



Academic Board Agenda

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SUPPLEMENTARY AGENDA

for the meeting on Wednesday 11 September 2002

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13. Report of the Academic Staffing Committee

(Associate Professor Anne Reynolds)



13.1 Oral report of the Chair

Recommendation

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

13.2 Report of the meeting held on 21 August 2002

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13.2.1 Receipt of report

Recommendation

That the Academic Board receive and note the report of the Academic Staffing Committee meeting held on 21 August 2002, as set out in the report presented.

13.2.2 Proceedings of the Committee

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Recommendation

That the Academic Board note the proceedings of the Academic Staffing Committee meeting held on 21 August 2002, as set out in the report presented.

AGENDA ITEM 5 **Report of the Chair**

5. Report of the Chair

5.1 Report on Senate Matters

5.1.1 Report on the Senate meeting and Colloquium held on 2 September 2002

Senate, at its meeting on 2 September 2002, on the report of the Academic Board:

- (1) approved the proposal from the Faculty of Engineering for the introduction in 2003 of the new course, the Doctor of Engineering Practice; the amendment of the Resolutions of the Senate relating to the Degrees, Diplomas and Certificates in the Faculty of Engineering, with effect from 1 January 2003; and the adoption of the new Resolutions of the Senate relating to this course, with effect from 1 January 2003, as set out in the report presented.
- (2) noted that the Academic Board approved the proposal from the Faculty of Science for the introduction in 2003 of the new subject area, Coastal Management, for the Master of Applied Science, Graduate Diploma in Applied Science and Graduate Certificate in Applied Science; and approved the amendment of the Resolutions of the Senate relating to the Degrees, Diplomas and Certificates in the Faculty of Science, with effect from 1 January 2003; and the amendment of the Resolutions of the Senate relating to the Master of Applied Science, Graduate Diploma in Applied Science and Graduate Certificate in Applied Science, with effect from 1 January 2003, as set out in the report presented.
- (3) noted that the Academic Board approved the proposal from the Faculty of Nursing for the introduction in 2003 of the new subject areas, Mental Health, and Aged Care, for the Master of Nursing; and approved the amendment of the Resolutions of the Senate relating to the Degrees, Diplomas and Certificates in the Faculty of Nursing, with effect from 1 January 2003; and the amendment of the Resolutions of the Senate relating to the Master of Nursing, with effect from 1 January 2003, as set out in of the report presented.
- (4) approved the proposal from the Faculty of Arts for the introduction in 2003 of the new course, the Bachelor of Arts (Advanced); the amendment of the Resolutions of the Senate relating to the Degrees, Diplomas and Certificates in the Faculty of Arts, with effect from 1 January 2003; and the adoption of the new Resolutions of the Senate relating to this course, made pursuant to the University of Sydney (Coursework) Rule 2000, with effect from 1 January 2003, as set out in the report presented.
- (5) approved the rescission of the Resolutions of the Senate relating to the existing courses, the Bachelor of Nursing and Bachelor of Nursing (Honours), and the adoption of new Resolutions of the Senate relating to the Bachelor of Nursing courses, made pursuant to the University of Sydney (Coursework) Rule 2000, with effect from 1 January 2003, as set out in the report presented.
- (6) approved the proposal from the Faculty of Nursing for the introduction in 2003 of the new course, the Bachelor of Nursing (Indigenous Australian Health); the amendment of the Resolutions of the Senate relating to the Degrees, Diplomas and Certificates in the Faculty of Nursing, with effect from 1 January 2003; and the adoption of the new Resolutions of the Senate relating to this course,

- made pursuant to the University of Sydney (Coursework) Rule 2000, with effect from 1 January 2003, as set out in the report presented.
- (7) approved the proposal from the Faculty of Education for the introduction in 2003 of the new courses, Graduate Diploma in Educational Studies (Coach Education) and Graduate Certificate in Educational Studies (Coach Education); and noted that the Resolutions of the Senate relating to the Graduate Diploma in Educational Studies (Coach Education) and Graduate Certificate in Educational Studies (Coach Education) would be forwarded for approval in due course.
 - (8) adopted the University of Sydney (Academic Board Membership) Rule 2002, as set out in the report presented
 - (9) adopted the University of Sydney (Academic Forum Membership) Rule 2002, as set out in the report presented.
 - (10) adopted the University of Sydney (Student Proctorial Panel) Rule 2002, as set out in the report presented.
 - (11) noted that the Academic Board unanimously endorsed the Response to the Nelson Review of Higher Education: Striving for Quality: Learning, Teaching and Scholarship, as set out in the report presented.
 - (12) noted the report of the Chair on the following:
 - (a) Review of the Academic Board and the Academic Forum
 - (b) Code of Conduct for Responsible Research Practice and Guidelines for Dealing With Allegations of Research Misconduct
 - (c) Report on the Sydney Summer School 2002
 - (d) New and amended courses
 - (e) English Language Requirements
 - (f) Submission of Doctor of Philosophy theses containing published work
 - (g) Australian Postgraduate Awards and University Scholarships: Method of Award
 - (h) Australian Postgraduate Awards: Transfer Guidelines
 - (i) Academic Board Faculty Review Visits
 - (j) Vice-Chancellor's Awards for Outstanding Teaching 2002
 - (k) Promotion of Academic Staff from Level A to Level B
 - (l) Conferring of All Academic Titles
 - (m) Membership of the Academic Board
 - (n) Report of the Academic Forum

AGENDA ITEM 6 Report of the Vice-Chancellor and Principal

6.1 Report on Senate matters

6.1.1 Report of the special meeting of Senate held on 22 August 2002

- (1) At its special meeting held on 22 August 2002 Senate discussed options in relation to university funding, with a view to approving the submission on *Funding & Strategic Development* to the Review of Higher Education at its meeting on 2 September 2002.

6.1.2 Report of the Senate meeting and Colloquium held on 2 September 2002

Senate, at its meeting held on 2 September 2002:

- (1) noted the recommendations of the Faculty of Dentistry relating to the Deanship of Dentistry approved by the Vice-Chancellor; 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 J A Young)
Members appointed by Senate
Three members (plus two reserves) nominated by the Faculty:
Associate Professor Cyril J Thomas
Associate Professor Christopher G Daly
Dr Tania M Gerzina
Adjunct Associate Professor J Dale (First Reserve)
Dr Catherine Groenlund (Second Reserve)
One member, external to the University, to be nominated by the Vice-Chancellor:
Dr Greg Stewart, the Deputy Director General of Health and Chief Health Officer
- (2) approved the amended the Terms of Reference of the Orange Advisory Council and the membership as recommended in the report.
- (3) noted the report on Campus 2010 and agreed to consider its recommendations fully at the meeting of 7 October 2002.
- (4) noted the report that the reference group, set up at the meeting of Senate in July to finalise the University's initial submission to the Ministerial Inquiry into Higher Education, had met again on Saturday 31 August 2002 to advance the preparation of a University responses to the Issues Papers.
- (5) noted the report on Workplace Reform Funding.
- (6) noted the report on student/staff ratios.
- (7) noted the report on members of the academic staff - Professor Marcela Bilek, Dr Joel Mackay, Dr Elizabeth Harry - and on researcher Ben Gu, who had recently received prestigious awards.
- (8) noted the report on the Sleek Geek's Tour by Dr Karl Kruszelnicki and Mr Adam Spencer during Science Week.
- (9) noted the report on corruption prevention.
- (10) noted the report on Development and External Affairs.
- (11) approved compulsory subscriptions for 2003 for student organisations as recommended in the report.
- (12) resolved that the University consider allocating a certain fraction of its undergraduate and postgraduate scholarship budget to scholarships providing the full or partial amount of tuition fees to candidates who meet the criteria of outstanding academic achievement, together with a level of sporting excellence.

- (13) resolved to approve the University response *Funding Options for Higher Education*, with the amendments agreed to and the final wording to be settled by the working group with such consultation as may be appropriate in the circumstances.
- (14) adopted the tabled submission *Governance, Management & Workplace Relations* with such additions and alterations as resolved at the meeting and the tabled submissions *Striving for Quality: Learning, Teaching & Scholarship* and *Achieving Equitable & Appropriate Outcomes: Indigenous Australians in Higher Education*, such to be settled in final form by the appointed working group with such consultation as may be appropriate in the circumstances.
- (15) resolved that it would be beneficial for a public forum to be held at which staff and students could discuss the issues arising from the submission made by the University in preparation for any possible change in government policy, the forum to be held after the date of submission for responses, 13 September 2002.

AGENDA ITEM 13
Report of the Academic Staffing Committee

13.2 Report of the Academic Staffing Committee held on 21 August 2002

The Committee met on 21 August 2002 when there were present: Associate Professor A Reynolds (Chair), Professors S I Benrimoj, A Brewer, C Murphy, B Reid, G Sherington, R Wheen, Associate Professors B McDonald and P Phibbs.

Apologies: Professors P Apps and B Hesketh, Associate Professor G Patmore and Dr K Clapham.

In attendance: Ms J Ross

13.2.1 Receipt of report

The Committee recommends that the Board receive and note the following report of its meeting held on 21 August 2002.

13.2.2 Proceedings of the Committee

(1) General items

The Committee noted general matters relating to: the role of the Academic Staffing Committee, appointment of a working party to review academic promotions documents, discussion of academic staffing policies for development

(2) Report of the Pro Vice-Chancellor (Employee Relations)

The Committee noted the advice of the Pro Vice-Chancellor (Employee Relations) that:

- the VCAC had supported a review of PM&D to be completed by the end of the year. The review will focus on procedures and outcomes, especially in relation to meeting staff development goals. One aim will be to find ways to streamline the administrative process.
- a new draft of the policy on the Use of University Communication Resources is currently with the unions for comment and should be available for discussion at the next Committee meeting.

(3) Revised terms of reference

The Committee endorsed the attached Revised Terms of Reference for the Academic Staff Policy Committee.

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Report of the Academic Staffing Committee

13.2.2 Report of the meeting held on 21 August 2002

(3) Terms of Reference: Academic Staff Policy Committee

The roles of the Academic Staff Policy Committee are to

- (i) report regularly and make recommendations to Academic Board on academic staffing matters;
- (ii) provide advice to the Pro-Vice-Chancellor (Employee Relations) in relation to academic staffing matters.

Seeking advice as appropriate from faculties, schools and departments, the Committee will

- (a) investigate strategic, operational and resource issues that relate to academic staffing policies;
- (b) monitor the effectiveness of existing academic staffing policies;
- (c) develop academic staffing policies that support academic staff;