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## Academic Board Minutes

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### Minutes of the meeting of the Academic Board held at 2 pm on Wednesday 27 October 2004 in the Professorial Board Room

There were present: the Chair (Professor J Carter) presiding, the Deputy Chair (Associate Professor A F Masters), the Acting Vice-Chancellor (Professor J Hearn), the Chairs of the Standing Committees (Professors C Murphy and B Reid, and Associate Professor R Ross), B Armstrong, M Behnia, S I Benrimoj, L Copeland, M Fry, S Garton, G Hancock, B Hesketh, H Kendig, A Marett, R McCallum, S Nicholas, J Sachs, E Schwarz, J Sinclair, J Uther and P Wolnizer, Associate Professors B Buckley, M Crossley, R Drynan, A Fekete, P Gay, C B Gillies, D Grant, C Lumby, P McCallum, C Peck, P Redding, A Rubbo, and G Sullivan, Drs A Bashford, K Bosward, M Edmond, A Elias, P Gibbens, J Hughes, C Lennings, M McKerchar, A Poulos, M Torode, A Van Schaik, Mrs L Napier, Mrs J Toner, Ms J Mooney and G Wong.

Also present: Secretary of the Academic Board (Dr W Adams).

Present as observers: Associate Professor G Gurr, Dr S Barrie, Ms J Russell and Ms M Kemmis

★ **1. Apologies**

The Board noted that apologies had been received from: The Vice-Chancellor and Principal (Professor G Brown), Professors E Blakely, A J Coats, M J Field, R Graycar, T Hirst, J Lawler, G T Moore and L Tong, Associate Professors F Ahmadi-Esfahani, D Dragovich, S Kable and N Weber, Drs G Barnes, D Collins, S Forsyth, V Naganathan, E Peden and L Piggott and Mr D Bradshaw and J Shipp.

The Chair welcomed the new Dean of Veterinary Science, Professor Leo Jeffcott and the new co-opted member, Academic Director International, Dr James Sait to their first meeting.

★ **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: items 9 and 14.

**2.2 Adoption of unstarred items**

**Resolution 243 /04**

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

**3. Minutes of previous meeting**

**Resolution 244/04**

That the Academic Board adopt the minutes of the previous meeting held on 15 September 2004 as a true and accurate record.

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

There was no business arising.

★ **5. Report of the Chair**

**5.1 Report on Senate matters**

**5.1.1 Report of the Senate meeting held on 5 October 2004**

**Resolution 245/04**

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 5 October 2004.

**5.2 General report**

**5.2.1 Review of student appeals provisions**

The Chair of the Academic Board reported that at the Senate meeting on 5 October 2004, the review of student appeals provisions was discussed. After a lengthy discussion where Senate had expressed concern that a Committee which included the word Senate in its name implied membership by Fellows of Senate, Senate endorsed the report on the review of student appeals provisions subject to:

- (a) consideration of the deletion of the reference to Senate in the description of the relevant committees and reviewing the extent to which Senate should/should not be involved in the approval process;
- (b) where the appeal process indicates a risk to the University's reputation or some systemic failure, there be a system in place for that to be reported to the Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Academic) or other appropriate person in senior administration;
- (c) the report when finalised be taken back to Senate for final endorsement; and
- (d) that further consideration to be given to section 5.10, to provide for professional counsellors and advisors to sit on appeals bodies, but without a vote, rather than providing advice as part of written submissions or attending sittings of an appeals body and giving advice when called upon.

The Chair advised that following the endorsement by Senate an implementation team would be established to begin the process of amending all relevant legislation and policy. Members noted that the membership of the implementation team was likely to include the Chair of the Academic Board, the Acting Pro-Vice-Chancellor (Teaching and Learning), a Dean, an Associate Dean, a Senior Lecturer, a Faculty Manager, a Student and Examinations and Exclusions staff.

In response to a question regarding student representation on the implementation team, the Chair advised that a student member of the Academic Board would be selected. The President of SUPRA advised that she wished to formally express her interest in participating in the implementation team.

**Resolution 246/04**

That the Academic Board note the report of the Chair of the Academic Board relating to the Review of Student Appeals provisions, as set out in the report presented.

*Action:* The Chair of the Academic Board to establish membership of the Review of Student Appeals Provisions Implementation Team.

**5.2.2 Academic Board Forum**

The Chair reported that an Academic Board Forum was held on Wednesday 13 October. The topic was *Standardising Credit Points: Threat or Opportunity* and the speakers were the Dean of Engineering, Professor Greg Hancock and Senior Lecturer from the Department of Studies in Religion, Faculty of Arts, Dr Carole Cusack.

The speakers had shared their experiences of standardising credit points within their own faculties, both positive and negative, and discussed issues surrounding implementation, impact on staff and students and workload. The Chair advised that participation had been excellent and that he was very pleased to see so many academic and general staff engaging in important discussion of the topic.

The Chair thanked the speakers Professor Hancock and Dr Cusack and the discussant, Acting Pro-Vice-Chancellor (Teaching and Learning) Professor Judyth Sachs for their valuable contributions to the forum.

The Chair encouraged all members to note the dates for the Academic Board Forums in 2005.

**Resolution 247/04**

That the Academic Board note the report of the Chair of the Academic Board relating to the Academic Board Forum, as set out in the report presented.

*Action:* Members to note the dates of the Academic Board Forum in 2005.

**5.2.3 Student elections to faculties 2004 (conducted by the faculties)**

Members noted the summary of dates for the election of student members to the faculty boards and were advised that the relevant election material has been circulated to faculties.

Nominations for the student members to the faculty boards had closed on Monday 25 October and the Secretariat was awaiting further advice from the faculties.

**Resolution 248/04**

That the Academic Board note the report of the Chair of the Academic Board relating to student elections to faculties 2004 (conducted by the faculties), as set out in the report presented.

*Action:* Faculties to advise the Secretariat of nominations received for student members to faculty boards.

#### **5.2.4 National Committee of Chairs of Academic Boards/Senates Conference**

The Chair advised that he had attended the National Committee of Chairs of Academic Boards/Senates Conference on 21 -22 October 2004. The conference was hosted by the Australian Catholic University and was held at their St Patrick's Campus in Melbourne and involved 28 delegates from various Australian universities.

##### **Resolution 249/04**

That the Academic Board note the report of the Chair of the Academic Board relating to the National Committee of Chairs of Academic Boards/Senates Conference, as set out in the report presented.

*Action:* No further action required.

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

#### **6.1 Report on Senate matters**

##### **6.1.1 Report of the Senate meeting held on 5 October 2004**

##### **Resolution 250/04**

That the Academic Board note the report of the Vice-Chancellor and Principal on matters considered by Senate at its meeting held on 5 October 2004.

#### **6.2 General report**

The Acting Vice-Chancellor reported on the following general matters:

(1) *Orange/Nursing proposal*

The University and the NTEU had reached an agreement regarding the proposed transfer of placed from Orange and Nursing. This significant development meant that the issue would be taken out of the Industrial Relations Commission (IRC). Consultation would continue between students, staff and the unions and a document reflecting the consultation process would be considered by Senate accordingly.

(2) *University of Sydney Strategic Plan 2006*

A retreat had been held in Terrigal to discuss the University's Strategic Plan for 2006-2010. The Acting Vice-Chancellor thanked members of the Senior Staff who had participated in the Terrigal retreat for their valuable input. A series of reports had been drafted and would be distilled by the Vice-Chancellor, the Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Academic) and the Chief Financial Officer before being integrated into the University Strategic Plan.

Members noted that as well as the standard University Strategic Plan which related to internal operational issues and goals, a shorter version of the strategic plan would be drafted for external use.

The Acting Vice-Chancellor commented that he did not advocate over analysis in strategic planning as external and internal change often outpaced predictions. It was noted that once drafted, the strategic plan would be circulated for comment.

(3) *Degrees and Fees profile 2006*

The Acting Vice-Chancellor advised that the University was starting to examine the degrees and fees profile for 2006 to ensure that students and others could be informed of the fee structures as soon as possible. There were four components to the degree and fee profiles:

- (1) in light of the standardising of credit points the University would need to review the number of degrees on offer and question what the most workable number of degree to offer to remain competitive whilst not creating an unmanageable workload for staff and students;
- (2) with greater uniformity in fee structure across the University there needed to be a clear statement indicating the guidelines and logic behind the structure;
- (3) ancillary fees would be seriously reviewed and advertised in advance; and
- (4) applications from international students had been reduced by between 17%-25% partly due to an increased Australian dollar compared to the Asian market, international uncertainty and an increase in the application fee to discourage frivolous applications.

**Resolution 251/04**

That the Academic Board note the general report of the Vice-Chancellor and Principal.

*Action:* No further action required.

★ 7. **Question time**

The Acting Vice-Chancellor was asked if the reduction in international student applications was due to the increase in student fees. He advised that the feedback concerning international student applications had been mixed and that there was not yet any data to indicate if fees were the major factor.

A question was asked of the Acting Vice-Chancellor about the University's recent discovery of false documentation and why the University's media statement was not still available on the University's website.

The Acting Vice-Chancellor advised that he would take the question on notice and look into whether the media statement was still available on the University's website. He added that the University had put detailed provisions in place to deal with the matter.

**Resolution 252/04**

That the Academic Board note the questions and responses provided.

*Action:* No further action required.

★ 8. **Report of the Deans and Pro Vice-Chancellors (College)**

**8.1 Presentation by the Dean of the Faculty of Economics and Business**

Following Professor P Wolnizer's presentation members were invited to ask questions.

In response to a question regarding the Faculty's ability to attract postgraduate students as well as undergraduate students, Professor Wolnizer advised that the Faculty continued to push for quality candidates by requiring

grade point averages for admission to programs in the pursuit of graduate students from institutions of a similar standard to the University of Sydney's.

Professor Wolnizer was asked if the Faculty had a financial strategy to protect it against the threat of loss of income from a downturn in international student enrolments. In response Professor Wolnizer said that the Faculty had built up a 25% reserve in its budget through careful financial management. The Faculty was also attempting to diversify its profile to continue to attract international and domestic students and was committed to sustaining a high admission standard to ensure quality candidates.

The Chair of the Academic Board thanked Professor Wolnizer for his excellent presentation.

**Resolution 253/04**

That the Academic Board note the presentation of the Dean of the Faculty of Economics and Business.

★ 9. **Reports of Faculties and Boards**

9.1 **Report of the Faculty of Nursing**

9.1.1 **Receipt of report**

**Resolution 254/04**

That the Academic Board receive and note the report of the Faculty of Nursing.

9.1.2 **Semester and vacation dates 2005**

**Resolution 255/04**

That the Academic Board approve the semester and vacation dates for the Faculty of Nursing for the year 2005, as set out in the report presented.

9.2 **Report of the Faculty of Dentistry**

9.2.1 **Receipt of report**

**Resolution 256/04**

That the Academic Board receive and note the report of the Faculty of Dentistry.

9.2.2 **Semester and vacation dates 2005**

**Resolution 257/04**

That the Academic Board approve the semester and vacation dates for the Faculty of Dentistry for the year 2005, as set out in the report presented.

*Action:* No further action required.

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

10.1 **Oral report of the Chair**

The Chair of the Undergraduate Studies Committee, Associate Professor A Masters drew member's attention to the report on Honours Results 2002-2003, which had been drafted in accordance with section 7 of the Academic Board policy *Award with Honours* which provides:

Each Calendar year, faculties shall submit a report to the Academic Board setting out the number and percentages of the various classes of honours and pass students in each award for the year, a comment of how these percentages compare with those of previous years identifying significant trends, a comment on issues arising from the figures and the faculties plans for addressing those issues, and a comment on action taken pursuant to any previous such reports.

On consideration of the data it was noted that in order to abide fully with section 7 of the policy the report should also indicate the number of pass students in each award for the year.

Associate Professor Masters advised that data relating to pass students had already been incorporated into the report but agreed that it was useful to separate this data for comparison.

**Resolution 258/04**

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

**10.2 Report of the meeting held on 7 October 2004**

**10.2.1 Receipt of report**

**Resolution 259/04**

That the Academic Board receive and note the report of the Undergraduate Studies Committee meeting held on 7 October 2004

**10.2.2 Proposals for New and Amended Courses**

**(1) Faculty of Dentistry: Bachelor of Dentistry (Honours)**

**Resolution 260/04**

That the Academic Board:

- (1) recommend that Senate approve
  - (a) the proposal from the Faculty of Dentistry for the introduction of the new course, the Bachelor of Dentistry (Honours); and
  - (b) the amendment of the Resolutions of the Senate relating to the Degrees, Diplomas and Certificates in the Faculty of Dentistry, and
- (2) note the Resolutions of the Faculty of Dentistry relating to the above course, made pursuant to the University of Sydney (Coursework) Rule 2000; and
- (3) approve the faculty requirements relating to admission and the honours degree

with effect from 1 January 2004, as set out in the report presented.

*Action:* Chair of the Academic Board to recommend that Senate approve the new course the Bachelor of Dentistry (Honours) and associated Resolutions of the Senate. Dean and Faculty Manager, Faculty of Dentistry; and Director, Student Centre to note the Academic Board approval of the Faculty requirements relating to the Bachelor of Dentistry (Honours).

**(2) Faculty of Veterinary Sciences: Bachelor of Animal and Veterinary Bioscience**

**Resolution 261/04**

That the Academic Board:

- (1) recommend that Senate approve
  - (a) the proposal from the Faculty of Veterinary Sciences for the introduction of the new course, the Bachelor of Animal and Veterinary Bioscience; and
  - (b) the amendment of the Resolutions of the Senate relating to the Degrees and Diplomas in the Faculty of Veterinary Sciences, and
- (2) note the Resolutions of the Faculty of Veterinary Sciences relating to the above course, made pursuant to the University of Sydney (Coursework) Rule 2000; and
- (3) approve the faculty requirements relating to admission, units of study, the pass degree and the honours degree

with effect from 1 January 2005, as set out in the report presented.

*Action:* Chair of the Academic Board to recommend that Senate approve the new course the Bachelor of Animal and Veterinary Biosciences and associated Resolutions of the Senate. Dean and Faculty Manager, Faculty of Veterinary Sciences; and Director, Student Centre to note the Academic Board approval of the Faculty requirements relating to the Bachelor of Animal and Veterinary Biosciences.

**10.2.3 Award with Honours – Annual Report 2002-2003**

**Resolution 262/04**

That the Academic Board note the annual report on awards with honours for 2002-2003.

*Action:* No further action required.

**10.2.4 Proceedings of the Committee**

**Resolution 263/04**

That the Academic Board note the proceedings of the Undergraduate Studies Committee meeting held on 7 October 2004, as set out in the report presented.

**11. Report of the Graduate Studies Committee**

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**11.1 Oral report of the Chair**

The Chair of the Graduate Studies Committee, Associate Professor R Ross, advised that the Committee had considered and approved 25 new and amended postgraduate courses at its last meeting.

The Chair spoke to two of the proposals; items 11.2.2.2(1) and 11.2.2.4(1) refer.

In response to a question regarding the status of the Australian Postgraduate Awards (APA) and University of Sydney Postgraduate Awards (UPA): Method of Award policy, Associate Professor Ross advised that the matter had been referred back to the Postgraduate Awards Sub-Committee which was drafting a discussion paper for consideration by the Postgraduate

Research Training Sub-Committee, the Research Committee and the Graduate Studies Committee.

The Dean of Graduate Studies reported that the completion rate for scholarship holders after five years was only 55% and that there was an increasing need to address this issue.

The Chair of the Academic Board told members that he wanted to ensure that the matter had been sufficiently debated by both the Graduate Studies Committee and its Sub-Committees and that there had been adequate consultation before it was brought back to the Academic Board for endorsement.

**Resolution 264/04**

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

**11.2 Report of the meeting held on 5 October 2004**

**11.2.1 Receipt of report**

**Resolution 265/04**

That the Academic Board receive and note the report of the Graduate Studies Committee meeting held on 5 October 2004.

**11.2.2 Proposals for new and amended courses**

**11.2.2.1 Faculty of Architecture**

**(1) Doctor of Philosophy (Architecture)**

**Resolution 266/04**

That the Academic Board:

- (1) approve the amendments to the Doctor of Philosophy (Architecture); and
- (2) note the amended Resolutions of the Faculty relating to the Doctor of Philosophy (Architecture)

with effect from 1 January 2005, as set out in the report presented.

*Action:* Dean and Faculty Manager, Faculty of Architecture; and Director, Student Centre to note the Academic Board approval of the Faculty requirements relating to the Doctor of Philosophy (Architecture).

**(2) Master of Philosophy (Architecture)**

**Resolution 267/04**

That the Academic Board:

- (1) approve the amendments to the Master of Philosophy (Architecture);
- (2) recommend that Senate amend the Resolutions of the Senate relating to the Master of Philosophy (Architecture); and
- (3) note the amended Resolutions of the Faculty relating to the Master of Philosophy (Architecture)

with effect from 1 January 2005, as set out in the report presented.

*Action:* Dean and Faculty Manager, Faculty of Architecture; and Director, Student Centre to note the Academic Board approval of the Faculty requirements relating to the Master of Philosophy (Architecture).

#### 11.2.2.2 Faculty of Arts

(1) **Master of Development Studies; Graduate Diploma in Development Studies; and Graduate Certificate in Development Studies**

The Chair of Graduate Studies advised that this proposal encouraged students to study across faculties as well as across colleges with a range of electives offered to prospective students from departments within the faculties of Arts, Economics and Business, Law, Education and Social Work and Medicine.

The proposal is designed as a response to the contemporary recognition that development is a process that has not only economic and political, but social, cultural, legal and linguistic dimensions. The Chair encouraged other faculties interested in developing such a varied masters degree to use this proposal as a model.

#### **Resolution 268/04**

That the Academic Board:

- (1) recommend that Senate:
  - (a) approve the introduction of the new courses, Master of Development Studies; Graduate Diploma in Development Studies; and Graduate Certificate in Development Studies;
  - (b) amend the Resolutions of the Senate relating to Degrees, Diplomas and Certificates in the Faculty of Arts; and
  - (c) adopt the Resolutions of the Senate relating to the Master of Development Studies; Graduate Diploma in Development Studies; and Graduate Certificate in Development Studies;
- (2) note the Resolutions of the Faculty relating to the above courses, made pursuant to the University of Sydney (Coursework) Rule 2000, as amended; and
- (3) approve the faculty requirements relating to admission; units of study; and the award of the award course,

with effect from 1 January 2005, as set out in the report presented.

*Action:* Chair of the Academic Board to recommend that Senate approve the new course the Master of Development Studies; Graduate Diploma in Development Studies; and Graduate Certificate in Development Studies and associated Resolutions of the Senate. Dean and Faculty Manager, Faculty of Arts; and Director, Student Centre to note the Academic Board approval of the Faculty requirements relating to the Master of Development Studies; Graduate Diploma in Development Studies; and Graduate Certificate in Development Studies.

(2) **Master of Strategic Public Relations; Graduate Diploma in Strategic Public Relations; and Graduate Certificate in Strategic Public Relations**

**Resolution 269/04**

That the Academic Board:

- (1) recommend that Senate:
  - (a) approve the introduction of the new courses, Master of Strategic Public Relations; Graduate Diploma in Strategic Public Relations; and Graduate Certificate in Strategic Public Relations;
  - (b) amend the Resolutions of the Senate relating to Degrees, Diplomas and Certificates in the Faculty of Arts; and
  - (c) adopt the Resolutions of the Senate relating to the Master of Strategic Public Relations; Graduate Diploma in Strategic Public Relations; and Graduate Certificate in Strategic Public Relations;
- (2) note the Resolutions of the Faculty relating to the above courses, made pursuant to the University of Sydney (Coursework) Rule 2000, as amended; and
- (3) approve the faculty requirements relating to admission; units of study; and the award of the award course,  
with effect from 1 January 2005, as set out in the report presented.

*Action:* Chair of the Academic Board to recommend that Senate approve the new course the Master of Strategic Public Relations; Graduate Diploma in Strategic Public Relations; and Graduate Certificate in Strategic Public Relations and associated Resolutions of the Senate. Dean and Faculty Manager, Faculty of Arts; and Director, Student Centre to note the Academic Board approval of the Faculty requirements relating to the Master of Strategic Public Relations; Graduate Diploma in Strategic Public Relations; and Graduate Certificate in Strategic Public Relations

(3) **Master of Letters; Master of Arts; Graduate Diploma in Arts; and Graduate Certificate in Arts: Ancient World Studies**

**Resolution 270/04**

That the Academic Board:

- (1) approve the introduction of the new subject area, Ancient World Studies, for the Master of Letters; Master of Arts; Graduate Diploma in Arts; and Graduate Certificate in Art; and
- (2) note the amended Resolutions of the Faculty relating to the Master of Arts
- (3) recommend that Senate approve the amendment of the Senate Resolutions relating to the Master of Letters Graduate Diploma in Arts; and Graduate Certificate in Art

with effect from 1 January 2005, as set out in the report presented.

*Action:* Chair of the Academic Board to recommend that Senate approve the new courses the Master of Letters; Master of Arts; Graduate Diploma in Arts; and Graduate Certificate in Arts: Ancient World Studies and associated Resolutions of the Senate. Dean and Faculty Manager, Faculty of Arts; and Director, Student Centre to note the Academic Board approval of the Faculty requirements relating to the Master of Letters; Master of Arts; Graduate Diploma in Arts; and Graduate Certificate in Arts: Ancient World Studies.

(4) **Faculty of Arts: Graduate Certificate in Arts (Anthropology)**

**Resolution 271/04**

That the Academic Board:

- (1) approve the introduction of the new subject area, Anthropology, for the Graduate Certificate in Arts;
- (2) note the amended Resolutions of the Faculty relating to the Graduate Certificate in Arts,

with effect from 1 January 2005, as set out in the report presented.

*Action:* Chair of the Academic Board to recommend that Senate approve the new course the Graduate Certificate in Arts (Anthropology) and associated Resolutions of the Senate. Dean and Faculty Manager, Faculty of Arts; and Director, Student Centre to note the Academic Board approval of the Faculty requirements relating to the Graduate Certificate in Arts (Anthropology).

(5) **Master of Philosophy; and Master of Letters: Peace and Conflict Studies**

**Resolution 272/04**

That the Academic Board:

- (1) approve the introduction of the new subject area, Peace and Conflict Studies, for the Master of Philosophy, and Master of Letters; and
  - (2) recommend that Senate amend the Resolutions of the Senate relating to the Master of Philosophy and Master of Letters;
- with effect from 1 January 2005, as set out in the report presented.

*Action:* Chair of the Academic Board to recommend that Senate approve the new courses the Master of Philosophy; and Master of Letters: Peace and Conflict Studies and associated Resolutions of the Senate. Dean and Faculty Manager, Faculty of Arts; and Director, Student Centre to note the Academic Board approval of the Faculty requirements relating to the Master of Philosophy; and Master of Letters: Peace and Conflict Studies.

**11.2.2.3 Faculty of Dentistry: Master of Dental Science (Prosthodontics); Graduate Diploma in Clinical Dentistry (Restorative); and Graduate Certificate in Clinical Dentistry (Restorative)**

**Resolution 273/04**

That the Academic Board:

- (1) recommend that Senate:
    - (a) approve the introduction of the new courses, Graduate Diploma in Clinical Dentistry (Restorative); and Graduate Certificate in Clinical Dentistry (Restorative);
    - (b) amend the Resolutions of the Senate relating to Degrees, Diplomas and Certificates in the Faculty of Dentistry; and
    - (c) amend the Resolutions of the Senate relating to the Master of Dental Science; and
    - (d) adopt the Resolutions of the Senate relating to the Graduate Diploma in Clinical Dentistry (Restorative); and Graduate Certificate in Clinical Dentistry (Restorative);
  - (2) note the Resolutions of the Faculty relating to the above courses, made pursuant to the University of Sydney (Coursework) Rule 2000, as amended; and
  - (3) approve the faculty requirements relating to admission; units of study; and the award of the award course,
- with effect from 1 January 2005, as set out in the report presented.

*Action:* Chair of the Academic Board to recommend that Senate approve the new courses the Master of Dental Science (Prosthodontics); Graduate Diploma in Clinical Dentistry (Restorative); and Graduate Certificate in Clinical Dentistry (Restorative) and associated Resolutions of the Senate. Dean and Faculty Manager, Faculty of Dentistry; and Director, Student Centre to note the Academic Board approval of the Faculty requirements relating to the Master of Dental Science (Prosthodontics); Graduate Diploma in Clinical Dentistry (Restorative); and Graduate Certificate in Clinical Dentistry (Restorative).

#### 11.2.2.4 Faculty of Economics and Business

##### (1) **Master of Economics; and Graduate Diploma in Economics**

The Chair of Graduate Studies advised that there had been a typographical error in the proposal; the name of the new major was Financial Economics not Financial Economic Science.

##### **Resolution 274/04**

That the Academic Board:

- (1) approve the amendments to the Master of Economics;
- (2) approve the introduction of the new major, Financial Economics;
- (3) approve the amendments to the Graduate Diploma in Economics;
- (4) recommend that Senate:
  - (a) rescind the Resolutions of the Senate relating to the Master of Economics; and the Graduate Diploma in Economics;
  - (b) adopt the new Resolutions of the Senate relating to the Master of Economics; and the Graduate Diploma in Economics, made pursuant to the University of Sydney (Coursework) Rule 2000, as amended;
- (5) note the Resolutions of the Faculty relating to the above courses, made pursuant to the University of Sydney (Coursework) Rule 2000, as amended; and
- (6) approve the faculty requirements relating to admission; units of study; and the award of the award course,

with effect from 1 January 2005, as set out in the report presented.

*Action:* Chair of the Academic Board to recommend that Senate approve the new course the Master of Economics; and Graduate Diploma in Economics and associated Resolutions of the Senate. Dean and Faculty Manager, Faculty of Economics and Business; and Director, Student Centre to note the Academic Board approval of the Faculty requirements relating to the Master of Economics; and Graduate Diploma in Economics.

##### (2) **Master of Commerce Quantitative Finance**

##### **Resolution 275/04**

That the Academic Board:

- (1) approve the introduction of the new subject area, Quantitative Finance, in the Master of Commerce; and
  - (2) recommend that Senate amend the Resolutions of the Senate relating to the Master of Commerce,
- with effect from 1 January 2005, as set out in the report presented.

*Action:* Dean and Faculty Manager, Faculty of Economics and Business; and Director, Student Centre to note the Academic Board approval of the Faculty requirements relating to the Master of Commerce Quantitative Finance.

#### **11.2.2.5 Faculty of Education and Social Work**

##### **(1) Master of Education (Coach Education)**

###### **Resolution 276/04**

That the Academic Board:

- (1) approve the proposal from the Faculty of Education and Social Work to amend the Master of Education;
- (2) recommend that Senate:
  - (a) approve the amendment of the Resolutions of the Senate relating to the Degrees and Diplomas in the Faculty of Education and Social Work, and
  - (b) adopt the new Resolutions of the Senate for the course, made pursuant to the University of Sydney (Coursework) Rule 2000; and,
  - (c) rescind the current Resolutions of the Senate relating to the course;
- (2) note the Resolutions of the Faculty relating to the course, made pursuant to the University of Sydney (Coursework) Rule 2000;
- (3) approve the faculty requirements relating to the award of the Master degree, admission and units of study for the course

with effect from 1 January 2005, as set out in the report presented.

*Action:* Chair of the Academic Board to recommend that Senate approve the new course the Master of Education (Coach Education) and associated Resolutions of the Senate. Dean and Faculty Manager, Faculty of Education and Social Work; and Director, Student Centre to note the Academic Board approval of the Faculty requirements relating to the Master of Education (Coach Education).

##### **(2) Master of Education (Human Movement); Graduate Diploma in Educational Studies (Human Movement); and Graduate Certificate in Educational Studies (Human Movement)**

###### **Resolution 277/04**

That the Academic Board:

- (1) approve the proposal from the Faculty of Education and Social Work to amend the Graduate Diploma and Graduate Certificate of Educational Studies;
- (2) recommend that Senate:
  - (a) approve the amendment of the Resolutions of the Senate relating to the Degrees and Diplomas in the Faculty of Education and Social Work, and

- (b) adopt the new Resolutions of the Senate for these courses, made pursuant to the University of Sydney (Coursework) Rule 2000; and,
- (c) rescind the current Resolutions of the Senate relating to these courses;
- (3) note the Resolutions of the Faculty relating to these courses, made pursuant to the University of Sydney (Coursework) Rule 2000;
- (4) approve the faculty requirements relating to the award of the Graduate Diploma and Graduate Certificate, admission and units of study for the course

with effect from 1 January 2005, as set out in the report presented.

*Action:* Chair of the Academic Board to recommend that Senate approve the new course Master of Education (Human Movement); Graduate Diploma in Educational Studies (Human Movement); and Graduate Certificate in Educational Studies (Human Movement) and associated Resolutions of the Senate. Dean and Faculty Manager, Faculty of Education and Social Work; and Director, Student Centre to note the Academic Board approval of the Faculty requirements relating to the Master of Education (Human Movement); Graduate Diploma in Educational Studies (Human Movement); and Graduate Certificate in Educational Studies (Human Movement).

**(3) Master of Teaching; Bachelor of Teaching; and Graduate Diploma in Professional Studies (Education)**

**Resolution 278/04**

That the Academic Board:

- (1) approve the amendments to the Master of Teaching; and Bachelor of Teaching;
- (2) recommend that Senate:
  - (a) approve the introduction of the new course, Graduate Diploma in Professional Studies (Education);
  - (b) amend the Resolutions of the Senate relating to Degrees, Diplomas and Certificates in the Faculty of Education; and
  - (c) rescind the Resolutions of the Senate relating to the Master of Teaching; and Bachelor of Teaching
  - (d) adopt the new Resolutions of the Senate relating to the Master of Teaching; Bachelor of Teaching; and Graduate Diploma in Professional Studies (Education), made pursuant to the University of Sydney (Coursework) Rule 2000, as amended;
- (3) note the Resolutions of the Faculty relating to the above courses, made pursuant to the University of Sydney (Coursework) Rule 2000, as amended; and

- (4) approve the faculty requirements relating to admission; units of study; and the award of the award course,

with effect from 1 January 2005, as set out in the report presented.

*Action:* Chair of the Academic Board to recommend that Senate approve the new course Master of Teaching; Bachelor of Teaching; and Graduate Diploma in Professional Studies (Education) and associated Resolutions of the Senate. Dean and Faculty Manager, Faculty of Education and Social Work; and Director, Student Centre to note the Academic Board approval of the Faculty requirements relating to the Master of Teaching; Bachelor of Teaching; and Graduate Diploma in Professional Studies (Education).

**(4) Master of Education (Research)**

**Resolution 279/04**

That the Academic Board:

- (1) recommend that Senate:
  - (a) approve the introduction of the new master level award course, Master of Education (Research);
  - (b) amend the Resolutions of the Senate relating to the Degrees, Diplomas and Certificates in the Faculty of Education and Social Work, and
  - (c) adopt the new Resolutions of the Senate relating to the Master of Education (Research), and
- (2) approve the faculty requirements relating to admission, units of study, the pass degree, and award of the degree,  
with effect from 1 January 2005, as set out in the report presented.

*Action:* Chair of the Academic Board to recommend that Senate approve the new course Master of Education (Research) and associated Resolutions of the Senate. Dean and Faculty Manager, Faculty of Education and Social Work; and Director, Student Centre to note the Academic Board approval of the Faculty requirements relating to the Master of Education (Research).

**11.2.2.6 Faculty of Law**

**(1) Graduate Diploma in Public Health Law**

**Resolution 280/04**

That the Academic Board recommend that Senate:

- (1) approve the introduction of the new course, Graduate Diploma in Public Health Law;

- (2) amend the Resolutions of the Senate relating to Degrees, Diplomas and Certificates in the Faculty of Law; and
  - (3) amend the Resolutions of the Senate relating to Master's Degrees and Graduate Diplomas in the Faculty of Law,
- with effect from 1 January 2005, as set out in the report presented.

*Action:* Chair of the Academic Board to recommend that Senate approve the new course Graduate Diploma in Public Health Law and associated Resolutions of the Senate. Dean and Faculty Manager, Faculty of Law; and Director, Student Centre to note the Academic Board approval of the Faculty requirements relating to the Graduate Diploma in Public Health Law.

(2) **Faculty of Law: Master's coursework degrees and Graduate Diplomas**

**Resolution 281/04**

That the Academic Board recommend that Senate approve the amendment of the Resolutions of the Senate relating to Master's degrees and Graduate Diplomas in the Faculty of Law, with effect from 1 January 2004, as set out in the report presented.

*Action:* Dean and Faculty Manager, Faculty of Law; and Director, Student Centre to note the Academic Board approval of the Faculty requirements relating to the Faculty of Law: Master's coursework degrees and Graduate Diplomas.

**11.2.2.7 Faculty of Medicine**

(1) **Master of Public Health (Honours); and Master of International Public Health (Honours)**

**Resolution 281/04**

That the Academic Board:

- (1) approve amendments to the Master of Public Health (Honours); and Master of International Public Health (Honours); and
- (2) recommend that Senate amend the Resolutions of the Senate relating to the Master of Public Health (Honours); and Master of International Public Health (Honours),

with effect from 1 January 2005, as set out in the report presented.

*Action:* Chair of the Academic Board to recommend that Senate approve the new course Master of Public Health (Honours); and Master of International Public Health (Honours) and associated Resolutions of the Senate. Dean and Faculty Manager, Faculty of Medicine; and Director, Student Centre to note the Academic Board approval of the Faculty requirements relating to the Master of Public Health

(Honours); and Master of International Public Health (Honours).

(2) **Master of Health Policy; Graduate Diploma in Health Policy; and Graduate Certificate in Health Policy**

**Resolution 282/04**

That the Academic Board recommend that Senate:

- (1) approve the introduction of the new courses, Master of Health Policy; Graduate Diploma in Health Policy; and Graduate Certificate in Health Policy;
- (2) amend the Resolutions of the Senate relating to Degrees, Diplomas and Certificates in the Faculty of Medicine; and
- (3) adopt the new Resolutions of the Senate relating to the Master of Health Policy; Graduate Diploma in Health Policy; and Graduate Certificate in Health Policy,

with effect from 1 January 2005, as set out in the report presented.

*Action:* Chair of the Academic Board to recommend that Senate approve the new course Master of Health Policy; Graduate Diploma in Health Policy; and Graduate Certificate in Health Policy and associated Resolutions of the Senate. Dean and Faculty Manager, Faculty of Medicine; and Director, Student Centre to note the Academic Board approval of the Faculty requirements relating to the Master of Health Policy; Graduate Diploma in Health Policy; and Graduate Certificate in Health Policy.

**11.2.2.8 Faculty of Science**

(1) **Graduate Diploma in Applied Science; and Graduate Certificate in Applied Science: Informatics and Communication; Photonics; and Surface Coatings**

**Resolution 283/04**

That the Academic Board:

- (1) approve the cessation of the subject areas, Informatics and Communication; Photonics; and Surface Coatings in the Graduate Diploma in Applied Science; and Graduate Certificate in Applied Science; and
- (2) recommend that Senate amend the Resolutions of the Senate relating to the Graduate Diploma in Applied Science; and Graduate Certificate in Applied Science,

with effect from 1 January 2005, as set out in the report presented.

*Action:* Chair of the Academic Board to recommend that Senate approve amended resolutions of the Senate relating to the Graduate Diploma in Applied Science; and Graduate Certificate in Applied Science: Informatics and Communication; Photonics; and Surface Coatings and associated Resolutions of the

Senate. Dean and Faculty Manager, Faculty of Science; and Director, Student Centre to note the Academic Board approval of cessation of the subject areas, Informatics and Communication; Photonics; and Surface Coatings in the Graduate Diploma in Applied Science; and Graduate Certificate in Applied Science.

(2) **Master of Quantitative Marine Ecology; Graduate Diploma in Quantitative Marine Ecology; and Graduate Certificate in Quantitative Marine Ecology**

**Resolution 284/04**

That the Academic Board:

- (1) approve the cessation of the Master of Quantitative Marine Ecology; Graduate Diploma in Quantitative Marine Ecology; and Graduate Certificate in Quantitative Marine Ecology;
- (2) recommend that Senate rescind the Resolutions of the Senate relating to the Master of Quantitative Marine Ecology; Graduate Diploma in Quantitative Marine Ecology; and Graduate Certificate in Quantitative Marine Ecology; and
- (3) recommend that Senate amend the Resolutions of the Senate relating to Degrees, Diplomas and Certificates in the Faculty of Science;

with effect from 1 January 2005, as set out in the report presented.

*Action:* Chair of the Academic Board to recommend that Senate approve amended resolutions of the Senate relating to Master of Quantitative Marine Ecology; Graduate Diploma in Quantitative Marine Ecology; and Graduate Certificate in Quantitative Marine Ecology and associated Resolutions of the Senate. Dean and Faculty Manager, Faculty of Science; and Director, Student Centre to note the Academic Board approval of cessation of the Master of Quantitative Marine Ecology; Graduate Diploma in Quantitative Marine Ecology; and Graduate Certificate in Quantitative Marine Ecology.

(3) **Doctor of Clinical Psychology/Master of Science; and Doctor of Clinical Neuropsychology/Master of Science**

**Resolution 285/04**

That the Academic Board:

- (1) approve the amendments to the Doctor of Clinical Psychology/Master of Science; and Doctor of Clinical Neuropsychology/Master of Science; and
- (2) recommend that Senate amend the Resolutions of the Senate relating to the Doctor of Clinical Psychology/Master of Science; and Doctor of Clinical Neuropsychology/Master of Science,

with effect from 1 January 2005, as set out in the report presented.

*Action:* Chair of the Academic Board to recommend that Senate approve the new course Doctor of Clinical Psychology/Master of Science; and Doctor of Clinical Neuropsychology/Master of Science and associated Resolutions of the Senate. Dean and Faculty Manager, Faculty of Science; and Director, Student Centre to note the Academic Board approval of the Faculty requirements relating to the Doctor of Clinical Psychology/Master of Science; and Doctor of Clinical Neuropsychology/Master of Science.

#### **11.2.2.9 Faculty of Rural Management**

##### **(1) Doctor of Sustainable Agriculture**

###### **Resolution 286/04**

That the Academic Board:

- (1) recommend that Senate:
  - (a) approve the introduction of the new course, Doctor of Sustainable Agriculture;
  - (b) amend the Resolutions of the Senate relating to Degrees, Diplomas and Certificates in the Faculty of Rural Management; and
  - (c) adopt the Resolutions of the Senate relating to the Doctor of Sustainable Agriculture; and
- (2) note the amendment of the Resolutions of the Faculty relating to the Doctor of Sustainable Agriculture, Master of Sustainable Agriculture, Graduate Diploma in Sustainable Agriculture, and Graduate Certificate in Sustainable Agriculture, with effect from 1 January 2005, as set out in the report presented.

*Action:* Chair of the Academic Board to recommend that Senate approve the new course Doctor of Sustainable Agriculture and associated Resolutions of the Senate. Dean and Faculty Manager, Faculty of Rural Management; and Director, Student Centre to note the Academic Board approval of the Faculty requirements relating to the Doctor of Sustainable Agriculture.

##### **(2) Master of Sustainable Landscape Management; Graduate Diploma in Sustainable Landscape Management; and Graduate Certificate in Sustainable Landscape Management**

###### **Resolution 287/04**

That the Academic Board:

- (1) recommend that Senate:
  - (a) approve the introduction of the new courses, Master of Sustainable Landscape Management; Graduate Diploma in Sustainable Landscape Management; and Graduate Certificate in Sustainable Landscape Management;

- (b) amend the Resolutions of the Senate relating to Degrees, Diplomas and Certificates in the Faculty of Rural Management; and
  - (c) adopt the Resolutions of the Senate relating to the Master of Sustainable Landscape Management; Graduate Diploma in Sustainable Landscape Management; and Graduate Certificate in Sustainable Landscape Management;
- (2) note the Resolutions of the Faculty relating to the above courses, made pursuant to the University of Sydney (Coursework) Rule 2000, as amended; and
  - (3) approve the faculty requirements relating to admission; units of study; and the award of the award course,
- with effect from 1 January 2005, as set out in the report presented.

*Action:* Chair of the Academic Board to recommend that Senate approve the new course Master of Sustainable Landscape Management; Graduate Diploma in Sustainable Landscape Management; and Graduate Certificate in Sustainable Landscape Management and associated Resolutions of the Senate. Dean and Faculty Manager, Faculty of Rural Management; and Director, Student Centre to note the Academic Board approval of the Faculty requirements relating to the Master of Sustainable Landscape Management; Graduate Diploma in Sustainable Landscape Management; and Graduate Certificate in Sustainable Landscape Management.

#### **11.2.2.10 Sydney Conservatorium of Music**

- (1) **Master of Music Studies (Pedagogy); Graduate Diploma in Music (Pedagogy); and Graduate Certificate in Music (Pedagogy)**

##### **Resolution 288/04**

That the Academic Board:

- (1) recommend that Senate:
  - (a) approve the introduction of the new courses, Master of Music Studies (Pedagogy); Graduate Diploma in Music (Pedagogy); and Graduate Certificate in Music (Pedagogy);
  - (b) amend the Resolutions of the Senate relating to Degrees, Diplomas and Certificates in the Sydney Conservatorium of Music; and
  - (c) adopt the Resolutions of the Senate relating to the Master of Music Studies (Pedagogy); Graduate Diploma in Music (Pedagogy); and Graduate Certificate in Music (Pedagogy), made pursuant to the University of Sydney (Coursework) Rule 2000, as amended;
- (2) note the Resolutions of the Faculty relating to the above courses, made pursuant to the University of Sydney (Coursework) Rule 2000, as amended; and

- (3) approve the faculty requirements relating to admission; units of study; and the award of the award course,

with effect from 1 January 2005, as set out in the report presented.

*Action:* Chair of the Academic Board to recommend that Senate approve the new course Master of Music Studies (Pedagogy); Graduate Diploma in Music (Pedagogy); and Graduate Certificate in Music (Pedagogy) and associated Resolutions of the Senate. Dean and Faculty Manager, Sydney Conservatorium of Music; and Director, Student Centre to note the Academic Board approval of the Faculty requirements relating to the Master of Music Studies (Pedagogy); Graduate Diploma in Music (Pedagogy); and Graduate Certificate in Music (Pedagogy).

- (2) **Master of Music Studies (Creative Sound Production); Graduate Diploma in Music (Creative Sound Production); and Graduate Certificate in Music (Creative Sound Production)**

**Resolution 289/04**

That the Academic Board:

- (1) recommend that Senate:
  - (a) approve the introduction of the new courses, Master of Music Studies (Creative Sound Production); Graduate Diploma in Music (Creative Sound Production); and Graduate Certificate in Music (Creative Sound Production);
  - (b) amend the Resolutions of the Senate relating to Degrees, Diplomas and Certificates in the Sydney Conservatorium of Music; and
  - (c) adopt the Resolutions of the Senate relating to the Master of Music Studies (Creative Sound Production); Graduate Diploma in Music (Creative Sound Production); and Graduate Certificate in Music (Creative Sound Production), made pursuant to the University of Sydney (Coursework) Rule 2000, as amended;
- (2) note the Resolutions of the Faculty relating to the above courses, made pursuant to the University of Sydney (Coursework) Rule 2000, as amended; and
- (3) approve the faculty requirements relating to admission; units of study; and the award of the award course,

with effect from 1 January 2005, as set out in the report presented.

*Action:* Chair of the Academic Board to recommend that Senate approve the new course Master of Music Studies (Creative Sound Production); Graduate Diploma in Music (Creative Sound Production); and

Graduate Certificate in Music (Creative Sound Production) and associated Resolutions of the Senate. Dean and Faculty Manager, Sydney Conservatorium of Music; and Director, Student Centre to note the Academic Board approval of the Faculty requirements relating to the Master of Music Studies (Creative Sound Production); Graduate Diploma in Music (Creative Sound Production); and Graduate Certificate in Music (Creative Sound Production).

### **11.2.3 Proceedings of the Committee**

#### **Resolution 290/04**

That the Academic Board note the proceedings of the Graduate Studies Committee meeting held on 5 October 2004, as set out in the report presented.

## **12. Report of the Teaching and Learning Committee**

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### **12.1 Oral report of the Chair**

The Chair of the Teaching and Learning Committee, Professor B Reid advised that the executive summary for the Academic Board Review of the Faculty of Architecture was included in the Teaching and Learning report presented and encouraged members to read the report available on the Teaching and Learning website at:

[http://www.usyd.edu.au/ab/committees/teach\\_learn/index.shtml](http://www.usyd.edu.au/ab/committees/teach_learn/index.shtml)

#### **Resolution 291/04**

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

### **12.2 Report of the meeting held on**

#### **12.2.1 Receipt of report**

#### **Resolution 292/04**

That the Academic Board receive and note the report of the Teaching and Learning Committee meeting held on 14 October 2004.

#### **12.2.2 Academic Board Faculty Review Visits**

#### **Resolution 293/04**

That the Academic Board note the Final Report and Recommendations from the Academic Board Visit to the Faculty of Architecture.

#### **12.2.3 Academic Board Reviews: Analysis of Phase One Reviews**

#### **Resolution 294/04**

That the Academic Board note the analysis of Phase One Reviews of Faculties, as set out in the report presented.

#### **12.2.4 Proceedings of the Committee**

#### **Resolution 295/04**

That the Academic Board note the proceedings of the Teaching and Learning Committee meeting held on 14 October 2004, as set out in the report presented.

*Action:* No further action required.

★ **13. Report of the Research Committee**  
**13.1 Oral report of the Chair**

**Resolution 296/04**

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

**13.2 Report of the meeting held on 22 September 2004**

**13.2.1 Receipt of report**

**Resolution 297/04**

That the Academic Board receive and note the report of the Research Committee meeting held on 22 September 2004.

**13.2.2 Proceedings of the Committee**

**Resolution 298/04**

That the Academic Board note the proceedings of the Research Committee meeting held on 22 September 2004 as set out in the report presented.

*Action:* No further action required.

**14. General Business**

**14.1 Report on the Promotion of Academic Staff from Level B to Level C**

The Academic Board noted and congratulated those academic staff promoted from Level B to Level C.

The Acting Vice-Chancellor noted that the selection process was a demanding and meticulous job and he thanked those members on the Selection Committee for their time and effort.

**Resolution 299/04**

That the Academic Board note the report on the promotion of academic staff from Level B to Level C, as set out in the report presented.

*Action:* No further action required.

**14.2 Academic Board Meeting Schedule 2005**

The Academic Board approved the dates for 2005 meetings:

Academic Board:

<b>Meeting date</b>	<b>Provision for deferred meeting</b>
2 February	9 February
16 March	23 March
4 May	11 May
15 June	22 June
10 August	17 August
21 September	28 September
2 November	9 November
14 December	21 December

Academic Board Forum

Semester	Date
Semester 1	13 April
Semester 2	19 October

**Resolution 300/04**

That the Academic Board adopt the meeting schedule for the year 2005, as set out in the report presented.

*Action:* Academic Board Officer to distribute Academic Board Meeting Schedule 2005.

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**14.3 Christmas drinks**

The Chair of the Academic Board invited members to join him for Christmas cake and Champagne after the last meeting of the Academic Board on 8 December.

**Resolution 301/04**

That the Academic Board note the invitation to Christmas Drinks, as set out in the report presented.

*Action:* Academic Board Officer to circulate invitations to Academic Board members.

The meeting closed at 3.30

Signed as a correct record

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Chair

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Date