Technology Commercialisation and passed the recommended amendments to Resolutions of the Senate.
- (3) approved the introduction in the Faculty of Health Sciences of the new Graduate Diploma in Clinical Data Management and passed the recommended amendments to Resolutions of the Senate.

- (4) approved the introduction in the Faculty of Law of the new degree of Master of International Taxation and the new Graduate Diploma in Taxation, Graduate Diploma in Environmental Law, Graduate Diploma in Commercial Law and Graduate Diploma in Corporate, Securities and Finance Law and passed the recommended amendments to Resolutions of the Senate.
- (5) approved the introduction in the Faculty of Medicine of the new Graduate Diploma in Indigenous Health Promotion and passed the recommended amendments to Resolutions of the Senate.
- (6) passed the recommended amendments to the procedures relating to the award of the title of Emeritus Professor.
- (7) noted the report of the Chair on the following items:
 - (a) Academic Board agenda papers on the Web
 - (b) Semester and vacation dates for the year 2000
 - (c) NSW Government's White Paper on HSC Reform
 - (d) Glossary of definitions
 - (e) Electronic submission of higher degree theses
- (8) noted the Chair's response to a question about the effectiveness of the new Academic Board and Academic Forum.

A5. Statement by the Vice-Chancellor and Principal

Part I

1. Report on Senate Matters

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Senate, at its meeting held on 3 November 1997:

- (1) noted that the preliminary report of the West Committee's Review of Higher Education Financing and Policy would be released on 5 November 1997.
- (2) noted an update on negotiations and discussions concerning the possible merger of the Australian Graduate School of Management and the Graduate School of Business.
- (3) noted an update on the University Teaching Hospital.
- (4) noted a report on the Business Review Weekly ranking of the University.
- (5) noted that the Chair Appointments Committee had approved offers of appointment to the position of Dean of the Faculty of Education, the position of Dean of the Faculty of Law and the Chair of Rural Health, Broken Hill; approved six promotions to Personal Chairs; and awarded the title of Emeritus Professor.
- (6) resolved to issue invitations as recommended to accept the conferring of honorary awards.
- (7) congratulated Mr D Sriskandarajah, undergraduate student Fellow, on becoming the Rhodes Scholar for 1998; asked that expressions of sympathy be sent to the families of Sir John Proud, Dr John Kelly and Professor Alexander Mitchell; and thanked Professor S Rees for his service as Fellow of Senate since December 1993.
- (8) noted that the date of the election of five Fellows by and from the graduates had been extended to 27 November 1997.
- (9) noted that Ms Kate Beattie had been elected as Fellow, by and from the undergraduate students, and Ms Larina Frohlich as Fellow, by and from the postgraduate students, to hold office from 1 December 1997 to 30 November 1998.
- (10) noted that Ms Jenny Beatson had been elected Fellow by and from the non-academic staff.
- (11) congratulated Professor P Swan, the Head of the Department of Finance, on having been elected to the Academy of Social Sciences.
- (12) noted that St John's College proposed to seek the consent of the Governor with the approval of the Executive Council to lease the proposed development to the National Australia Bank, financier of the project; and, in the event of the College receiving the consent of the Governor with the approval of the Executive Council, resolved to approve the construction of new student accommodation along Johns Hopkins Drive at St John's College.
- (13) noted an update on the redevelopment of the Conservatorium.

- (14) noted that submissions on the University Hospital had been called from individuals and organisations.
- (15) noted that the ABC would screen its four-part documentary series based on the University of Sydney entitled 'UNI' on Thursday nights at 9.30pm, commencing on 6 November 1997.
- (16) noted a report on successful meetings of the Vice-Chancellor and the Chancellor with United States Alumni.
- (17) noted that the Vice-Chancellor had recently participated in the Australian Quality Awards.
- (18) noted that expressions of interest had been registered by twenty-six organisations for the Student Housing Village, and it was envisaged that, by the end of November 1997, the Project User Group would have submitted a report to the University Tender Board recommending that three or four organisations be invited to participate in a selective tender process.
- (19) noted the Vice-Chancellor's responses to questions relating to the long term University policy for the provision of car parking on the main campus; whether other Australian universities have private hospitals on their own campuses, and of these, which had funded these hospitals; and whether the University had been affected by an apparent downturn in applications for 1998.
- (20) approved the recommended increases in the level of compulsory subscriptions to be paid in 1998 to the University of Sydney Union, the Sydney University Sports Union, the Sydney University Women's Sports Association, and the Students Association of the Sydney College of the Arts.
- (21) approved the schedule of dates for the 1998 graduation ceremonies.

B10. Second Report of the Faculty of Law

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Semester dates - 1998

Subsequent to the submission of the Faculty's first report, further discussion with the students has taken place. As a result, the Acting Dean wishes to amend the report by deleting the first sentence of the second paragraph and adding the following third paragraph:

The students (about 25) consulted through the Sydney University Law Society are not in agreement with the proposal, preferring a two week study vacation in both semesters. However very strong support from the staff on grounds such as the timing of assignments, marking and the parity between the two semesters has persuaded the Acting Dean to proceed with this request. During 1998 much wider student opinion will be sought.

D2. Report of the Promotions Committee for Personal Chairs/Title of Professor

In 1997 twenty three (23) applications for appointment to a Personal Chair were received.

The Faculty Committees, appointed by the Academic Board, initially considered all applications and recommended assessors with standing in the field. Comments were requested from these assessors and considered by the Faculty Committees in conjunction with the application papers and the reports of the referees nominated by the applicants. Each applicant attended an interview with the relevant Faculty Committee. The reports and recommendations, in ranked order, of the Faculty Committees were then referred for the consideration of the Central Promotions Committee appointed by the Academic Board.

The Committee to consider the applications met on Friday 17 October 1997, and comprised Professor Gavin Brown (Chair), Professor Ros Pesman, Professor Derek Anderson, Professor Graeme Gill, Professor Robert King, Professor David Hill, Professor Jocalyn Lawler, Professor Kevin Lee and Professor James Lawrence.

Following consideration of each application and of the recommendations of the relevant Faculty Committee, the Central Promotions Committee met with the Dean of the relevant Faculty to

discuss each case in which the Faculty recommendation was not supported by the Committee. Members of the Committee then voted for or against appointment of the candidates under consideration. At least seven of the nine members of the Promotions Committee voted in favour of each candidate recommended below for promotion to a Personal Chair. All successful applicants were strongly supported by their referees and assessors.

In accordance with the Resolutions of the Senate dated 5 November 1990, the Committee **recommends** to the Chair Appointments Committee that the following six (6) promotions to Personal Chair be made effective from 1 January 1998.

Professor Bernhard Boer	Department of Law
Associate Professor Richard Christopherson	Department of Biochemistry
Associate Professor David Cook	Department of Physiology
Associate Professor Les Irwig	Department of Public Health and Community Medicine
Associate Professor Mary Lou Maher	Department of Architectural and Design Science
Dr Huw Price	School of Philosophy

Details of those recommended for promotion are set out below:

Professor Bernhard Boer: LLB 1972, BA 1974, LLM *Melbourne* 1978
Areas of Research Interest: Environmental Law
A Professor of Law in the Department of Law since 1 January 1992.

Associate Professor Richard Christopherson: BSc 1970, PhD *Melbourne* 1976
Areas of Research Interest: Antagonists of nucleotide biosynthesis as anticancer and antimalarial drugs.
An Associate Professor in the Department of Biochemistry since 1 January 1992.

Associate Professor David Cook: BSc (Med) 1978, MBBS 1982, MSc 1984, MD *Sydney* 1995
Areas of Research Interest: Ion transport by exocrine glands and other epithelia
An Associate Professor in the Department of Physiology since 12 December 1991 and a Medical Foundation Fellow/Associate Professor since 1 January 1997.

Associate Professor Leslie Irwig: BSc 1966, MB Bch 1970, PhD *Wiwatersrand* 1986
Areas of Research Interest: Screening and diagnostic test assessment, epidemiological methods.
An Associate Professor in the Department of Public Health and Community Medicine since 2 May 1988.

Associate Professor Mary Lou Maher: BS *Columbia* 1979, MS 1981, PhD *Carnegie Mellon* 1984
Areas of Research Interest: Computational models of design, virtual environments for design.
An Associate Professor in the Department of Architectural and Design Science since 1 January 1993.

Dr Huw Price: BA (Hons 1) *ANU* 1976, MSc *Oxford* 1977, PhD *Cambridge* 1981
Areas of Research Interest: Time-asymmetry, philosophy of physics, truth and factuality, pragmatic approaches to metaphysics, causation and decision theory.
A Reader in the School of Philosophy since 1 January 1995.

The following statistical information is provided for the information of the committee:

	Applications Received			Recommendations Made		
	<i>Male</i>	<i>Female</i>	<i>Total</i>	<i>Male</i>	<i>Female</i>	<i>Total</i>
Architecture	-	1	1	-	1	1
Arts	3	-	3	1	-	1
Engineering	3	-	3	-	-	-
Law	2	1	3	1	-	1
Medicine	5	1	6	2	-	2
Nursing	-	1	1	-	-	-
Science	6	-	6	1	-	1
Totals	19	4	<u>23</u>	5	1	<u>6</u>

that the Board note the report and congratulate the recipients.