



Academic Board Agenda

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NOTICE OF MEETING

A meeting of the **Academic Board** will be held at **2.00 pm** on **Wednesday 4 May 2005** in the Professorial Board Room.

Members who are unable to attend are asked to notify Megan Kemmis at the above address. Enquiries concerning this meeting may also be directed to Ms Kemmis.

Megan Kemmis
for
Dr W Adams
Registrar

27 April 2005

AGENDA

Pages

★ 1. **Apologies**
Apologies have been received from Professor T Hirst.

★ 2. **Arrangement of agenda**
2.1 **Starring of items**
2.2 **Adoption of unstarred items**

Recommendation

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

3. **Minutes of previous meeting**

separate attachment

Recommendation

That the Academic Board adopt the minutes of the previous meeting held on 16 March 2005 as a true record.

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4. **Business arising from Minutes** (not dealt with elsewhere in the Agenda)
- ★ 5. **Report of the Chair**
- 5.1 **General report**
- 5.1.1 **Membership of the Academic Board: co-opted members** 11
- Recommendation*
That, in accordance with the University of Sydney (Academic Governance) Rule 2003, the Academic Board appoint Mr P Ball to membership of the Academic Board, as set out in the report presented.
- 5.1.2 **Report on Student Appeals (Exclusions and Readmissions) 2004** 11, 13
- Recommendation*
That the Academic Board note the report of the Chair of the Academic Board relating to student appeals (exclusions and readmissions), as set out in the report presented.
- 5.1.3 **NSW and the ACT Committee of Chairs of Academic Boards/Senates** 11
- Recommendation*
That the Academic Board note the report of the Chair of the Academic Board relating to the NSW Committee of Chairs of Academic Boards/Senates, as set out in the report presented.
- 5.1.4 **Elections to the Academic Board of Student Members** 11
- Recommendation*
That the Academic Board note the report of the Chair of the Academic Board relating to elections to the Academic Board of student members, as set out in the report presented.
- 5.1.5 **Academic Board Forum** 11
- Recommendation*
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.
- 5.1.6 **Early submission of Doctor of Philosophy (PhD) thesis** 12
- Recommendation*
That the Academic Board note the report of the Chair of the Academic Board relating to the early submission of a Doctor of Philosophy (PhD) thesis, as set out in the report presented.
- ★ 6. **Report of the Vice-Chancellor and Principal**
- 6.1 **Report on Senate matters**
- 6.1.1 **Report of the Senate meeting held on 21 March 2005** 14-15

Recommendation

That the Academic Board note the report of the Vice-Chancellor and Principal on matters considered by Senate at its meeting held on 21 March 2005.

6.1.2 Report of the special Senate meeting held on 6 April 2005 15

Recommendation

That the Academic Board note the report of the Vice-Chancellor and Principal on matters considered by Senate at its special meeting held on 6 April 2005.

6.2 General report

Recommendation

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

- ★ 7. **Question time**
Questions to the Vice-Chancellor and Chair of the Academic Board

(Time limit 15 minutes)

8. Reports of Faculties and Boards

8.1 Report of the Faculty of Nursing and Midwifery 16-17

8.1.1 Receipt of report

Recommendation

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

8.1.2 Amendment of the Resolutions of the Senate: Constitution of the Faculty of Nursing and Midwifery 16-17

Recommendation

That the Academic Board recommend that Senate amend the Resolutions of the Senate relating to the Constitution of the Faculty of Nursing and Midwifery, with immediate effect, as set out in the report presented.

9. Report of the Undergraduate Studies Committee

(Associate Professor Bruce Sutton)

★ **9.1 Oral report of the Chair**

Recommendation

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

9.2 Report of the meeting held on 5 April 2005 18

9.2.1 Receipt of report

Recommendation

That the Academic Board receive and note the report of the Undergraduate Studies Committee meeting held on 5 April 2005

9.2.2 Proposals for New and Amended Courses

9.2.2.1 Faculty of Dentistry

(1) Bachelor of Dentistry 18

Recommendation

That the Academic Board:

- (1) *approve the proposal from the Faculty of Dentistry for the amendment of the Bachelor of Dentistry course; and*
 - (2) *recommend that Senate endorse the Academic Board's approval of the amended Bachelor of Dentistry course;*
- with effect from 1 January 2006, as set out in the report presented.*

(2) Bachelor of Oral Health 18-19, 22

Recommendation

That the Academic Board:

- (1) *approve the proposal from the Faculty of Dentistry for the amendment of the Bachelor of Oral Health course; and*
 - (2) *recommend that Senate endorse the Academic Board's approval of the amended Bachelor of Dentistry course; and*
 - (3) *approve the faculty requirements relating to admission*
- with effect from 1 January 2006, as set out in the report presented.*

9.2.2.2 Faculty of Health Sciences: Bachelor of Applied Science (Medical Radiation Sciences) and Bachelor of Applied Science (Medical Radiation Sciences) (Honours) 19, 23-26

Recommendation

That the Academic Board:

- (1) *approve the proposal from the Faculty of Health Sciences for the amendment of the Bachelor of Applied Science (Medical Radiation Sciences) and the Bachelor of Applied Science (Medical Radiation Sciences) (Honours) courses; and*
- (2) *recommend that Senate*
 - (a) *endorse the Academic Board's approval of the amendments to the above courses; and*
 - (b) *approve the amendment of the Resolutions of the Senate relating to the Degrees, Diplomas and Certificates in the Faculty of Health Sciences,*

with effect from 1 January 2006, as set out in the report presented.

9.2.2.3 Faculty of Arts and Faculty of Science

(1) Bachelor of Arts/Bachelor of Science Combined Degree

20, 27

Recommendation

That the Academic Board:

- (1) *approve the proposal from the Faculty of Arts and the Faculty of Science to withdraw the Bachelor of Arts/Bachelor of Science Combined Degree course; and*
- (2) *recommend that Senate*
 - (a) *endorse the Academic Board's approval of the proposal to withdraw the above course; and*
 - (b) *approve the amendment of the Resolutions of the Senate relating to the Degrees, Diplomas and Certificates in the Faculty of Arts and the Faculty of Science;*

with effect from 1 January 2006, as set out in the report presented.

(2) Bachelor of Science/Bachelor of Arts Combined Degree

20, 28-40

Recommendation

That the Academic Board:

- (1) *approve the proposal from the Faculty of Arts and the Faculty of Science to amend the Bachelor of Science/Bachelor of Arts Combined Degree course; and*
- (2) *recommend that Senate*
 - (a) *endorse the Academic Board's approval of the proposal to withdraw the above course;*
 - (b) *approve the amendment of the Resolutions of the Senate relating to the Degrees, Diplomas and Certificates in the Faculty of Arts and the Faculty of Science;*
 - (c) *approve the introduction of the Resolutions of the Senate relating to the Bachelor of Science/Bachelor of Arts Combined Degree course; and*
- (3) *note the Resolutions of the Faculty of Science relating to the above course, made pursuant to the University of Sydney (Coursework) Rule 2000; and*
- (4) *approve the faculty resolutions relating to admission, cross-faculty management of the degree, award of the degree, specially designated streams and the award of honours;*

with effect from 1 January 2006, as set out in the report presented.

**9.2.2.4 Faculty of Agriculture, Food and Natural Resources:
Bachelor of Animal Science** 21, 41-48

Recommendation

That the Academic Board:

- (1) *approve the proposal from the Faculty of Agriculture, Food and Natural Resources to cease offering the Bachelor of Animal Science as of 1 January 2005;*
- (2) *recommend that Senate:*
 - (a) *endorse the Academic Board's approval of the proposal from the Faculty of Agriculture, Food and Natural Resources with regard to this course; and*
 - (b) *approve the amendment of the Resolutions of the Senate relating to the Degrees and Diplomas in the Faculty of Agriculture, Food and Natural Resources; and*
- (3) *note the amendment of the Resolutions of the Faculty of Agriculture, Food and Natural Resources relating to the above course, made pursuant to the University of Sydney (Coursework) Rule 2000;*
with effect from 1 January 2005, as set out in the report presented.

9.2.3 Proceedings of the Committee 21

Recommendation

That the Academic Board note the proceedings of the Undergraduate Studies Committee meeting held on 5 April 2005, as set out in the report presented.

10. Report of the Graduate Studies Committee

(Associate Professor Anthony Masters)

★ **10.1 Oral report of the Chair**

Recommendation

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

10.2 Report of the meeting held on 4 April 2005 49

10.2.1 Receipt of report

Recommendation

That the Academic Board receive and note the report of the Undergraduate Studies Committee meeting held on 4 April 2005

10.2.2 Course Review Template (Postgraduate Coursework) 49, 53-60

Recommendation

That the Academic Board approve:

- (i) *the use of the Course Review Template (Postgraduate Coursework) as a framework for evaluating a postgraduate coursework course once every four years; and*

- (ii) *postgraduate courses which have professional accreditation being reviewed within an appropriate time frame to coincide with this process, provided that this period does not exceed five years,*
as set out in the report presented.

10.2.3 Interpretation/review of policy element in Creation, Variation and Deletion of Award Courses and Units of Study 49-50

Recommendation

That the Academic Board approve the amendments to the Academic Board Resolutions: Creation, Variation and Deletion of Award Course and Units of Study, as set out in the report presented.

10.2.4 Amendment of the Resolutions of the Senate 50, 61-62

(1) **Faculty of Law**

Recommendation

That the Academic Board recommend that Senate approve the amendments to the Resolutions of the Senate relating to the Appendix: Units of Study Offered within the Faculty of Law, with effect from 1 March 2005, as set out in the report presented.

10.2.5 The Length of PhD examinations at the University of Sydney 50-51

Recommendation

That the Academic Board endorse the Graduate Studies Committee's invitation to faculties to provide solutions to the length of PhD examination times after further research and analysis of other institutions and consultation on various models to conduct PhD examinations, as set out in the report presented.

10.2.6 Proceedings of the Committee 51-52

Recommendation

That the Academic Board note the proceedings of the Graduate Studies Committee meeting held on 14 February 2005, as set out in the report presented.

11. Report of the Learning and Teaching Committee

(Professor Penny Gay)

★ **11.1 Oral report of the Chair**

Recommendation

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

11.2 Report of the meeting held on 12 April 2005 63

11.2.1 Receipt of report

Recommendation

That the Academic Board receive and note the report of the Learning and Teaching Committee meeting held on 12 April 2005.

11.2.2 Academic Board Faculty Review Visits

(1) Faculty of Education and Social Work

63, 66-68

Recommendation

That the Academic Board note the report of the Phase Two Academic Board Visit to the Faculty of Education and Social Work.

11.2.3 Special Arrangements for Assessment and Examination

63, 69-71

Recommendations

That the Academic Board approve the new policy “Special Arrangements for Assessment and Examination” with effect from 5 May 2005, as set out in the report presented.

11.2.4 Faculty Reports on Cases of Academic Dishonesty

63, 72-77

Recommendation

That the Academic Board note the faculty reports on cases of academic dishonesty.

11.2.5 Academic Board Resolutions: Academic Honesty in Coursework

63-64

Recommendation

That the Academic Board note the report of the Learning and Teaching Committee on the formation of a working party, as set out in the report presented.

11.2.6 Report of the Pro Vice-Chancellor (Teaching and Learning)

64-65

(1) Principles of Learning and Teaching

64, 78-79

Recommendation

That the Academic Board:

- (i) endorse the principles “Learning and Teaching – creative teaching, quality learning”; and*
- (ii) recommend to the Vice-Chancellor and the Senior Executive Group that the term “quality teaching and creative learning” in the University Strategic Plan be amended to “creative teaching and quality learning”*

as set out in the report presented.

(2) Review of the Scholarship Index

64-65, 80-85

Recommendation

That the Academic Board endorse the revised Scholarship Index and associated criteria, as set out in the report presented.

11.2.7 Proceedings of the Committee

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Recommendation

That the Academic Board note the proceedings of the Learning and Teaching Committee meeting held on 22 February 2005, as set out in the report presented.

12. Report of the Research Committee

(Professor John Carter)

★ 12.1 Oral report of the Chair

Recommendation

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

12.2 Report of the meeting held on 20 April 2005 86

12.2.1 Receipt of report

Recommendation

That the Academic Board receive and note the report of the Research Committee meeting held on 20 April 2005.

12.2.2 APA/UPA Scholarships – revised ranking guidelines 86

Recommendation

That the Academic Board note the report on APA/UPA scholarships, as set out in the report presented.

12.2.3 Faculty of Law Research Committee Report – Professor Terry Carney 86

Recommendation

That the Academic Board note the Faculty of Law Research Committee report, as set out in the report presented.

12.2.4 NSW Cancer Institute – Career Development and Support Fellowships 86

Recommendation

That the Academic Board note the report on NSW Cancer Institute fellowships, as set out in the report presented.

12.2.5 Review of internal funding schemes 86-87

Recommendation

That the Academic Board note the report on the review of internal funding schemes, as set out in the report presented.

12.2.6 Research Quality Framework 87

Recommendation

That the Academic Board note the report on the research quality framework, as set out in the report presented.

12.2.7 Reports 87

Recommendation

That the Academic Board note the proceedings of the Research Committee meeting held on 20 April 2005, as set out in the report presented.

13. General Business

13.1 Report on the Promotion of Academic Staff from Level B to Level C **88**

Recommendation

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.