



Academic Board Agenda

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for the meeting on Wednesday 16 December 1998

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<i>That the Academic Board:</i>	
(i) <i>recommend that Senate approve the proposal from the Faculty of Law for:</i>	
• <i>the abolition of Honours in coursework Master's programs,</i>	
• <i>the amendment to the requirements for research within coursework degrees and the introduction of 'postgraduate research units', and</i>	
• <i>the amendment of the Resolutions of the Senate relating to all postgraduate courses in the Faculty to provide a consolidation of postgraduate resolutions,</i>	
<i>for implementation in 1999; and</i>	
(ii) <i>recommend the amendment of the Resolutions of the Senate, with effect from 1 January 1999, as set out in the report presented in the main agenda and as amended in the supplementary agenda.</i>	

AGENDA ITEM 5. Report of the Chair

5.1 Report of the Chair on Senate matters

Senate, at its meeting on 7 December 1998, on the report of the Academic Board:

- (1) approved in principle the introduction of the new degree of Bachelor of Arts in Media and Communication, for implementation in 2000, as presented in the report.
- (2) approved in principle the introduction of the new degree of Bachelor of Bachelor of Social Sciences, for implementation in 2000, as presented in the report.
- (3) approved the amendment of the Resolutions of the Senate relating to Faculties, College Boards and Boards of Studies, effective immediately, as presented in the report.
- (4) approved the amendment of the Resolutions of the Senate relating to the Appointment of a Dean, Director or College Principal, effective from 1 January 1999, as presented in the report.
- (5) approved the introduction of the new degree, the APEC Master of Sustainable Development, and amended related Resolutions of the Senate, effective from 1 January 1999, as presented in the report.
- (6) approved the amendment of the Resolutions of the Senate relating to the Constitution of the Faculty of Economics, effective from 1 January 1999, as presented in the report.
- (7) approved the major changes to the degree of Bachelor of Commerce (Liberal Studies), and amended related Resolutions of the Senate, effective from 1 January 1999, as presented in the report.
- (8) approved the introduction of the new degree, the Master of Medicine in Physical Medicine (Musculoskeletal), and amended related Resolutions of the Senate, effective from 1 January 1999, as presented in the report.
- (9) approved the introduction of the new courses, the Master of Pharmaceutical Sciences and the Graduate Diploma in Pharmaceutical Sciences, and amended related Resolutions of the Senate, effective from 1 January 1999, as presented in the report.
- (10) approved the amendment of the Resolutions of the Senate relating to Departments and Schools within the Faculty of Science, effective immediately, as presented in the report.
- (11) approved the amendment of the Resolutions of the Senate relating to Degrees, Diplomas and other programs in Aboriginal and Indigenous Studies, effective from 1 January 1999, as presented in the report.

AGENDA ITEM 6.

Report of the Vice-Chancellor and Principal

6.1 Report of the Vice-Chancellor on Senate matters

Senate, at its meeting held on 7 December 1998:

- (1) agreed that the University Plan 1999-2004, subject to Fellows' comments being forwarded to Professor Eltis, would be submitted to the printer by mid-January 1999.
- (2) agreed to request the Academic Board to consider and report to Senate at the April or May 1999 meeting, as a priority, on the merit and practicality of:
 - (i) the revision of all basic undergraduate degree courses from three year programs to four year programs;
 - (ii) the introduction of a requirement that only students who have completed an undergraduate degree at this University or elsewhere be admitted to professional faculties at the University of Sydney.
- (3) approved the following membership of the Selection Committee for the Pro-Vice-Chancellor (Teaching and Learning):

Ex-Officio

The Chancellor
The Deputy Chancellor
The Vice-Chancellor
The Chair of the Academic Board

Senate

Professor Judith Kinnear
Ms Larina Frohlich
Mrs Renata Kaldor
Professor John Loxton (Macquarie)

Academic Board

Dr Simon Carlile
Professor Don Napper
Professor Geoff Sherington
Professor Jeremy Webber

- (4) ratified the University's appointment of Professor David Siddle, Pro-Vice-Chancellor (Research) as its representative on the Board of CMTE Development Ltd, effective from 1 December 1997.
- (5) noted the report on 1999 grants to the University from the Australian Research Council.
- (6) noted that the Vice-Chancellor had approved a restructure of the Faculty of Law involving the disestablishment of the former Departments of Law and Jurisprudence and the establishment instead of a single academic and administrative unit.
- (7) noted that the Vice-Chancellor had approved the staged merger of the Departments of Aeronautical Engineering and Mechanical and Mechatronic Engineering with the formal amalgamation taking place on 2 January 2001 but with transitional arrangements applying from 1 January 1999.
- (8) noted that the Vice-Chancellor had approved the renaming of the Public Affairs Research Centre as the Centre for International and Public Affairs.
- (9) congratulated Professor Reuben Rose of the Faculty of Veterinary Science on being awarded the University of Helsinki Veterinary Medal, Professor J A Young on being awarded a Research Prize by the German Humboldt Foundation, and Professor Mark Sceats, Chief Executive Officer of the Australian Photonics Cooperative Research Centre, on being elected a Fellow of the Australian Academy of Technological Sciences and Engineering.
- (10) noted the attached copy of the Vice-Chancellor's letter to Minister Kemp conveying concerns of the Research Committee in relation to speculation about

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- future research funding mechanisms and, in particular, the Minister's plans for the Australian Research Council. (Page 5)
- (11) approved the Delegations of Authority, with effect from 1 February 1999.
- (12) noted that the following had accepted Senate's invitation to receive an honorary degree in 1998:
- The Honourable Fidel Valdez Ramos (Hon LLD) (3 December 1998)
 - Professor Muhammad Yunus (Hon DScEcon) (27 November 1998)
- (12) noted that the following had accepted Senate's invitation to receive an honorary degree/honorary fellowship in 1999:
- Emeritus Professor Freddy Chong (Hon DSc)
 - Mr Kenneth George Coles (DUniv)
 - The Hon. Justice Mary Genevieve Gaudron (Hon LLD)
 - Professor Enid F Gilbert-Barness (Hon MD)
 - The Hon. Chief Justice Anthony Murray Gleeson, AC (Hon LLD)
 - Mr Thomas M Hamilton (Hon Fellow)
 - Mr Clive James, AM (Hon DLitt)
 - Ms Yvonne Kenny, AM (Hon DMus)
 - Associate Professor Wallace Kirsop (Hon DLitt)
 - Mr Peter Porter (Hon DLitt)
 - Emeritus Professor Joan Rydon (Hon DLitt)
 - Mr Michael Sharpe, AM, (Hon DScEcon)
 - Mr Jeffrey Smart (DUniv)

Set out below is the text of a letter from the Vice-Chancellor and Principal to Minister Kemp

30th November 1998

The Hon Dr David Kemp
Minister for Education, Training and Youth Affairs
Australian Federal Government
Canberra Act 2600

Dear Minister,

In view of press speculation about possible changes in research funding mechanisms and the considerable concern which this has generated in the University of Sydney, I believe it appropriate to write to you on this matter.

The Research Committee at this university, representing many of Australia's leading researchers, is very firmly of the view that research funding judgements must be validated by international peer review. I support this position unequivocally.

While some form of institutional block grants regularly monitored by peer review would enhance the capacity for strategic research management at university level, such a system would require the parallel possibility of individual researchers testing their standing in the international arena. This applies not only to the individual or small group in a non-research-intensive institution but is important also to individuals in disciplines which might become marginalised in a large successful research university. That is not a statement of fear of responsibility but a realistic analysis of our resource capabilities.

It would be possible to design a mixed-mode system which reduced overall administrative costs and improved institutional management – but I am convinced that this must be grounded in international peer review.

Having been a member of ARC and chair of both, one of its research panels and its institutional grants committee, I am aware of advantages and disadvantages in the present system and would be happy to provide further comment when more detailed proposals have been formulated.

Yours sincerely,

Gavin Brown
Vice-Chancellor and Principal

AGENDA ITEM 9. Report of the Graduate Studies Committee

9.1 Report of the meeting held on 30 November 1998

2. Amendment of the Resolutions of the Senate

(2) Faculty of Law

Subsequent to the distribution of the agenda, the Faculty of Law has requested that the following changes and additions, which stem from the December Faculty Board or other re-naming of existing units, or previously approved new units of study, be incorporated into the consolidated resolutions presented on pages 28 to 55 of the December Board agenda:

Page 49:

MALP - Optional Units of Study

Insert: Privacy, Surveillance and Fair Information Practices

Page 50:

MAPLS - Optional Units of Study

Delete: Indonesian Law 1

Indonesian Law 2

Replaced with: Law & Society in Indonesia

Law & Business in Indonesia

MCrim - Optional Units of Study

Insert: Privacy, Surveillance and Fair Information Practices

Page 51

MEL - Optional Units of Study

Delete: Wildlife Law

Replaced with: Biodiversity Law

Insert: Sustainable Development Law in China and Australia

MHL - Optional Units of Study

Insert: Privacy, Surveillance and Fair Information Practices

Page 52

MJur - Optional Units of Study

Insert: Socio-Legal Research & Methodology

Page 53

MTax - Optional Units of Study

Insert: Stamp Duties

GradDipCommLaw - Optional Units of Study

Delete: Competition Law & Policy

Replaced with: Comparative Competition Law

Insert: Privacy, Surveillance and Fair Information Practices