



Academic Board

Supplementary agenda

for the meeting on Wednesday 15 October 1997

Additional material to the agenda papers is set out below.

P *The following items have been starred:*

- A1. Starring
 - A4. Report of the Chair, Part I
 - Item 2. Semester and vacation dates for the year 2000
 - Item 6. NSW Government's White Paper on HSC Reform
 - A4. Report of the Chair, Part II
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A4. Report of the Chair

Part I

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

Senate, at its meeting on 7 October 1997, on the report of the Academic Board:

 - (1) approved the introduction of the new Graduate Certificate in Museum Studies and passed the amendments to Resolutions of the Senate as recommended, with effect from 1 January 1998.
 - (2) approved the introduction of the new degree of Master of Philosophy in Education and the new Graduate Certificate in Educational Studies and passed the amendments to Resolutions of the Senate as recommended, with effect from 1 January 1998.
 - (3) approved the introduction of the new degree of Master of Science (Microscopy and Microanalysis) and passed the amendments to Resolutions of the Senate as recommended, with effect from 1 January 1998.
 - (4) approved the introduction of the new degrees of Master of Studio Art and Master of Multimedia Design and passed the amendments to Resolutions of the Senate as recommended, with effect from 1 January 1998.
 - (5) approved the introduction of the new Graduate Diploma in Social Work and the new Graduate Certificate in Professional Practice Supervision and passed the amendments to Resolutions of the Senate as recommended, with effect from 1 January 1998.
 - (6) noted the report of the Chair on the following:
 - (a) White paper on the HSC Review
 - (b) Academic Staffing matters

12. Glossary (new item)

Following extensive consultations with VCAC and faculty staff, a small team associated with the SIS project has developed the attached Glossary of definitions to promote the standard use of terminology throughout the University in respect of SIS.

The Board is asked to endorse the Glossary.

Any comments should be referred to Ms C Crittenden, Student Information System Implementation Manager (phone: 9351 5343; fax: 9351 7711; e-mail: Cath.Crittenden@mail.usyd.edu.au)

that the Board endorse the Glossary, as requested.

13. Australian Awards for University Teaching (new item)

The University has recently been through the process of selecting nominations for the National Awards for University Teaching, announced by the Minister for Employment, Education and Training earlier this year.

Universities were asked to submit up to three individual (or small group) nominations for Teaching Awards. We were advised that up to 11 awards across a range of discipline-based categories and up to 3 awards in non-discipline-specific categories will be made. In addition there will be two institutional awards: one for *Services for Australian Students* and another for *Support for the special needs of International Students*.

Given the very short time-frame, the VCAC agreed that Professor Johnstone and I would be responsible for selecting and co-ordinating the University's nominations. We invited each College to submit two nominations and we selected one nominee from each College having due regard for a balance of discipline, level of appointment, gender, etc. We also asked the Acting Registrar to arrange for a submission on *Services for Australian Students* and the Deputy Vice-Chancellor (International and Development) to arrange for a submission on *Services to International Students*.

The individual or group nominees selected were:

- Dr Gareth Denyer, Department of Biochemistry
- Professor Michael Jackson, Department of Government
- Professor Ann Sefton, Associate Professor Michael Field, Associate Professor Jill Gordon and Dr Simon Carlile, Faculty of Medicine, for their work in the development and implementation of the Graduate Medical Program

Institutional Submissions were made for

- The program offered by the Learning Assistance Centre (Australian Students).
- The programs offered by International Student Services at the Faculty of Health Sciences: the Study Preparation Program and the Language and Learning Unit. This submission was supplemented by details of support offered by the Centre for English Teaching and the International Student Services Unit.

Nominations, which have included randomly selected student questionnaires for the individual and group submissions, will be submitted to the Teaching Awards Selection Committee by this Friday (17 October)

that the Board note the report.

A5. Statement by the Vice-Chancellor and Principal

Part I

1. Report on Senate Matters (page 5)

Senate, at its meeting held on 7 October 1997:

- (1) noted the Vice-Chancellor's report on the following items:
 - (a) ceremony to confer honorary degree upon Mr James Wolfensohn
 - (b) recent developments in the higher education sector
- (2) noted the Vice-Chancellor's report on the University Teaching Hospital.
- (3) noted that the Chair Appointments Committee had approved an offer of appointment to the Chair of Biomaterials Science.

- (4) noted a report of a case of misconduct.
- (5) resolved that a Chair be titled the NRMA-ACT Road Safety Trust Chair of Road Trauma and Emergency Medicine and noted that it was a conjoint position at the Canberra Clinical School, which may be filled at the level of Associate Professor.
- (6) adopted the Code of Conduct for the University, noting that the Code may need to be modified at a later stage.
- (7) extended its congratulations and thanks to Mr Paul Slater and the staff of the Division of Financial Services for their contribution to the University's achievement in receiving the CPA Award for Outstanding Achievement in Public Sector Accounting.
- (8) noted a report on the Security Steering Committee, a draft policy and action plan, and safety initiatives implemented over the past twelve months with the aim of improving security and personal safety.
- (9) noted a report on the amalgamation of the Department of Animal Health, located at Camden, and the Department of Veterinary Sciences, located on the Camperdown campus, with the amalgamated unit being named the "Department of Veterinary Clinical Sciences".
- (10) noted that the Rector, St John's College, had requested Senate approval to construct a new building at St John's College along John Hopkins Drive, to provide modern accommodation for sixty-six postgraduate students. Architectural material was on display, a copy of the proposal was provided in the Senate Fellows' Room, and the specific recommendation for approval would be considered at the November meeting of Senate.
- (11) noted the Vice-Chancellor's personal response to the Convenor of the Higher School Certificate Implementation Taskforce of DTEC concerning recommendations contained in the State Government White Paper, *Securing Their Future*.
- (12) approved the academic dress for the existing Graduate Diploma in Nursing and for the recently approved Master of Philosophy (Nursing), Master of Midwifery and Graduate Diploma in Midwifery, as recommended.
- (13) noted that the Minister had confirmed his approval to effect a request made by Senate in December 1995 to vary the Thomas and Ethel Mary Ewing Scholarships in Education, pursuant to s26 of the *University of Sydney Act 1989*, concerning the class of persons eligible for award.

D2. Report of the Committee appointed to consider applications for promotion from Lecturer to Senior Lecturer *(new item)*

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 Lecturer to Senior 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.

Fifty one applications were received. Forty seven (47) sought promotion to Senior Lecturer and four (4) to Senior Research Fellow.

The Committee to consider the applications met on Friday 19 September 1997 and comprised Professor Richard Johnstone (Chair), Professor Ros Pesman (Chair, Academic Board), Professor Ross McPhedran (Deputy Chair, Academic Board), Associate Professor Tony Baker (University of Technology, Sydney), Associate Professor Ros Arnold, Associate Professor Moira Gatens, Associate Professor Patricia Armati, Associate Professor Evan Hunt, Dr Ross Menzies, Dr Alan Fekete and Dr Russell Ross.

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 Dean 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.

At the conclusion of the meeting, the members of the CPC reviewed the decisions taken to decide if any case should be reconsidered. In cases where the ranking given by the FPAC was varied (such that a lower ranked applicant was recommended and higher ranked one was not), the CPC met with the core members of the relevant FPAC for further discussion before reaching a final decision.

It is recommended that the following twenty six (26) promotions to the grade of Senior Lecturer and two (2) to Senior Research Fellow be made effective from 1 January 1998. All successful applicants were strongly supported by their referees.

To Senior Lecturer

Dr Guang Wan	Department of Agricultural Economics
Dr William Christie	Department of English
Dr Elizabeth Rechniewski	Department of French Studies
Ms Lindsey Napier	Dept of Social Work, Social Policy and Sociology
Dr Rikki Kersten	Research Institute for Asia and the Pacific
Dr Eugenio Benitez	Traditional and Modern Philosophy
Dr John Campling	Department of Industrial Relations
Mr Michael Horsley	School of Teaching & Curriculum Studies
Dr Neil Béchervaise	School of Teaching & Curriculum Studies
Dr Vincent Gomes	Department of Chemical Engineering
Dr Lynne Harris	Department of Behavioural Sciences
Dr Chin Moi Chow	School of Exercise and Sport Science
Dr Margaret Torode	School of Exercise and Sport Science
Dr Christopher Maher	School of Physiotherapy
Dr Kathryn McMahon	Department of Law
Ms Therese MacDermott	Department of Law
Dr Belinda Bennett	Department of Law
Dr Penny Pether	Department of Law
Dr Allan Molloy	Department of Anaesthesia
Dr John Mitrofanis	Department of Anatomy and Histology
Ms Sheila van Holst Pellekaan	Department of Life Sciences in Nursing
Dr Rod Sloman	Department of Nursing Therapeutics
Dr Pauline Howie	Department of Psychology
Dr Mahatelge Peiris	School of Mathematics and Statistics
Dr Anne Green	School of Physics
Dr Jennifer Hodgson	Department of Animal Health

To Senior Research Fellow

Dr Robert Park	Department of Crop Sciences
Dr Qi-Chu Zhang	Department of Applied Physics

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

Faculty	Applications received			Recomendations made		
	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female	Total
Agriculture	3	-	3	2	-	2
Arts	4	5	9	2	3	5
Economics	1	1	2	1	-	1
Education	2	2	4	2	-	2
Engineering	1	-	1	1	-	1
Health Sciences	3	6	9	1	3	4
Law	-	6	6	-	4	4
Medicine	4	2	6	2	-	2
Nursing	1	1	2	1	1	2
Science	5	2	7	2	2	4
Faculty of Veterinary Science	1	1	2	-	1	1
Totals	25	26	51	14	14	28

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.