



Academic Board Agenda

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SUPPLEMENTARY AGENDA

for the meeting on Wednesday 12 December 2001

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★ **10. Report of the Graduate Studies Committee**

(Associate Professor Russell Ross)

10.3 Report of the meeting held by circulation Z

10.3.1 Receipt of report

Recommendation

That the Academic Board receive and note the report of the Graduate Studies Committee meeting held on 26 November 2001

10.3.2 Proposals for new and amended courses

(1) Faculty of Dentistry: Master of Dental Science Z

Recommendation

That the Academic Board recommend that Senate amend the Resolutions of the Senate relating to the Master of Dental Science, with immediate effect, as set out in the report presented.

AGENDA ITEM 5 Report of the Chair

5.1 Report on Senate matters

5.1.1 Report of the Senate meeting held on 3 December 2001

Senate, at its meeting of 3 December 2001, on the report of the Academic Board:

- (1) amended the University of Sydney (Coursework) Rule 2000, with effect from 1 January 2002, as recommended in the report.
- (2) amended the Resolutions of the Senate relating to the Constitution of the Faculty of Veterinary Science, with immediate effect, and amended related Resolutions of the Senate as recommended in the report.
- (3) approved the introduction in 2003 of the revised course, Diploma of Music, and rescinded, amended and adopted related Resolutions of the Senate as recommended in the report.
- (4) rescinded, amended and adopted revised Resolutions of the Senate relating to the Bachelor of Education with effect in 2002 as recommended in the report.
- (5) amended the Resolutions of the Senate relating to the Graduate Diploma in Educational Studies and the Graduate Certificate in Educational Studies as recommended in the report.
- (6) resolved that the Report on the Review of the Academic Board and the Academic Forum be provided to Senate at its February meeting for consideration and debate at the March Colloquium.
- (7) noted the Chair's report on the following items:
 - (a) Academic Board Resolutions: *Academic Honesty in Coursework*
 - (b) University of Sydney (Intellectual Property) Rule 2001
 - (c) Communication of information from the Academic Board
 - (d) Report of the Academic Forum
 - (e) Joint Working Party on Show Cause
 - (f) First year Orientation and Transition: Present and Future
 - (g) Special Consideration
 - (h) Promotion of Academic Staff from Level B to Level C
 - (i) Membership of the Academic Board

AGENDA ITEM 6

Report of the Vice-Chancellor and Principal

6.1 Report on Senate matters

6.1.1 Report of the Senate meeting held on 3 December 2001

Senate, at its meeting of 3 December 2001:

- (1) resolved: to note that the operations of the Advisory Committee for the Selection of Candidates for Honorary Awards would be reviewed in one year; to confirm that only Fellows of Senate on the Advisory Committee for the Selection of Candidates for Honorary Awards would have voting rights; to approve the revised Guidelines for the Selection of Candidates for Honorary Degrees (Resolutions of the Senate) as presented in the Report; to approve the revised Guidelines for the Selection of Candidates for Honorary Fellows (Resolutions of the Senate) as presented in the Report; to adopt the Procedures for Submitting Names of Proposed Recipients for Honorary Awards as presented in the Report; and to approve a special call for nominations in December 2001, with Honorary Awards to be awarded in 2002.
- (2) adopted the schedule of six “routine” meetings and five colloquia as set out in the report, and resolved that the April meeting be held on Monday 8 April 2002.
- (3) noted that a draft program of Colloquium topics for 2002 would be provided for consideration at the February meeting.
- (4) deferred to the February meeting consideration of recommendations relating to the Convening Committee and Audit Committee.
- (5) resolved that the University of Sydney By-law 1999 under the University of Sydney Act 1989 be amended forthwith as recommended in the revised report, subject to minor redrafting by the Chancellor to take account of suggestions made at the meeting, so as to provide that appeals against decisions of the Student Proctorial Board would be heard and determined by a committee established for that purpose, comprising a sitting or retired judge or magistrate (as chair), a Fellow of Senate and a third legally qualified member, external to Senate.
- (6) noted a presentation by Professor Jocalyn Lawler, Dean of the Faculty of Nursing, on the background issues, background context and position of the Faculty.
- (7) noted a presentation by Professor Stephen Garton, Dean of the Faculty of Arts, on the current state and future directions of the Faculty of Arts.
- (8) noted the report that an appeal against a decision of the Student Proctorial Board had been allowed.
- (9) resolved that the University of Sydney By-law 1999 under the University of Sydney Act 1989 be amended forthwith by the addition of a Chapter 3A (between chapters 3 and 4) as set out in the report to provide for a fiduciary duty of Fellows to act in the best interests of the University; and that discussions be held with the Government through Parliamentary Counsel, to ensure that the By-law’s passage would be capable of being carried forward without undue difficulty.
- (10) noted the Chancellor’s report that Allens Arthur Robinson had agreed to finance a series of lectures in honour of the late John Lehane, a distinguished graduate of the University.
- (11) noted that the Vice-Chancellor had approved the change of name of the Basser Department of Computer Science to the School of Information Technologies.
- (12) noted a tabled set of Sydney Morning Herald reports relating to the University of Sydney, and associated correspondence.

- (13) resolved to endorse the revised Code of Conduct, subject to the Chancellor, Vice-Chancellor and Dr G Butler looking at any minor amendments over a period of seven days.
- (14) admitted Professor A R Sheil to the degree of Master of Medicine *ad eundem gradum*.
- (15) appointed the following members to the Selection Committee for a Chief Financial Officer: Mr D Hoare, Mr R Elstone, Mr B Corlett and Ms T Anthony; and endorsed the following nominations and reserved members proposed by the Academic Board: Professor Pesman, Professor Benrimoj, Professor Bartels and Professor Chalmers; Reserves: Professor Melrose, Professor Hesketh and Professor Frino.
- (16) noted that the Vice-Chancellor had approved the recommendations of the Faculty of Law in relation to the appointment of a Dean; and appointed the following selection committee:
- Ex-officio***
Vice-Chancellor and Principal (Professor Gavin Brown)
Chair of the Academic Board (Professor Judyth Sachs)
Pro-Vice-Chancellor with supervisory responsibility for the Dean (Professor Ros Pesman)
- Members appointed by Senate***
Three members (plus two reserves) nominated by the Faculty:
- Dr Isabel Karpin (Faculty of Law)
 - Professor Richard Vann (Faculty of Law)
 - Associate Professor Patricia Loughlan (Faculty of Law)
 - Associate Professor Don Rothwell (Faculty of Law) (First Reserve)
 - Associate Professor Jennifer Hill (Faculty of Law) (Second Reserve)
- One member, external to the University, to be nominated by the Vice-Chancellor:
- A Dean or Professor of another Australian Faculty of Law (to be determined)
- Mr John McCarthy
- (17) resolved to appoint, from time to time, a distinguished overseas resident with a strong pre-existing association with the University and who could contribute as an international mentor as a Distinguished International Fellow. The decision to appoint such a Fellow must be a decision of Senate and no potential Fellow should be approached until Senate's provisional approval has been obtained.
- (18) noted the report on planning for the Centre for Regional Education, Orange (CREO).
- (19) noted the report that two University-developed, one-unit HSC courses *Mind and Morality* and *Problem Solving and Communication in Science* had received endorsement from the NSW Board of Studies.
- (20) noted the report on the University's outstanding NH&MRC results.
- (21) noted the report on recent moves to redraw Local Government boundaries in the inner city region and their effect on the University.
- (22) noted the report on international visits by Professor Kinnear on behalf of the Vice-Chancellor.
- (23) noted the report on the University's right to impose restrictions on members of the public who entered University grounds.
- (24) noted the report that the revised University Legislation Amendment (Financial and Other Powers) Bill 2001 had substantially taken on board universities' concerns.
- (25) noted the report on fundraising, alumni and sesquicentenary activities.
- (26) resolved (a) that those functions relating to the formal recognition and oversight of student clubs and societies be delegated to the University of Sydney Union; and (b) that this delegation of responsibility proceeds on the

- understanding that: should problems arise in connection with a particular club or society it is open to the University Union to raise such problems for discussion and to seek assistance from the University through the Registrar. In addition Senate is to receive regular reports from the Union on the registration of clubs and societies. It is noted that Senate reserves the right to be the ultimate arbiter regarding the use of the University's name.
- (27) approved the academic dress for the degree of APEC Master of Sustainable Development, and approved Resolutions of the Senate relating to academic dress as set out in the shaded box in the report.

AGENDA ITEM 10.3

Report of the Graduate Studies Committee

10.3 Report of the Graduate Studies Committee meeting held by circulation

10.3.1 Receipt of report

The Committee **recommends** that the Board receive and note the following report of its meeting held by circulation.

10.3.2 New and amended courses

(1) Faculty of Dentistry: Master of Dental Science

The Committee **recommends** approval of the proposal from the Faculty of Dentistry for the amendment of the Resolutions of the Senate relating to the Master of Dental Science to allow candidates for the degree to be awarded honours at graduation.

The University of Sydney (Coursework) Rule 2000 provides as follows:

23. Award of the degree of master with honours or merit

The award of the honours or pass with merit is reserved to indicate special proficiency or particular pathways to completion. The basis on which a student may qualify for the award of honours or the award with merit in a particular degree is specified in the faculty resolutions relating to that degree.

The Faculty of Dentistry would like to award the Master of Dental Science with honours to those students who have achieved outstanding academic merit throughout the degree. The Faculty's decision to implement this change is the result of a desire to maintain the courses' integrity and to appeal to both national and international students by rewarding exceptional students in a manner recognised by international institutions.

Following consideration by the Faculty, it is recommended that the Resolutions of the Senate relating to the Master of Dental Science be amended as follows:

Resolutions of the Senate

Faculty of Dentistry

Master of Dental Science

(insert new section)

11. The degree of Master of Dental Science may be awarded with honours at graduation to candidates who achieve a minimum average mark of 80 upon completion of all units in the Master of Dental Science.

The Faculty notes that the proposal amends existing Resolutions of the Senate and does not revise the Resolutions pursuant to the University of Sydney (Coursework) Rule 2000. The Faculty advises that a complete review of all postgraduate coursework resolutions is planned for 2002.

Recommendation

That the Committee recommend through the Academic Board that Senate amend the Resolutions of the Senate relating to the Master of Dental Science, with immediate effect, as set out in the shaded box above.