



Academic Board Agenda

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SUPPLEMENTARY AGENDA

In addition to the agenda distributed on Friday 22 July, the following supplementary agenda with report from the Graduate Studies Committee is submitted to members for their urgent attention. A supplementary response sheet will be distributed with this agenda and should be forwarded to Megan Kemmis at the above address by **4.00pm, Friday 29 July 2005**.

Enquiries concerning this agenda may also be directed to Ms Kemmis.

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Registrar

26 July 2005

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 - (iii) *approve the faculty requirements relating to the pass and honours degrees;*
- with effect from 1 January 2006, as set out in the report presented.*

AGENDA ITEM 2 Report of the Graduate Studies Committee

2.1 Report of the Graduate Studies Committee meeting held on Monday 27 June 2005

The Committee met on Monday, 27 June 2005 when there were present: the Chair (Associate Professor A Masters) presiding; the Secretary Mr M Smith; **Members:** Professors M Behnia, Associate Professors B Buckley, D Coleman, A McLachlan (representing Professor J Christodoulou), W Julian, R Magnusson, and N Weber, Drs J Bobis, M Boughton, P Dunbar-Hall, M Govendir and B Singh.

2.1.2 Proposals for new and amended postgraduate courses

2.1.2.8 Faculty of Nursing and Midwifery

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On the recommendation of the Faculty of Nursing and Midwifery, the Graduate Studies Committee recommends that the Academic Board approve and recommend that Senate endorse the introduction of the Master of Nursing Research; Master of Nursing Research (Honours); Master of Midwifery Research and Master of Midwifery Research (Honours), with effect from 1 January 2006.

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Amendment of the Resolutions of the Senate

Resolutions of the Senate

Faculty of Nursing and Midwifery

The Resolutions of the Senate relating to the Degrees, Diplomas and Certificates in the Faculty of Nursing and Midwifery (pp 343, *Calendar 2005*) are amended, with effect from 1 January 2006, as follows (additions indicated by underline, deletions indicated by strikethrough):

DEGREES, DIPLOMAS AND CERTIFICATES IN THE FACULTY OF NURSING AND MIDWIFERY

1. The degrees in the Faculty of Nursing and Midwifery shall be:
 - (a) Bachelor of Nursing (BN)
 - (b) Bachelor of Nursing (Honours) (BN Hons)
 - (c) Bachelor of Nursing (Indigenous Australian Health) (BN (IAH))
 - (c) Master of Cancer Nursing (MCaN)
 - (d) Master of Cancer Nursing (Honours) (MCaN (Hons))
 - (e) Master of Clinical Education (MClinEd)
 - (f) Master of Clinical Education (Honours) (MClinEd (Hons))
 - (g) Master of Clinical Nursing (MClinN)
 - (h) Master of Clinical Nursing (Honours) (MClinN (Hons))
 - (i) Master of Emergency Nursing (MEmergN)
 - (j) Master of Emergency Nursing (Honours) (MEmergN (Hons))
 - (k) Master of Gerontic Nursing (MGerN)
 - (l) Master of Gerontic Nursing (Honours) (MGerN (Hons))
 - (m) Master of Intensive Care Nursing (MIntCarN)
 - (n) Master of Intensive Care Nursing (Honours) (MIntCarN (Hons))
 - (o) Master of Mental Health Nursing (MMHlthN)
 - (p) Master of Mental Health Nursing Honours (MMHlthN (Hons))
 - ~~(qq)~~ Master of Midwifery (MMid)
 - (r) Master of Midwifery Research (MMidRes)
 - (s) Master of Midwifery Research (Honours) (MMidRes (Hons))
 - (t) Master of Nursing (MN)
 - ~~(ef)~~ Master of Nursing (MN)
 - (fu) Master of Nursing (Honours) (MN (Hons))
 - (v) Master of Nursing Research (MNRes)
 - (w) Master of Nursing Research (Honours) (MNRes (Hons))
 - ~~(hx)~~ Master of Philosophy (Nursing) (MPhil(Nurs))
 - ~~(iy)~~ Doctor of Philosophy (PhD)
2. The diplomas in the Faculty of Nursing and Midwifery shall be:
 - (a) Graduate Diploma in Midwifery (GradDipMid)
 - (b) Graduate Diploma in Nursing (GradDipN)
3. The certificates in the Faculty of Nursing and Midwifery shall be:
 - ~~(a) Graduate Certificate in Nursing (GradCertN)~~
 - (a) Graduate Certificate in Cancer Nursing (GradCertCaN)
 - (b) Graduate Certificate in Clinical Education (GradCertClinEd)
 - (c) Graduate Certificate in Clinical Nursing (GradCertClinN)
 - (d) Graduate Certificate in Emergency Nursing (GradCertEmergN)
 - (e) Graduate Certificate in Gerontic Nursing (GradCertGerN)
 - (f) Graduate Certificate in Intensive Care Nursing (GradCertIntCareN)
 - (g) Graduate Certificate in Mental Health Nursing (GradCertMHlthN)

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Faculty of Nursing and Midwifery

The Resolutions of the Senate relating to the Master of Midwifery Research and the Master of Nursing Research in the Faculty of Nursing and Midwifery are to be inserted, with effect from 1 January 2006 as follows:

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1. These Resolutions must be read in conjunction with the *University of Sydney (Coursework) Rule 2000*, which sets out the requirements for all coursework courses, and the relevant Faculty Resolutions.

2. **Requirements for the degree**

To qualify for the award of the Master of Midwifery Research a student must:

- (1) complete successfully units of study giving credit for a minimum total of 72 credit points; and
- (2) satisfy the requirements of all other relevant By-Laws, Rules and Resolutions of the University.

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The Resolutions of the Faculty of Nursing and Midwifery are amended, with effect from 1 January 2006, to insert the following new resolutions:

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Section 1

2. Admission

- (1) Applicants for admission to candidature for the Master of Midwifery Research, shall:
 - (a) be graduates of the University of Sydney holding a Graduate Diploma in Midwifery and a bachelor's degree in a relevant field, or other equivalent award; or
 - (b) be graduates of other universities or other appropriate institutions who hold qualifications equivalent to those specified in (1)(a); or
 - (c) be certified or eligible to be certified to practise midwifery in an Australian state or territory;
 - (d) in relation to qualifications not awarded in Australia, meet minimum standards, as specified by the Faculty of Nursing and Midwifery, of:
 - (i) written and verbal English language competence and interpersonal communication; and
 - (ii) numeracy.
- (2) Candidates who do not meet the above criteria may be admitted by the Dean of Nursing and Midwifery.
- (3) Applicants with qualifications gained in a country other than Australia will be assessed on the equivalence of their qualifications to Australian standards.
- (4) The candidature may be accepted by the Faculty on a probationary basis for a period not exceeding twelve months, and on the completion of this probationary period, the Faculty shall review the candidate's work and shall either confirm or terminate the candidature.

3. Units of study

Refer to attached table

4. Requirements for the degree

- (1) To qualify for the award of the degree:
 - (a) candidates shall complete a minimum of 72 credit points and include a prescribed pattern of study of 36 credit points approved by the Faculty
 - (b) satisfy the requirements of all other relevant By-Laws, Rules and Resolutions of the University and Faculty;
- (2) The requirements of the award must be completed within a maximum of six calendar years for a student required to complete 72 credit points inclusive of periods of suspension or and/or exclusion from candidature and pro rata for fewer credit point requirements.
- (3) Students are required to attend classes as prescribed by the Faculty.
- (4) A candidate who ceases to be in good standing with the nurses and midwives registration authorities may be asked to show good cause as to why they should be allowed to continue the degree.

5. Requirements for the honours degree

- (1) A candidate for the degree may be given permission to undertake a pattern of study leading to the award of the degree with Honours.
- (2) To become eligible for the Honours pattern, a candidate must:

- (a) have completed 36 credit points toward the degree; and
 - (b) have a achieved WAM of 70; and
 - (c) have shown aptitude to undertake original work; and
 - (d) have an appropriate topic in this field approved by the Faculty.
- (3) Undertake a supervised 24 credit point thesis in a topic approved by the Faculty and to complete this work in a maximum period approved by the Faculty.
- (4) There shall be two classes of Honours awarded, namely Class I, Class II, and within Class II there shall be two divisions, namely Division I and Division 2.
- (5) The Honours grade will be reported in percentages and the grades for the award shall be:

First Class	80 – 100
Second Class: Division 1	75 – 79
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Section 2

6. Details of units of study

Attached.

7. Enrolment in more/less than the minimum load

- (1) Candidates who have a shown significant academic ability may, at the discretion of the Dean, be allowed to undertake more than the prescribed 24 credit points per semester.
- (2) Candidates who can demonstrate good reason as to why they should be allowed to undertake less than 12 credit points in any one semester may, at the discretion of the Dean, be permitted to do so.

8. Cross Institutional study

- (1) Credit granted on the basis of work completed at another university or institution as part of a program of cross-institutional study may not exceed 24 credit points.

9. Restrictions on enrolment

- (1) In considering an application for admission to candidature the Faculty will select in preference applicants who are most meritorious in terms of the admission criteria.
- (2) The enrolment of candidates in units of study shall be limited by the exigencies of the timetable.
- (3) The applicant must demonstrate, to the satisfaction of the Faculty, that during the candidature the student will be able to complete clinical and field experience required for the course.

10. Discontinuation of enrolment

- (1) A student who has discontinued candidature or whose candidature is deemed to have lapsed must apply for re-admission in accordance with the current procedures for new applicants to the degree.

11. Suspension of enrolment

- (1) Suspension of candidature is only applicable in cases of hardship or activities on the part of the student that are of national or state importance/are of a significant nature.
- (2) Examples of hardship may be illness or financial difficulties. Activities of a significant nature may be the inclusion of the student on a national sporting team, orchestra, etc that requires him/her to travel extensively for a specific period of time.
- (3) The granting of a suspension of candidature is at the discretion of the Dean.
- (4) Suspension of candidature will be for a minimum of one semester and a maximum of two semesters and may be granted only once during the degree.
- (5) In cases where a suspension of candidature is not granted, students may be required to discontinue their studies and follow the procedures for re-enrolment after an absence.

12. Re-enrolment after an absence

- (1) There is no automatic right of re-entry. Students who wish to be considered for re-enrolment need to fulfil the following conditions:
 - (a) lodge an application by October 30 in the year prior to that in which re-enrolment is sought;
 - (b) attach a current academic transcript (progress status is contingent upon an absence of not more than two years from the course); and
 - (c) ensure that outstanding debts with the University and/or show cause requirements are attended to before submission of the application (applications cannot be considered until financial obligations and show cause requirements are completed).
- (2) Applications will be considered in conjunction with all other applications by students applying under these conditions prior to the commencement of the academic year in which the student wishes to enrol.

13. Satisfactory Progress

- (1) The Board of Studies shall have the power to resolve on satisfactory progress and progression in individual cases.
- (2) A Concessional Pass (PCON) may be considered for no more than one unit of study in the final year of enrolment and will not apply to any nursing practice unit or to any previously failed unit.
- (3) Candidates who fail:
 - (a) up to 6 credit points of the units of study in which they are enrolled in any one semester may progress to a normal full-time load in the subsequent semester. Any failed unit of study must be taken in the following year;
 - (b) between 12 and 24 credit points of the units of study in which they are enrolled in any year may only progress to a normal full-time load in the subsequent year. This must include the units of study in which they failed previously; or
 - (c) more than 24 credit points of the credit point load undertaken during a year, or who fail to meet the requirements of a practicum unit, or who discontinue fail enrolment in one unit of study twice shall be deemed not to have made satisfactory progress. They shall be required to show good cause as to why they should be permitted to re-enrol in the course.
 - (d) under clause 15.3 (a), (b) or (c) and are enrolled in a combined degree will not be permitted to undertake Year 4 units of study until such time as they have completed their undergraduate degree.
- (4) The Faculty reserves the right to require students who are asked to show cause to enrol in and successfully complete units of study in addition to the minimum number of credit points required to complete the degree.

- (5) The Faculty reserves the right to require students who are asked to show cause and who fail to demonstrate the minimum level of spoken or written English required by the Faculty to provide documentation to show they have an IELTS (or equivalent) score of 7.0 overall and 7.0 in each band.

14. Time limit

- (1) A candidate for the degree may proceed on either a full-time or part-time basis.
- (a) A full-time candidate shall complete the requirements for the degree no later than at the end of the eighth semester of candidature.
- (b) A part-time candidate shall complete the requirements for the degree no later than at the end of the tenth semester of candidature.
- (c) All candidates must complete the requirements for the degree within six calendar years of first enrolment inclusive of periods of suspension and exclusion.

15. Assessment Policy

Assessment will be carried out in accordance with the *University of Sydney (Coursework) Rule 2000* (as amended) and the general Resolutions of the Faculty of Nursing and Midwifery.

16. Credit Transfer Policy

- (1) Credit granted on the basis of work completed or prior learning in another course at this University or at another university may not exceed 24 credit points.
- (2) Credit granted on the basis of work completed at an institution other than a university may not exceed 18 credit points.
- (3) Credit will not be granted for any units of study which were completed more than five years before admission or re-admission to candidature.

17. Transitional arrangements

No transitional arrangements are required.

Table of Units –Master of Midwifery Research

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CLIN 5002 History of Ideas in Midwifery	6
NURS 5xxx Clinical Qualitative Research	6
NURS 5xxx Nursing Research Methods & Application	6
NURS 5021 Reading Topic	6
NURS 6xxx Practice Development Project	12
NURS 6xxx Midwifery Thesis	24
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