



The University of Sydney

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## Academic Board

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### Supplementary agenda

for the meeting on Wednesday 12 February 1997

*The following material has become available subsequent to the circulation of the main agenda:*

#### A4. Report of the Chair

##### Part I

1. **Report on Senate matters** (see main agenda, page 1)

**3 February 1997**

Senate, at its meeting on 3 February 1997:

- (a) On the report of the Academic Board
  - (i) passed the amendments of the Resolutions of the Senate as recommended in relation to the Constitution of the Faculty of Architecture.
  - (ii) noted the report of the Chair in relation to the following:  
Academic Board nominees on Senior Staff Selection Committees  
Awards for Excellence in Teaching  
Work in progress by the Board
  - (iii) granted the Chair of the Academic Board authority to approve in principle, on behalf of the Academic Board, and the Chancellor and Vice-Chancellor to approve in principle as appropriate, on behalf of Senate, proposals for new courses/major changes to existing courses, to enable the changed closing date for UAC Handbook entries to be met.
- (b) congratulated the Vice-Chancellor on being awarded the honorary degree of Doctor of Laws by the University of St Andrews and the title of Emeritus Professor by the Council of the University of Adelaide.

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

- P 2. **Committee to Consider Awards for Excellence in Teaching** (see main agenda, page 1)

The following persons have agreed to serve on the Committee to Consider Awards for Excellence in Teaching in 1997:

- (a) Pro-Vice-Chancellor (Academic) (Convenor)  
*Professor Richard Johnstone*
- (b) Chair of the Academic Board or nominee  
*Professor Ann Sefton*
- (c) a Professor of Education  
*Professor Judyth Sachs*
- (d) the Director of the Centre for Teaching and Learning  
*Associate Professor Jacqueline Lublin*
- (e) an undergraduate student member of the Academic Forum, nominated by the President of the SRC  
*(to be advised in March)*
- (f) a postgraduate student member of the Academic Forum, nominated by the President of SUPRA  
*Mr Kyle Oliver*

- (g) three other members of the academic staff nominated by the Teaching and Learning Committee

*Ms Judy Kay*

*Dr Mary Peat*

*Dr Gil Vella*

**Re-naming of the Committee to Consider Awards for Excellence in Teaching**

I also report that the Teaching and Learning Committee will establish the former "Committee to Consider Awards for Excellence in Teaching" as the "Teaching Awards Committee", a sub-committee with a brief that includes Excellence in Teaching Awards. This will be included in the report of the Teaching and Learning Committee to the March Board meeting.

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

**P 3. Membership of the Planning Committee** *(see main agenda, page 2)*

Following discussions with colleagues, I suggest that the following persons be nominated for appointment by Senate to membership of the Planning Committee:

Professor Margaret Harris (subject to availability)

Professor Gordon MacAulay (subject to availability)

Professor Lynette Russell

Professor Stephen Salisbury

# ***that the Board nominate the persons listed above for appointment to the Planning Committee.***

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

**Part I**

**1. Report on Senate matters** *(see main agenda, page 7)*

**3 February 1997**

Senate, at its meeting held on 3 February 1997:

- (a) approved the following offers of appointment, the terms of office for three years initially, to commence on 3 March 1997:

Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Planning and Resources) - Professor K Eltis

Deputy Vice-Chancellor (International and Development) - Professor J Kinnear

Pro-Vice-Chancellor (Health Sciences) - Professor J A Young

Pro-Vice-Chancellor (Sciences and Technology) - Professor D Napper

Pro-Vice-Chancellor (Humanities and Social Sciences) - Professor D Weisbrot.

- (b) noted the Vice-Chancellor's report on the following:

(i) his discussions with the Director-General of Agriculture and the Dean of the Faculty of Veterinary Science;

(ii) the current fund-raising activities of the Museum of Contemporary Art and future redevelopment of the site;

(iii) aspects of the general higher education scene, including the review of higher education, "Universitas 21" and an invitation to attend a meeting of the Premier Comprehensive Universities in the Pacific Rim.

- (c) noted that the Chair Appointments Committee had approved offers of appointment to the position of Head of Medical Psychology, Westmead Hospital, Department of Psychology (Conjoint appointment), to the Chair of Developmental Disabilities, Director, The Centre for Developmental Disability Studies (Conjoint Appointment), and as Dean of the Faculty of Engineering and a Professor in the Department of Chemical Engineering; and the award of the title of Adjunct Professor in the Faculty of Agriculture (Department of Crop Sciences), and upon the Director of Pharmaceutical Research, Johnson & Johnson Research Pty Ltd. The Committee had earlier considered by circulation and approved offers of appointment to the Chair of Physics (Theoretical Physics), the Dunhill Madden

Butler Chair of Women and the Law, and the Abbott Tout Chair of Litigation and Dispute Resolution.

- (d) congratulated Professor S Rees on being appointed a part-time member of the Reconciliation Council; and the four University of Sydney students who had won Cornell University scholarships in veterinary science, noting that over the last six years, University of Sydney students had won an outstanding total of twenty-six such scholarships.
- (e) noted the report on enterprise bargaining and its budget implications and commended all those involved in the enterprise bargaining process.
- (f) noted the report on the 1997 admissions process in which the Vice-Chancellor drew attention to the outstanding outcomes of the 1997 enrolment round for the University.
- (g) thanked Professor Glastonbury for his exceptional and distinguished service to the University and extended to him its good wishes for a long and happy retirement.
- (h) thanked Professor Wells for his very distinguished service to the University and extended to him its good wishes for a long and happy retirement and approved the award of the title of Emeritus Professor, effective immediately.
- (i) approved the appointment of Emeritus Professor N Quarry as Dean of the Faculty of Architecture from 17 February 1997 to 15 August 1997, and noted that the Vice-Chancellor placed on record his appreciation of the work carried out by Professor Julian while Dean.
- (j) approved the award of the title of Emeritus Professor to Professor Neil Buchanan, effective immediately.
- (k) approved the University's participation in the Benthic GeoTech consortium.
- (l) noted the report on the success of Information Day and thanked those staff who were actively involved.
- (m) extended its congratulations to the successful applicants for 1997 National Teaching Development Grant.
- (n) extended its congratulations to Professors Johnstone and Jackson on their appointment to the Committee for University Teaching and Staff Development.
- (o) welcomed the establishment of the Research Institute for Humanities and Social Sciences.
- (p) extended its congratulations to the following members of the University community who were recipients of Awards in the Order of Australia announced on Australia Day:
  - Professor John Robert Booker AO**, Department of Civil Engineering, for service to geomechanical engineering, particularly through research, teaching and education administration.
  - Lady Persia Elsbeth Galleghan AO** (awarded posthumously), recipient of Master of Arts (*honoris causa*), for service to the community, the arts, and youth, particularly through philanthropy and personal support for many organisations including the Australian Red Cross Society, the Australian Opera Foundation, the Friends of the Sydney Symphony Orchestra and the Sydney City Mission.
  - Dr Doreen Veronica Clark AM**, member of the external advisory committee for the School of Chemistry, for service to science, particularly chemical analysis through business and education, and as President of the Royal Australian Chemical Institute.
  - Professor Neil David Gallagher AM**, Morrow Professor of Medicine, Gastroenterology and Hepatology, for service to medicine, particularly as Director of the A W Morrow Department of Gastroenterology at Royal Prince Alfred Hospital.
  - Emeritus Professor Malcolm Eric Nairn AM**, Chairman of the Postgraduate Committee in Veterinary Science, for service to tertiary education, particularly as Foundation Vice-Chancellor, Northern Territory University and to veterinary science through the Australian Veterinary Association.
- (q) noted the establishment of the Centre for Medieval Studies.
- (r) noted the progress report on building works in relation to the Madsen Building, Carslaw Level 1, the Student Centre, the Senate Room Refurbishment and the Visitor/Information Centre.
- (s) noted the report on the Conservatorium of Music.

- (t) noted that the Vice-Chancellor had accepted advice from the Foundations Working Party, through its Chair, that some further discussion on a number of significant issues that it had raised should occur before a progress report was released.
- (u) approved and ratified the transfer of the title of the land occupied by Orange Agricultural College for the nominal consideration of \$1.00, under the terms and conditions outlined in the report.
- (v) (i) resolved that authorities 3.5, 3.7, 3.8, 3.10, 9.4, 9.5 and 9.9 specific to Orange Agricultural College and Cumberland College of Health Sciences in the revised Delegations of Authority continue indefinitely beyond 31 December 1996. The purpose is to ensure that the efficiency of operations of Orange Agricultural College and Cumberland College of Health Sciences is not adversely affected by their remoteness from the Camperdown Campus.
- (ii) noted that a review of existing Delegations of Authority will be undertaken in 1997 when the new administrative structure is finalised.
- (w) noted questions and responses relating to measures for student and staff security in Redfern, and clarification of the term "Cumberland College of Health Sciences".
- (x) endorsed the notice boards in the locations listed below as the official noticeboards of the University:
- Archway off Science Road adjacent to Great Hall
  - Blackburn Building
  - Carslaw Building
  - Chemistry Building
  - Christopher Brennan Building - McCallum Building foyer
  - Cumberland College of Health Sciences
  - Dental School (Chalmers Street, Surry Hills)
  - Faculty of Agriculture
  - Faculty of Architecture (level 2 foyer of the Wilkinson Building)
  - Faculty of Economics (Merewether Building)
  - Faculty of Education
  - Faculty of Engineering (near Library)
  - Faculty of Veterinary Science
  - Fisher Library
  - Graduate School of Business
  - Law School
  - Mallett Street
  - Orange Agricultural College
  - School of Physics
  - Sydney College of the Arts
  - Sydney Conservatorium of Music
  - Sydney University Postgraduate Representative Association offices (Carillon Avenue)
  - Wentworth Building (offices of Students' Representative Council and Level 3)
  - Western Tower Archway.
- (y) approved the academic dress for the Master of Teaching, Bachelor of Teaching, Graduate Diploma in Education Studies and Doctor of Education as recommended.
- (z) noted the report on those who have accepted Senate's invitation to receive an honorary degree, as follows:
- Mr David James Asimus AO, Hon.DSc U.N.S.W. BEc, farmer and grazier, Chancellor of Charles Sturt University**  
Hon Degree: Doctor of Agricultural Economics  
Ceremony: 9.00am on Friday 30 May 1997 (Agriculture)
- Dr Victor Warren Fazio, MB BS, FRACS FACS, Professor of Surgery, Department of Colorectal Surgery, the Cleveland Clinic Foundation, Health Services Center of the Ohio State University**  
Hon Degree: Master of Surgery  
Ceremony: to be advised
- Professor Ernest Newbrun, MS Roch. DMD Alabama PhD Calif. BDS, Professor of Oral Biology and Periodontology, University of California**  
Hon Degree: Doctor of Dental Science  
Ceremony: 2.00pm on Thursday 18 December 1997 (Dentistry)

**Ms Dulcie Stretton** CBE, promoter of education, books and reading through years of voluntary work and leadership in many Australian organisations

Hon Degree: Master of Arts

Ceremony: 9.30am on Friday 14 March 1997 (Arts)

- (aa) noted the report of the Student Appeals Committee (Exclusions and Readmissions) on appeals heard by the Committee in 1996.
- (bb) noted the Discipline of Students, Chapter 13, 1996 Annual Report.

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

## **C2. Report of the Committee for Undergraduate Studies**

**Report of the Standing Sub-Committee for Award/Course Approvals** (see main agenda, page 15)

**Initial proposals for new academic programs/major changes to existing awards/courses for approval in principle**

1. **Faculty of Engineering**  
**Bachelor of Engineering in Electrical Engineering (Telecommunications)**

Subsequent to the meeting of the Standing Sub-Committee, the Faculty of Engineering has advised that it wishes to change the name of the proposed new program "Bachelor of Engineering in Electrical Engineering (Telecommunications)" to "Bachelor of Engineering in Telecommunications Engineering".