



The University of Sydney

Academic Board Minutes

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Minutes of the meeting of the Academic Board held at 2 pm on Wednesday 15 August 2001 in the Professorial Board Room

There were present: the Chair (Professor J Sachs) presiding, the Deputy Chairs (Professors S K Armitage and L D Field, Associate Professors P McCallum, A Reynolds and R T Ross), Professors C Armour, P Boyce, S Chapman, R Y Ebied, K Eltis, M A Harris, B Hesketh, H Kendig, D B Melrose, B Roufogalis, G Sherington, J Webber and P Wolnizer, Associate Professors R Hinde, A F Masters, W M C Maxwell, G Murray, L Tong, N C Weber and S West, Drs M-T Barbaux-Cooper, M Boughton, L Carson, D P Godden, M O'Loughlin and M Torode, Mr K Barlow, Mr M Hall, Ms P Kamvounias, Ms G Klix, Miss D A Neyle, Mr M J Skellern and Mr R Wilson.

Also present: For the Secretary of the Academic Board (Ms O Cornelius).

Present as observers: Professors L M Koder, D Napper, P Ramsden and J A Young, Associate Professor P Jones, Dr M Edmond and Mr J Shipp.

Present by invitation: Professor S Touyz.

In attendance: Miss K Neveltsen.

★ 1. **Apologies**

The Board noted that apologies had been received from: Professors C Adam, A Brewer, G Brown, L Copeland, S Garton, J Higgs, J Kinnear, J Lawler, S Leeder, K Lester, P Parkinson, K Parton, S Pretty, J Raper and M Vitale, Associate Professor C Gillies, Drs C Russell and B D Winter and Mr T Arthur.

(File 021/0005/00003)

★ 2. **Arrangement of agenda**

★ 2.1 **Starring of items**

Members of the Board were invited to star for discussion any unstarred items.

The following additional items were starred: 9.3.2.2 and 10.2.2.

2.2 Adoption of unstarred items

Resolution 182/01

That the Academic Board resolve as recommended with respect to all unstarred items.

3. Minutes of previous meeting

Resolution 183/01

That the Academic Board adopt the minutes of the previous meeting held on 13 June 2001 as a true record.

(File 028/0002/00354)

4. Business arising from Minutes (not dealt with elsewhere in the Agenda)

There was no business arising from the minutes.

★ 5. Report of the Chair

5.1 Report on Senate matters

5.1.1 Report of the Senate meetings held on 2 July 2001

Resolution 184/01

That the Academic Board note the report of the Chair of the Academic Board on academic matters considered by Senate at its meeting held on 2 July 2001.

Action: No further action required.

5.1.2 Report of the Senate meetings held on 6 August 2001

Resolution 185/01

That the Academic Board note the report of the Chair of the Academic Board on academic matters considered by Senate at its meeting held on 6 August 2001.

Action: No further action required.

5.2 General report

5.2.1 New members

On behalf of the Board the Chair welcomed Professor Stephen Garton, Dean of Arts, Mr Kristin Barlow, President of SUPRA and Mr Matthew Hall, postgraduate student representative, as new members of the Academic Board.

Resolution 186/01

That the Academic Board note and welcome the new members of the Academic Board.

Action: No further action required.

5.2.2 Actions under Delegated Authority

Resolution 187/01

That the Academic Board note that the Chair has taken no action under delegated authority since the last meeting of the Board.

Action: No further action required.

(File 033/0001/00019)

5.2.3 Review of the Academic Board and Academic Forum

The Chair reported that thirty two written submissions had been received by the Review Panel. The Panel expressed appreciation for the detailed consideration behind the submissions, and advised that the Panel had conducted a series of interviews and an open forum, to which all members of the University community had been invited to attend.

The Chair noted that the Review Panel had commented favourably on the work being undertaken by the Standing Committees of the Board and commended the work of the Deputy Chairs.

The Chair proposed that, once received, the report be discussed by the Academic Board and the University community and that consideration be given to implementation issues before the recommendations were referred to Senate.

Resolution 188/01

That the Academic Board note the Chair's report on the progress of the Review of the Academic Board and Academic Forum.

Action: Chair of the Board to circulate Report of the Review Panel to Academic Board and University community for discussion when received.

Action: Members of the Academic Board and University community to consider Report of the Review Panel when received and provide feedback to the Chair of the Board.

(File 2001/3342)

5.2.4 Draft Academic Honesty in Coursework Policy

The Chair noted that the process to develop the draft Academic Honesty in Coursework Policy had taken 14 months of consideration to date. Despite continued issues regarding its integration with Chapter 8 of the University of Sydney By-law, 1999, it was anticipated that these issues would be resolved.

The Working Party of the Teaching and Learning Committee had circulated the draft Policy to Deans, Heads of Departments and other members of the University community and would meet to consider the responses received. In the light of these responses, the proposed policy was to be revised and would be circulated for further input before being referred to the Teaching and Learning Committee for consideration.

Resolution 189/01

That the Academic Board note the Chair's report on the process of consultation on the draft Academic Honesty in Coursework Policy.

Action: Teaching and Learning Committee to finalise next iteration of proposed policy and circulate for input.

Action: Members of the Academic Board and University community to provide feedback to the Chair of the Board on the draft Policy when circulated for discussion.

(File 2001/4030)

5.2.5 Implementation of the University of Sydney (Coursework) Rule 2000

The Board was reminded that the University of Sydney (Coursework) Rule 2000 was approved by the Senate on 4 December 2000 for introduction in 2001.

The Chair emphasised that Faculties proposing new courses should ensure that Resolutions of the Senate and Faculty Resolutions complied with the requirements of the Rule. It was also noted that existing Resolutions relating to undergraduate and postgraduate coursework courses, except those that had been created in accordance with the University of Sydney (Undergraduate Courses) Rule 1999, needed to be converted to the style prescribed by the Rule by the end of next year and that the Chair would write to Faculties regarding the timeline for this.

Resolution 190/01

That the Academic Board note the Chair's comments in relation to the implementation of the University of Sydney (Coursework) Rule 2000.

Action: Chair of the Board to write to faculties providing advice on complying with the University of Sydney (Coursework) Rule 2000 and providing templates to assist faculties in the process.

Action: Deans to ensure faculties convert existing coursework rules into the style prescribed by the University of Sydney (Coursework) Rule 2000, using the templates provided by the Chair of the Board, by 31 December 2002.

Action: Deans to ensure proposed Resolutions of the Senate and Faculty Resolutions accompanying new course proposals comply with the style prescribed by the University of Sydney (Coursework) Rule 2000, using the templates provided by the Chair of the Board.

(File PD7)

5.2.6 Communication of information from the Academic Board

The Chair reported on concerns about the communication of information and decisions from the Academic Board. In particular, Deans had indicated they required additional advice on what actions they were required to undertake in the light of Board decisions. The Chair advised that, while she did not wish to pre-empt any outcomes of the Review of the Academic Board and the Academic Forum, she had approved a three month trial modification to the presentation of the minutes. This would include clarification of action required with regard to each item and who was responsible for that action. A summary of all actions required would be appended to the minutes. The minutes would also be published on the web as soon as they were available and members would be notified by email.

The Board noted that the three month trial period would commence with these minutes through to the minutes of the October meeting of the Board. Members were invited to submit comments and suggestions to the Chair by Friday 26 October for discussion at the November meeting of the Board.

The Board noted that following the Review of the Academic Board and the Academic Forum, the Chair would convene a working party to develop an overall communication strategy for the Board and the Chair welcomed expressions of interest for participation in the working party.

The Board discussed a suggestion that a formal resolution relating to publication of information in electronic media may be required to be taken by the Board to ensure that decisions were not subsequently invalidated because traditional methods had not been used.

During discussion, it was noted that:

- Associate Professor Simon Carlile (Assistant Pro Vice-Chancellor (Information Technology)) was developing formal processes for the University in relation to the status of electronic communication in the University and that while most staff had email addresses, at this stage, an overlap of distribution methods was required to ensure all staff received information;
- Standing Committees of the Board currently used electronic means of communication successfully and that the Board may wish to consider this further in terms of implementation of the recommendations expected from the Review of the Academic Board and Academic Forum;
- any system used needed to be able to cope with high volumes of demand and concern was expressed that the increased use of electronic communication could increase administrative costs for faculties.

Resolution 191/01

That the Academic Board note the Chair's approval of the trial procedure for the communication of decisions and information from the Academic Board.

Action: Chair of the Board to commence trial period of presentation of minutes and dissemination of information.

Action: Members of the Academic Board and University community to provide feedback to the Chair of the Board on the trial presentation and communication by Friday 26 October for discussion at the November meeting of the Board.

Action: Chair of the Board to convene working party to develop a communication strategy for the Board.

Action: Members of the Academic Board to suggest names to the Chair of the Board for membership of the communication strategies working party.

5.2.7 Resignation of Professor Siddle

On behalf of the Board the Chair thanked Professor David Siddle for his contribution to improving the research environment at this University and wished him well in his new role. Associate Professor Masters drew attention to the tribute expressed by the Graduate Studies Committee, as set out in the report presented.

Resolution 192/01

That the Academic Board note the resignation of Professor David Siddle, and thank him for his contribution to the University.

Action: Chair of the Board to write to Professor Siddle expressing the appreciation of the Board.

5.2.8 Election of Deputy Chair to fill a casual vacancy

On behalf of the Board the Chair congratulated Professor Les Field on his appointment as Acting Pro Vice-Chancellor (Research), noting that he had resigned from his role as a Deputy Chair of the Academic Board but that he would continue to contribute to the Board in his new role.

Members noted that an election of a deputy chair to fill the casual vacancy, for a term expiring 31 December 2002, was to be conducted.

Resolution 193/01

That the Academic Board:

- (1) note and congratulate Professor Les Field on his appointment as Acting Pro Vice-Chancellor (Research);
- (2) note the resignation of Professor Field as a deputy chair; and
- (3) note the schedule of dates for the election of a deputy chair to fill a casual vacancy.

Action: Chair of the Board to write to Professor Field congratulating him on his appointment.

Action: Chair of the Board to circulate Notice of Election for the purpose of filling a casual vacancy for a Deputy Chair.

Action: Members of the Academic Board to nominate candidates for the election of a Deputy Chair, in accordance with Academic Governance Rules, such nominations to reach the Registrar by (4.00pm, Wednesday 5 September 2001)

(File 2001/1973; 2001/1122)

5.2.9 Report on Summer School 2001

The Chair asked members of the Board to note the report indicating the continuing success of Summer School and noted:

- student demand for Summer School offerings was increasing and that the current number of units offered included innovations in teaching delivery;
- student evaluations of the Summer School were generally positive and that the mix of students included both those wishing to accelerate their degree progress and those repeating failed units.

In response to a query, the Chair agreed to ensure the discussion paper relating to factors that impact on the future of Summer School would be circulated to the SRC, SUPRA and all members of the Academic Board.

Some concern was expressed about the viability of various units, in particular it was noted that enrolments in the Faculty of Science had increased to an extent that it may now be possible to offer laboratory units in the Summer School.

Resolution 194/01

That the Academic Board receive and note the report on Summer School 2001, as set out in the report presented.

Action: Chair of the Board to write to the Director of Summer School congratulating him on the successful running of the School.

Action: Chair of the Board to ensure the discussion paper regarding factors that impact on the future of the Summer School is circulated to the SRC, SUPRA and all members of the Academic Board for comment.

Action: SRC, SUPRA and members of the Academic Board to provide comment to the Chair of the Board on the discussion paper regarding factors that impact on the future of the Summer School following receipt of the paper.

Action: Chair of the Board to write to the Director of Summer School and Dean of Science regarding viability of offering laboratory units during Summer School.

(File 002/0020/00167)

(File 021/0006/00008)

★ 6. **Report of the Vice-Chancellor and Principal**

6.1 **Report on Senate matters**

6.1.1 **Report of the Senate meeting held on 2 July 2001**

Resolution 195/01

That the Academic Board note the report of the Vice-Chancellor and Principal on matters considered by Senate at its meeting held on 2 July 2001.

Action: No further action required.

6.1.2 **Report of the Senate meeting held on 6 August 2001**

Resolution 196/01

That the Academic Board note the report of the Vice-Chancellor and Principal on matters considered by Senate at its meeting held on 6 August 2001.

Action: No further action required.

6.1.3 **Report of the Senate meeting held on 9 August 2001**

Resolution 197/01

That the Academic Board note the report of the Vice-Chancellor and Principal on matters considered by Senate at its meeting held on 9 August 2001.

Action: No further action required.

6.2 **General report**

On behalf of the Vice-Chancellor, Professor Ken Eltis, Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Planning and Resources), highlighted matters in the reports from Senate meetings, clarifying the process relating to the review of the role of Chancellor and the selection of the Chancellor.

The Board noted that issues relating to quality assurance were being considered in various forums and that at this stage the University did not expect to be audited by the Australian Universities Quality Agency (AUQA) during 2002.

The Deputy Vice-Chancellor also reminded members that nominations for Fellows of Senate had been called for and encouraged members to participate.

Resolution 198/01

That the Academic Board note the general report.

Action: No further action required.

(File 021/0006/00007)

★ 7. **Report of the Academic Forum**

7.1 **Report of the meeting held on 30 July 2001**

7.1.1 **Receipt of report**

In presenting the report of the Academic Forum, the Chair, Associate Professor A F Masters, noted that Dr Lindsay Watson had presented a tribute to the late Professor Kevin Lee, the text of which was attached to the minutes of the meeting.

Resolution 199/01

That the Academic Board receive and note the report of the Academic Forum meeting held on 30 July 2001.

Action: No further action required.

7.1.2 **Forum focus**

Resolution 200/01

That the Academic Board note the Forum Focus of the Academic Forum meeting held on 30 July 2001, as set out in the report presented.

Action: No further action required.

7.1.3 **Proceedings of the Forum**

Resolution 201/01

That the Academic Board note the proceedings of the Academic Forum meeting held on 30 July 2001, as set out in the report presented.

Action: No further action required.

(File 028/0039/00002)

★ 8. **Report of the Undergraduate Studies Committee**

8.1 **Oral report of the Chair**

In presenting the report of the Undergraduate Studies Committee, the Chair of the Committee, Associate Professor P McCallum, highlighted the following points:

- the Committee had established a Working Party on Indigenous Education to implement the Committee's terms of reference in respect of indigenous education issues;
- on the recommendation of the International Office, and following assessment by the Centre for English Teaching, the Committee had recommended the approval of the APIEL English Test as an alternative English language test;
- the Committee has approved the use of BTEC Higher National Diplomas as qualifications for consideration for undergraduate admission; and
- the Committee was considering provisions relating to show cause requirements and welcomed input, particularly from student representatives.

During discussion the Board noted that the International Office had been conducting and facilitating workshops relating to IELTS English language tests following alterations to visa requirements for international students.

It was noted that the language requirement for visa applications was lower than that required by the University and that it was inappropriate for the University to reduce its standards accordingly.

Resolution 202/01

That the Academic Board note the report of the Chair of the Undergraduate Studies Committee.

Action: No further action required.

8.2 Report of the meeting held on 12 June 2001

8.2.1 Receipt of report

Resolution 203/01

That the Academic Board receive and note the report of the Undergraduate Studies Committee meeting held on 12 June 2001.

Action: No further action required.

8.2.2 Admission Qualifications: APIEL English Test

Resolution 204/01

That the Academic Board:

- (1) approve the use of the APIEL as an alternate English Language test; and
- (2) set the criteria for the use of an APIEL score at 4 or above.

Action: International Office to note the Board approved the recommendation in respect of APIEL.

Action: International Office to advise faculties of requirements and procedures in relation to the use of APIEL.

Action: Acting Academic Board Officer to update Board Resolutions relating to Admission.

(File 2001/2409)

8.2.3 Admission Qualifications: Recognition of BTEC Higher National Diplomas

Resolution 205/01

That the Academic Board note that the Undergraduate Studies Committee approved the use of BTEC Higher National Diplomas as qualifications for consideration for undergraduate admission for both local and international students.

Action: Student Centre to note the Board noted the decision of the Undergraduate Studies Committee.

Action: Student Centre to advise faculties of requirements and procedures in relation to the recognition of BTEC Higher National Diplomas.

(File 2001/2411)

8.2.4 Alternative Chair of the Undergraduate Studies Committee

Resolution 206/01

That, in accordance with Academic Governance Rule 13 (4), the Academic Board appoint Professor Sue Armitage as the Alternative Chair of the Undergraduate Studies Committee, for the period ending 31 December 2002.

Action: Secretary to the Undergraduate Studies Committee to note the appointment of the Alternative Chair.

(File 2001/2124)

8.2.5 Proceedings of the Committee

Resolution 207/01

That the Academic Board note the proceedings of the Undergraduate Studies Committee meeting held on 12 June 2001, as set out in the report presented.

Action: No further action required.

(File 028/0002/00290)

8.3 Report of the meeting held on 10 July 2001

8.3.1 Receipt of report

Resolution 208/01

That the Academic Board receive and note the report of the Undergraduate Studies Committee meeting held on 10 July 2001.

Action: No further action required.

8.3.2 Report from Faculties

8.3.2.1 Faculty of Medicine: Bachelor of Medicine/Bachelor of Surgery

Resolution 209/01

That the Academic Board:

- (1) note the Resolutions of the Faculty relating to the Bachelor of Medicine and Bachelor of Surgery, made pursuant to the University of Sydney (Coursework) Rule 2000, with effect from 15 October 2001; and
- (2) approve the faculty requirements relating to admission, units of study, the pass degree, combined degrees, the honours degree, and award of the degree, as set out in the report presented.

Action: Faculty of Medicine to note that the Board approved and noted the faculty requirements in relation to the Bachelor of Medicine/Bachelor of Surgery.

(File 003/0020/00040)

8.3.3 Proceedings of the Committee

Resolution 210/01

That the Academic Board note the proceedings of the Undergraduate Studies Committee meeting held on 10 July 2001, as set out in the report presented.

Action: No further action required.

(File 028/0002/00290)

9. Report of the Graduate Studies Committee



9.1 Oral report of the Chair

The Chair of the Graduate Studies Committee, Associate Professor R T Ross, expressed the Committee's appreciation for the work undertaken by Professor Siddle particularly in regard to postgraduate research candidatures.

The Chair of the Committee also highlighted the innovative course proposal from the Faculty of Science and introduced Professor Stephen Touyz who gave a presentation on the proposed Doctor of Clinical Psychology combined courses.

The Chair of the Board congratulated the Faculty on their innovative programs and the Chair of the Graduate Studies Committee suggested other faculties consider whether combined postgraduate degrees would be appropriate in their areas.

Resolution 211/01

That the Academic Board note the report of the Chair of the Graduate Studies Committee.

Action: No further action required.

9.2 Report of the meeting held on 18 June 2001

9.2.1 Receipt of report

Resolution 212/01

That the Academic Board receive and note the report of the Graduate Studies Committee meeting held on 18 June 2001.

Action: No further action required.

9.2.2 Alternative Chair of the Graduate Studies Committee

Resolution 213/01

That, in accordance with Academic Governance Rule 13 (4), the Academic Board appoint Associate Professor A F Masters as the Alternative Chair of the Graduate Studies Committee, for the period ending 31 December 2002.

Action: Secretary to the Graduate Studies Committee to note the appointment of the Alternative Chair.

9.2.3 Proceedings of the Committee

Resolution 214/01

That the Academic Board note the proceedings of the Graduate Studies Committee meeting held on 18 June 2001, as set out in the report presented.

Action: No further action required.

(File 028/0002/00291)

9.3 Report of the meeting held on 16 July 2001

9.3.1 Receipt of report

Resolution 215/01

That the Academic Board receive and note the report of the Graduate Studies Committee meeting held on 16 July 2001.

Action: No further action required.

9.3.2 Proposals for new and amended postgraduate courses

9.3.2.1 Faculty of Engineering:

Graduate Certificate in Greenhouse Gas Mitigation

Resolution 216/01

That the Academic Board recommend that Senate approve:

- (1) the proposal from the Faculty of Engineering for the introduction in 2002 of the new Graduate Certificate in Greenhouse Gas Mitigation;
- (2) the amendment of the Resolutions of the Senate relating to Degrees, Diplomas and Certificates in the Faculty of Engineering, with effect from 1 January 2002, as set out in the report presented; and
- (3) the adoption of new Resolutions of the Senate relating to the Graduate Certificate in Greenhouse Gas Mitigation, with effect from 1 January 2002, as set out in the report presented.

Action: Chair of the Board to recommend that Senate approve the new course.

(File 2001/1838)

**9.3.2.2 Faculty of Science:
Doctor of Clinical Psychology/Master of Science and
Doctor of Clinical Psychology/Doctor of Philosophy**

Resolution 217/01

That the Academic Board recommend that Senate approve:

- (1) the proposal from the Faculty of Science for the introduction in 2002 of the new Doctor of Clinical Psychology/Master of Science and Doctor of Clinical Psychology/Doctor of Philosophy;
- (2) the amendment of the Resolutions of the Senate relating to Degrees, Graduate Diplomas and Graduate Certificates in the Faculty of Science, with effect from 1 January 2002, as set out in the report presented; and
- (3) the adoption of new Resolutions of the Senate relating to the Doctor of Clinical Psychology/Master of Science and Doctor of Clinical Psychology/Doctor of Philosophy, with effect from 1 January 2002, as set out in the report presented.

Action: Chair of the Board to recommend that Senate approve the new courses.

(File 2001/2436; 2001/2437)

9.3.3 Vice-Chancellor's Awards for Excellence in Research Higher Degree Supervision

Resolution 218/01

That the Academic Board note that the Graduate Studies Committee endorses the recommendation of the Teaching and Learning Committee regarding the Vice-Chancellor's Awards for Excellence in Research Higher Degree Supervision.

Action: No further action required. (See Item 10.2.3)

(File 2001/3362)

9.3.4 Proceedings of the Committee

Resolution 219/01

That the Academic Board note the proceedings of the Graduate Studies Committee meeting held on 16 July 2001, as set out in the report presented.

Action: No further action required.

(File 028/0002/00291)

10. Report of the Teaching and Learning Committee



10.1 Oral report of the Chair

The Chair of the Teaching and Learning Committee, Professor J Sachs, brought the attention of the Board to item 10.3.2 relating to the Vice-Chancellor's Awards for Outstanding Teaching and congratulated the recipients.

Resolution 220/01

That the Academic Board note the report of the Chair of the Teaching and Learning Committee.

Action: No further action required.

10.2 Report of the meeting held on 21 June 2001

10.2.1 Receipt of report

Resolution 221/01

That the Academic Board receive and note the report of the Teaching and Learning Committee meeting held on 21 June 2001.

Action: No further action required.



10.2.2 Guidelines for Good Practice in Teaching and Learning

The Chair of the Teaching and Learning Committee advised that the Guidelines for Good Practice in Teaching and Learning was not a policy document but provided guidelines on good practice in a variety of areas. It was anticipated that the Guidelines would be regularly reviewed to reflect changes in the University.

The Chair invited Professor Paul Ramsden (Pro Vice-Chancellor (Teaching and Learning)) to speak to the item and address concerns raised by members of the Board.

Professor Ramsden outlined the process that led to the development of the Guidelines, emphasising that the Guidelines did not represent University policy or commitments, rather aspirations for educationally worthwhile achievements within various environmental constraints.

Professor Ramsden noted that concern had been expressed regarding some nomenclature used in the document and agreed to change 'criteria' to 'standard' before the Guidelines were published. It was also noted that reference to 'democratic' management would be amended to 'consultative'.

During discussion, the issue of the guidelines' relationship with academic staffing policies was raised. Issues of resourcing were also raised and the Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Planning and Resources) noted that information relating to the funding allocation model had been made available to College Pro Vice-Chancellors. It was acknowledged that some resourcing issues did have academic implications but that the most appropriate place for discussion of such matters was at the College level.

In response to a query regarding dissemination of the Guidelines, the Board noted that faculties and heads of departments would be encouraged to work with faculty teaching and learning committees to encourage use of the Guidelines.

Resolution 222/01

That, subject to minor amendments to nomenclature, the Academic Board endorse the Guidelines for Good Practice in Teaching and Learning, as set out in the report presented.

Action: Pro Vice-Chancellor (Teaching and Learning) to publish the Guidelines for Good Practice in Teaching and Learning and provide advice to faculties and heads of departments regarding their implementation.

Action: Chair of Board and Chair of Academic Staffing Committee to liaise to review relationship between Guidelines and academic staffing policies.

(File 2000/8962)

10.2.3 Vice-Chancellor's Awards for Excellence in Research Higher Degree Supervision

Resolution 223/01

That the Academic Board adopt the criteria for the Vice-Chancellor's Awards for Excellence in Research Higher Degree Supervision, as set out in the report presented.

Action: Chair of the Board to advise Vice-Chancellor that the Academic Board adopted the criteria for the Awards.

Action: Pro Vice-Chancellor (Teaching and Learning) to note the decision of the Board and implement the Awards.

(File 2000/3362)

10.2.4 Alternative Chair of the Teaching and Learning Committee

Resolution 224/01

That, in accordance with Academic Governance Rule 13 (4), the Academic Board appoint Professor Patrick Parkinson as the Alternative Chair of the Teaching and Learning Committee, for the period ending 31 December 2002.

Action: Secretary to the Teaching and Learning Committee to note the appointment of the Alternative Chair.

(File 028/0002/00335)

10.2.5 Proceedings of the Committee

Resolution 225/01

That the Academic Board note the proceedings of the Teaching and Learning Committee meeting held on 21 June 2001, as set out in the report presented.

Action: No further action required.

(File 028/0025/00029)

10.3 Report of the meeting held on 19 July 2001

10.3.1 Receipt of report

Resolution 226/01

That the Academic Board receive and note the report of the Teaching and Learning Committee meeting held on 19 July 2001.

Action: No further action required.

10.3.2 Vice-Chancellor's Awards for Outstanding Teaching 2001

Resolution 227/01

That the Academic Board note and congratulate the following recipients of the Vice-Chancellor's Awards for Outstanding Teaching 2001:

Individual Awards:

Associate Professor S Lechner, Faculty of Dentistry

Dr M Hyde, Faculty of Veterinary Science

Dr H Collins, Faculty of Veterinary Science

Group Award:

Faculty of Pharmacy – Miss E Sainsbury, Dr A McLachlan, Dr S Taylor and Dr P Aslani.

Action: No further action required.

(File 2001/1113)

10.3.3 Proceedings of the Committee

Resolution 228/01

That the Academic Board note the proceedings of the Teaching and Learning Committee meeting held on 19 July 2001, as set out in the report presented.

Action: No further action required.

(File 028/0025/00029)

11. Report of the Research Committee



11.1 Oral report of the Chair

In presenting the reports the Chair of the Research Committee, Professor L Field, noted that the establishment of the Biosafety Committee was in response to legislation relating to gene technology and genetic research.

In response to a query relating to a reduction in publications it was noted that sector wide results were not yet available making it impossible to assess the University's performance in context.

Resolution 229/01

That the Academic Board note the report of the Chair of the Research Committee.

Action: No further action required.

11.2 Report of the meeting held on 8 May 2001

11.2.1 Receipt of report

Resolution 230/01

That the Academic Board receive and note the report of the Research Committee meeting held on 8 May 2001.

Action: No further action required.

11.2.2 Proceedings of the Committee

Resolution 231/01

That the Academic Board note the proceedings of the Research Committee meeting held on 8 May 2001, as set out in the report presented.

Action: No further action required.

(File 028/0002/00173)

11.3 Report of the meeting held on 12 June 2001

11.3.1 Receipt of report

Resolution 232/01

That the Academic Board receive and note the report of the Research Committee meeting held on 12 June 2001.

Action: No further action required.

11.3.2 Proceedings of the Committee

Resolution 233/01

That the Academic Board note the proceedings of the Research Committee meeting held on 12 June 2001, as set out in the report presented.

Action: No further action required.

(File 028/0002/00173)

11.4 Report of the meeting held on 10 July 2001

11.4.1 Receipt of report

Resolution 234/01

That the Academic Board receive and note the report of the Research Committee meeting held on 10 July 2001.

Action: No further action required.

11.4.2 Alternative Chair of the Research Committee

Resolution 235/01

That, in accordance with Academic Governance Rule 13 (4), the Academic Board appoint Professor G Gill as the Alternative Chair of the Research Committee, for the period ending 31 December 2002.

Action: Secretary to the Research Committee to note the appointment of the Alternative Chair.

(File 028/0002/00080)

11.4.3 Proceedings of the Committee

Resolution 236/01

That the Academic Board note the proceedings of the Research Committee meeting held on 10 July 2001, as set out in the report presented.

Action: No further action required.

(File 028/0002/00173)

12. Report of the Academic Staffing Committee



12.1 Oral report of the Chair

The Chair of the Academic Staffing Committee, Associate Professor A Reynolds, noted that the Committee had been considering issues relating to the conferral of the title of Emeritus Professor and that a revised policy would be recommended to the next meeting of the Board.

Resolution 237/01

That the Academic Board note the report of the Chair of the Academic Staffing Committee.

Action: No further action required.

12.2 Report of the meeting held on 20 June 2001

12.2.1 Receipt of report

Resolution 238/01

That the Academic Board receive and note the report of the Academic Staffing Committee meeting held on 20 June 2001.

Action: No further action required.

12.2.2 Proceedings of the Committee

Resolution 239/01

That the Academic Board note the proceedings of the Academic Staffing Committee meeting held on 20 June 2001, as set out in the report presented.

Action: No further action required.

(File 028/0002/00325)

13. General Business

13.1 Academic Board Meeting Schedule 2002

Resolution 240/01

That the Academic Board adopt the meeting schedule for the year 2002, as set out in the report presented.

Action: Members of the Academic Board to note the draft meeting dates for 2002.

(File 028/0002/00360)

The meeting closed at 3.30pm.

Signed as a correct record

Chair

Date