



Academic Board Agenda

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for the meeting on Wednesday 15 March 2000

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The sentence should be corrected to read as follows (with text to be deleted indicated by strike-through and new text indicated by underscore):	

“Tributes were paid to the late Emeritus Professor Ross Parson and the late Professor ~~Ivan Shearer~~ David Johnson, both from the Faculty of Law.”

14. General Business

14.1 Membership of the Academic Board

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14.1.1 Casual vacancies in Board membership

14.1.1.1 One professor, three heads of department and one non-professorial member

Recommendation

That the Academic Board note the report and appoint the following persons to membership of the Academic Board under Section 42.(2) of the Academic Governance Rules, to hold office for the periods indicated:

Professorial member

- *Professor Sue Armitage, to fill a casual vacancy for a professorial member, to hold office from 15 March 2000 to 31 December 2001;*

Members who are heads of department

- *Associate Professor Adrian Mitchell, to fill a casual vacancy for a member who is a head of department, to hold office from 15 March 2000 to 31 December 2000;*
- *Associate Professor Rosalind Hinde, to fill a casual vacancy for a member who is a head of department, to hold office from 15 March 2000 to 31 December 2001;*
- *Professor Don Nutbeam, to fill a casual vacancy for a member who is a head of department, to hold office from 15 March 2000 to 31 December 2001; and*

Non-professorial member

- *Associate Professor Roslyn Arnold, to fill a casual vacancy for a non-professorial member, to hold office from 15 March 2000 to 31 December 2001.*

14.1.1.2 One academic staff member elected from the academic staff members of the Faculty of Pharmacy

Recommendation

That the Academic Board appoint Professor B Roufogalis to membership of the Academic Board under Section 42.(2) of the Academic Governance Rules, to hold office from 15 March 2000 to 31 December 2001.

AGENDA ITEM 5. Report of the Chair

5.1 Report on Senate matters

Senate, at its meeting on 6 March 2000, on the report of the Academic Board:

- (1) approved the amendment of the membership of the Teaching and Learning Committee of the Academic Board; and amended the related Rules relating to the Academic Board, 1996 (as amended), with effect from the date of promulgation, as set out in the report.
- (2) approved the amendment of the Constitution of the Faculty of Health Sciences, with immediate effect; and amended the related Resolutions of the Senate, with immediate effect, as set out in the report.
- (3) approved the amendment of the Constitution of the Faculty of Nursing; and amended the related Resolutions of the Senate, with immediate effect, as set out in the report.
- (4) approved the proposal of the Faculty of Science for major changes to the existing course, the Bachelor of Science degree, for introduction in 2001; and rescinded the existing Resolutions of the Senate relating to the degree of Bachelor of Science and adopted instead new Resolutions of the Senate, with effect from 1 January 2001, as set in the report.
- (5) approved in principle the introduction in 2001 of the new course, the Bachelor of Design Computing degree, as set out in the report presented.
- (6) noted the report of the Chair on creation and maintenance of academic award programs and asked that underlying issues be discussed at the April Colloquium.
- (7) noted the Chair's answers to questions asked by Fellows of Senate.

5.2 General report

5.2.2 Academic Board activities, 1999

I have set out below, for the information of the Board, a statement for the University's Annual Report on 1999 Board activities.

In 1999, the Academic Board's Undergraduate Studies Committee recommended a total of 16 new undergraduate courses, while the Graduate Studies Committee recommended 68 new postgraduate courses. The Board prepared a common Undergraduate Course Rule to streamline the maintenance of courses and to help students and staff by simplifying course governance. Coupled to this was the first collation of the Academic Delegations of Authority in the University.

A significant but straightforward feature of the Board's work in 1999 was the approval of governance structures for the new Faculty of Pharmacy. The Board also abolished its Language and International Standing Committee, assigning the workload to other Standing Committees and to a temporary Languages Committee.

Areas in which the Board contributed to University policy development included a response to the Research Green Paper, the Flexible Learning Statement, a reference from Senate regarding the length of Undergraduate Courses, and the further development of the Summer School. The Board published new Principles of Assessment, and approved a major revision of examination procedures, designed to shorten the process and to take advantage of new administrative systems. In consultation with the Pro-Vice-Chancellor (Teaching and Learning) the Board developed new procedures for Faculty Teaching Reports, linking them to agreed performance indicators. The Board also reviewed and clarified the governance of Honours courses and units.

The Board reviewed and revised several policies regarding Academic Staff, including the promotions process, and the processes for conferring titles. A Code of Conduct for Responsible Research Practice was also approved.

The Academic Forum met six times in 1999. Forum discussion topics included the Library in Crisis, Student Selection, Continuing Education, Academic Dishonesty, the Research Green Paper, and Improving the Management of Teaching.

The Chair of the Board, Professor Pesman, accepted an appointment as Pro-Vice-Chancellor (College) and was replaced by Professor Cram. At the end of 1999, three Deputy Chairs resigned, Professor Cockayne and Professor Atherton to take up senior academic posts elsewhere, and Professor Lawler to take up the Deanship in the Faculty of Nursing.

AGENDA ITEM 6.

Report of the Vice-Chancellor and Principal

6.1 Report on Senate matters

Senate, at its meeting held on 6 March 2000:

- (1) adopted in principle the recommendations of the Student Association Working Party and asked that formal procedures for implementation be developed and brought back to Senate through the Finance Committee.
- (2) approved the appointment Mrs Daphne Kok to membership of the Law Extension Committee for the balance of the term of office, i.e. until 30 November 2000.
- (3) noted the report on Australia Day Honours.
- (4) agreed that the topic for consideration at the April Colloquium be 'The future of our academic programs – what should they be and how should we decide'.
- (5) approved the academic dress for the AGSM awards made jointly by the University of Sydney and the University of New South Wales as listed in the report presented.
- (6) re-appointed The Hon Matthew John Robert Clarke QC as Chair of Student Proctorial Boards for a one-year term of office from 3 April 2000.
- (7) noted the Student Appeals Committee (Exclusions and Readmissions) Report on appeals heard by the Committee in 1999
- (8) noted the 1999 Report of the Adviser on Payments by Student Societies and Organisations

AGENDA ITEM 14. General Business

14.1 Membership of the Academic Board

14.1.1 Casual vacancies in Board membership

1. One professor, three heads of department and one non-professorial member

Set out below is a listing of the current members of the Board in the categories of five professors, five persons who are heads of department or school and five persons who are non-professorial members of the academic staff, together with the Chair's nominees for appointment to the casual vacancies in these categories of Board membership:

<i>Current incumbents</i>	<i>Term of office</i>	<i>Nominees</i>
five persons who are professors		
Professor Les Field	to 31.12.01	
Professor Margaret Harris	to 31.12.00	
Professor Kevin Lee	to 31.12.00	
Professor Ross McPhedran	to 31.12.00	
<i>casual vacancy</i>	to 31.12.01	Professor Sue Armitage
five persons who are Heads of departments or schools		
<i>casual vacancy</i>	to 31.12.00	Assoc Prof Adrian Mitchell
Assoc Prof Martin Painter	to 31.12.00	
Assoc Prof Elspeth Probyn	to 31.12.00	
<i>casual vacancy</i>	to 31.12.01	Assoc Prof Rosalind Hinde
<i>casual vacancy</i>	to 31.12.01	Professor Don Nutbeam
five persons who are non-professorial members of the academic staff		
Dr Angela Brew	to 31.12.00	
Assoc Prof Chris Durrant	to 31.12.00	
Dr Alan Fekete	to 31.12.00	
Assoc Prof Tony Masters	to 31.12.01	
<i>casual vacancy</i>	to 31.12.01	Assoc Prof Roslyn Arnold