



The University of Sydney

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## Academic Board

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### Supplementary agenda

for the meeting on Wednesday 12 March 1997

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

**P** *The following items have been starred:*

- A4. Report of the Chair, Part I
  - Item 2. New nomenclature relating to academic programs and the academic year
  - Item 3. Extension of delegation of authority to the Chair
  - Item 5. Meeting commencement time and afternoon tea
- A4. Report of the Chair, Part II
- A5. Statement by the Vice-Chancellor and Principal, Part II
- B11. Report of the Faculty of Medicine

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### ***additional and revised material***

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#### **A4. Report of the Chair**

##### **Part I**

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

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

- (1) noted the report on membership of faculties by Pro-Vice-Chancellors (Academic Groups), and resolved to advise the Academic Board that it believed that the existing Resolutions of the Senate relating to constitutions of faculties and colleges were appropriate, and that it hoped that the faculties and colleges would invite the Pro-Vice-Chancellors to attend their meetings.
- (2) approved amendment of its Resolutions in relation to:
  - (a) Faculty of Medicine:  
Graduate Medical Program - Restriction upon Re-enrolment
  - (b) Sydney Conservatorium of Music:  
Master of Performance
- (3) approved in principle the following new academic programs:
  - (a) Faculty of Engineering:  
Bachelor of Engineering in Computer Engineering  
Bachelor of Engineering in Telecommunications Engineering  
Bachelor of Engineering/Bachelor of Arts  
Bachelor of Engineering/Bachelor of Science
  - (b) Faculty of Science:  
Bachelor of Science (Bioinformatics)
  - (c) Sydney Conservatorium of Music:  
Bachelor of Music Studies
- (4) appointed the following Board nominees to membership of the Planning Committee for a term of office of one year:  
Professor Margaret Harris  
Professor Gordon MacAulay  
Professor Lynette Russell

Professor Stephen Salsbury

- (5) resolved as recommended that the procedure for conferring honorary titles, as adopted 1994, be extended formally to include retiring professors of this University, to apply retrospectively from October 1994.
- (6) noted the Report of the Chair on the following:
  - (a) West Review of Higher Education
  - (b) Work in progress

**3. Extension of delegation of authority to the Chair** (agenda page 2)

A further report in respect of FPACs will be given at the meeting.

**13. Amendment of the By-laws: The Student Proctorial Panel** (new item)

As members are aware, work is being done on reviewing the University's by-laws, including Chapter 13, which deals with discipline of students. The finalisation of this work has been considerably delayed, and a problem has now emerged in respect of the appointment of the Proctorial Panel this year under the new Board and Forum structure.

Chapter 13 provides that the student members of the Board elect from amongst themselves six students who have been enrolled for at least two years to serve on the Proctorial Panel. The new Board only has four student members, however. While it would be possible for the new Board to elect the six members of academic staff to serve on the Panel, those eligible to elect/be elected as members must be full-time staff. The electorate may be somewhat reduced by the elimination of staff on fractional appointments.

The current By-laws governing the Student Proctorial Panel will need to be amended to reflect the establishment of the new Board and Forum, rather than await the finalisation of the review of the By-laws.

In consultation with the University Solicitor, the Registrar, and the Chair of the Academic Forum, I seek the Board's agreement:

- to recommend to Senate that the By-laws be amended as an interim measure as set out below: and
- to proceed with the election of the Proctorial Panel in accordance with the proposed By-law amendments, on the basis that those appointments will be ratified when the amendment to Chapter 13 is promulgated.

**Proposed amendment to the By-laws**

Section 15. of Chapter 13. of the By-laws (p 129, *Calendar 1996, Vol I*) is amended to the following effect:

- (1) There shall be a Student Proctorial Panel consisting of —
  - (a) the Chair of the Academic ~~Board~~ **Forum**,
  - (b) ~~6 full-time members of the academic staff~~ **Academic Forum** (of whom at least 2 shall be professors and at least 2 shall not be professors), **not being student members of the Academic Forum**, elected by and from the members of the Academic ~~Board~~ **Forum** who are ~~members of the full-time academic staff who are not student members of the Academic Forum~~; and
  - (c) 6 students who have been enrolled in the University for at least ~~6 terms~~ **4 semesters** elected by and from the student members of the Academic ~~Board~~ **Forum**.
- (2) The members of the Student Proctorial Panel, referred to in subsection (1)(b) and (c), shall be elected at a meeting of the Academic ~~Board~~ **Forum** held in March each year or within such further time as the Senate may allow.
- (3) Where the office of any member of the Student Proctorial Panel referred to in subsection (1)(b) or (c) —
  - (a) falls vacant, whether by resignation, death, retirement, absence on leave from the University or otherwise; or
  - (b) is not filled at the election held at the meeting referred to in subsection (2),

that office may be filled by a person elected in accordance with the paragraph in subsection (1) which is applicable to that office.

(4) A member of the Student Proctorial Panel (other than the member referred to in subsection (1)(a) shall assume office from the date of election by the Academic Board **Forum** and shall, subject to subsection (5) and section 20, hold office until a successor is elected.

(5) The Senate may, at any time, extend the term of office of any member of the Student Proctorial Panel and the successor to that member shall not assume office until the expiration of that term as so extended.

(6) The member of the Student Proctorial Panel referred to in subsection (1)(a) shall be the Chairperson of the Panel.

(7) In the case of the illness or absence of the Chairperson of the Student Proctorial Panel, the ~~Deputy Chair of the Academic Board~~ **Alternative Chair of the Academic Forum** may act as deputy for the Chairperson during the Chairperson's illness or absence and, during the time the Deputy Chair acts as deputy, the Deputy Chair shall have all the powers and authority of the Chairperson.

This recommendation provides: for the substitution of the Academic Forum for the Academic Board as the body by and from which the Proctorial Panel is chosen; and for the deletion of the requirement that only full-time members of academic staff be eligible for election (which reflects the provision for membership of the Board and Forum by members of staff on fractional appointments of .6 or more).

The Board is also asked to rescind the Resolutions of the Academic Board relating to the Election of Student Proctorial Panel as set out on p 134 of the *Calendar*. These resolutions provide for the nomination of members of academic staff to be made to Standing Committee.

**14. 1997 TER Statistics**

*(new item)*

Attached is a report on the TERs of applicants who were made offers to University of Sydney courses in the UAC Main and Final Rounds. Only TERs above the official Main Round cut-offs for the respective courses are included in the report. Courses which rely on other criteria besides the TER for entry are not included. *(Pages 6-23)*

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

**Part I**

**1. Report on Senate Matters**

Senate, at its meeting held on 3 March 1997:

- (1) noted the Vice-Chancellor's updates on recent developments in the higher education sector, enterprise bargaining, the 1997 admissions process, the transition to the new organisational structure and Simon University.
- (2) noted the Vice-Chancellor's interim report on the Conservatorium of Music.
- (3) noted the Vice-Chancellor's confidential report on developments in regard to Unipower Australia Pty Ltd.
- (4) noted the 1995 Annual Reports for the Australian Photonics Cooperative Research Centre and The Post Graduate Foundation in Veterinary Science, and instructed the Vice-Chancellor and the Chair of the Finance Committee to meet with the Chairman and the Chief Executive Officer of the former, and the President of the Council and the Director of the latter, and to report back to Senate.
- (5) noted the Vice-Chancellor's report that the Chair Appointments had approved the award of the title of Adjunct Professor in the Department of Animal Science, Faculty of Veterinary Science, and an offer of appointment to the North Shore Heart Research Foundation Chair of Cardiology.
- (6) approved changes to the composition of the selection committee for the Dean of the Faculty of Architecture, so that the Faculty's nominees on the committee become:  
Dr Anna Rubbo, replacing Dr Jim Conner  
Dr Peter Phibbs, replacing Mr Greg Mills

Associate Professor Fergus Fricke, replacing Mr Bruce Forwood  
Ms Therese Kenyon  
Professor John Gero  
Standby:  
Mr Col James

- (7) approved the recommendation that the Dean of the Faculty of Medicine be advertised internally and externally.
- (8) noted the Vice-Chancellor's report on the tenure system and its effects on women in senior positions in the University of Sydney.
- (9) noted the Vice-Chancellor's report on the following acting deanships:

Acting Dean of Agriculture	Professor L Burgess
Acting Dean of Education	Associate Professor K Sinclair
Acting Dean of Engineering	Professor J Carter
Acting Dean of Health Sciences	Associate Professor E Cornell
Acting Dean of Law	Associate Professor R Atherton
Acting Dean of Medicine	Professor S R Leeder
Acting Dean of Science	Associate Professor H Beh
- (10) noted the Vice-Chancellor's report on fees and charges for students and his advice that, after appropriate consultations, Senate would be asked to consider policies on how the University would respond to the capacity now afforded to it to admit local fee-paying undergraduate students from 1998.
- (11) noted the report on rural health developments at Broken Hill and congratulated those responsible for the acceptance of the University's submission.
- (12) noted the Vice-Chancellor's report on Student/Staff Safety and Redfern Station Access.
- (13) noted the progress report on the following:
  - Senate Room Refurbishment
  - Relocation of the Vice-Chancellor's Suite
  - Visitor Information Centre
  - Fellows of Senate Room
  - Anderson Stuart Refurbishment
  - Student Housing Village
- (14) approved the changes to the Delegations of Authority as proposed for new Deputy Vice-Chancellors and Pro-Vice-Chancellors, to take effect immediately.
- (15) noted the 1996 Draft Annual Financial Statements for the year ended 31 December 1996.
- (16) approved amendments to rules 8.1 and 9.1 relating to the Academic Board, to take effect from publication in accordance with Chapter 8.
- (17) resolved to request the Minister to effect a variation of the amount of the G S Caird Scholarships as recommended.
- (18) resolved that the academic dress for the degrees of Master of Public Affairs and Master of Public Policy be as recommended.
- (19) approved a resolution adopted by the Council of the Save Sight Institute relating to the fitting out of the South Block, Sydney Hospital/Sydney Eye Hospital on Macquarie Street.
- (20) noted citations for the 1996 recipients of honorary awards.

## **C8. Appointment of members of the Central Promotions Committees**

### **Lecturer**

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Subsequent to the distribution of the agenda, advice has been received that Dr John Reeve (History) will not be able to serve on the Lecturer Central Promotions Committee. The Chair **recommends** that he be replaced by Dr Kenneth Macnab (History).

### **Senior Lecturer**

The Chair **recommends** the appointment of the following members of the Senior Lecturer Central Promotions Committee for 1997.

Professor Richard Johnstone (Pro-Vice-Chancellor and Chair) (*ex officio*)

Chair, Academic Board (*ex officio*)  
Deputy Chair, Academic Board  
Associate Professor Tony Baker (UTS) (external member)  
Associate Professor Ros Arnold (Teaching and Curriculum Studies)  
Associate Professor Moira Gatens (Philosophy)  
Associate Professor Patricia Armati (Biological Sciences)  
Associate Professor Evan Hunt (Orange Agricultural College)  
Dr Ross Menzies (Behavioural Sciences)  
Dr Alan Fekete (Computer Science)  
Dr Russell Ross (Economics)

*Date of Meeting: 19 September 1997*

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

