



Academic Board Minutes

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Minutes of the meeting of the Academic Board held at 2 pm on Wednesday 5 April 2006 in the Professorial Board Room

There were present: the Acting Chair (Associate Professor A F Masters) presiding, the Vice-Chancellor and Principal (Professor G Brown), the Chairs of the Standing Committees (Professor C Murphy and Associate Professor B Sutton), Professors T Arthur, A Aspromourgos, M Behnia, C Benrimoj, A Brewer, L Copeland, A Davison (Pro-Dean, Faculty of Health Sciences), P Gay, D Grant, G Hancock, J Hearn, J Higgs, T Kvan, D Nutbeam, C Russell and R Tiffen, Associate Professors F Ahmadi-Esfahani, B Buckley, E Cowley, R Drynan, R Ewing, S Kable, P McCallum, R Overall, I Ramzan, C Roberts, S West, S Williams and P Wynn, Drs M Boughton, A Campbell, M Collier, S Cumming, M Edmond, J Hanrahan, K Jolliffe, A Molev, J Riley, A Van Schaik and K-C Wong, Ms L Brown, Ms J Henderson, Ms C Jarrett, Mr S Lojewski, Mr A McFarland (SRC) and Mr W Noonan (Education Officer, SUPRA).

Also present: Secretary of the Academic Board (Dr M Edmond).

Present as observers: Mr D Bradbury (Secretariat), Ms J Russell (Secretariat) and Mr M Smith (Secretariat).

In attendance: Ms M Kemmis (Executive Officer to the Academic Board).

★ **1. Apologies**

The Board noted that apologies had been received from: Professors C Armour, D Armstrong, M Field, S Garton, J Hearn, M Jackson, R Jeremy, J Lawler, G Llewellyn, R McCallum, C Mellis, P Parkinson, J Sachs and K Walker, Associate Professors A Bashford and C Lumby, Drs J Cox, T Gerzina, D Har, J Hughes, P Knight, I Maxwell, P McGreevy, K Nelson, R Stanton and C Taylor, Mr P Ball, Mr N Frizzo, Mr M Goldberg, Ms Y-H Koh, Mr B Kotic, Ms J Leong, Ms E Lin, Mr A McLeod, Mr J Shipp and Mr N Wood.

★ **2. Arrangement of agenda**

★ **2.1 Starring of items**

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

The following additional items were starred: 9.2.2.1, 10.2, 14.1.

2.2 Adoption of unstarred items

Resolution 49/06

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

3. Minutes of previous meeting

3.1 Meeting of 22 February 2006

Resolution 50/06

That the Academic Board adopt the minutes of the previous meeting held on 22 February 2006 as a true record.

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

There was no business arising from the minutes.

★ 5. Report of the Chair

5.1 Senate Matters

5.1.1 Report of the Senate meeting held on 6 March 2006

The Chair drew members' attention to the report of the Senate meeting held on 6 March 2006.

Resolution 51/06

That the Academic Board note the report of the Chair of the Academic Board on academic matters considered by Senate at its meeting held on 6 March 2006.

5.2 Honours and Distinctions

The Board noted and congratulated the recipients of honours and distinctions, as set out in the agenda.

Resolution 52/06

That the Academic Board note the report of the Chair of the Academic Board on the honours and distinctions and congratulate the recipients, as set out in the report presented.

Action: Chair of the Academic Board to write to recipients congratulating them on their honours and distinctions.

5.3 General Report

5.3.1 Semester Dates 2007

The Chair noted that the dates for Semester 1 were being amended to move the start of the semester from late February to the first week of March. The amendment was approved.

Resolution 53/06

That the Academic Board approve the amended semester and vacation dates for the year 2007, as set out in the report presented.

Action: Executive Officer to the Academic Board to amend the schedule of Semester and Vacation Dates 2006-2010 and advise faculties.

(File TBA)

5.3.2 Election of the Chair of the Academic Board

The Chair advised members that ballots had been issued for the election of the Chair of the Academic Board.

Resolution 54/06

That the Academic Board note the report of the Chair of the Academic Board on the election of the Chair of the Academic Board, as set out in the report presented.

5.3.3 Launch of Members' Handbook

The Chair noted that a Members' Handbook had been produced (the handbook was distributed to members at the meeting).

Resolution 55/06

That the Academic Board note the report of the Chair of the Academic Board on the members' handbook, as set out in the report presented.

5.3.4 Eulogy – Professor Michael Gleeson Taylor

Emeritus Professor William Burke, of the Faculty of Medicine, presented a eulogy to Professor M G Taylor, Chairman of the Professorial Board 1970-1973 and Deputy Vice-Chancellor 1975-1991 (the eulogy is appended to these minutes).

5.3.5 Academic Honesty in Coursework

The Chair advised that an amendment was required to the Academic Honesty in Coursework policy following its alignment with the Student Plagiarism Policy. All four occurrences of "Dishonest Plagiarism" in clause 3.3.3.7 will be amended to read "academic dishonesty".

Members approved the amendment.

Resolution 56/06

That the Academic Board approve the amended policy Academic Honesty in Coursework, as set out in the report presented.

Action: Executive Officer to the Academic Board to amend the policy Academic Honesty in Coursework.

(File TBA)

5.3.6 NSW and ACT Committee of Chairs of Academic Boards

The Chair advised members that a meeting of the NSW and ACT Committee of Chairs of Academic Boards was held at Charles Sturt University (Bathurst) on 30 March 2006.

He noted that a number of issues had been discussed including the review of HSC Category A subjects, University-developed Board of Studies courses and university processes relating to student progression and exclusions.

Resolution 57/06

That the Academic Board note the report of the Chair of the Academic Board on the meeting of the NSW and ACT

Committee of Chairs of Academic Boards, 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 19 February 2006**

The Vice-Chancellor advised members that he had nothing further to add to the report of the Senate meeting held on 19 February 2006.

Resolution 58/06

That the Academic Board note the report of the Vice-Chancellor and Principal on matters considered by Senate at its meeting held on 19 February 2006.

6.1.2 **Report of the Senate meeting held on 6 March 2006**

The Vice-Chancellor advised members that he had nothing further to add to the report of the Senate meeting held on 6 March 2006.

Resolution 59/06

That the Academic Board note the report of the Vice-Chancellor and Principal on matters considered by Senate at its meeting held on 6 March 2006.

6.2 **General report**

The Vice-Chancellor advised members that he had no further issues to raise.

Resolution 60/06

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

★ 7. **Question time**

The following questions were raised:

A query was raised regarding Senate's decision to rescind a resolution regarding the automatic conferral of a professorial title on non-professorial deans and chairs of the Academic Board. The Vice-Chancellor was asked to comment on the consideration of future applications for the conferral of a professorial title on such persons. He was further asked to comment on whether or not a professorial title would be conferred on the Chief Financial Officer, who had recently been made a Deputy Vice-Chancellor of the University.

The Vice-Chancellor responded that there would be no automatic procedure for the conferral of a professorial title on non-professorial deans and chairs of the Academic Board but that applications for such conferral could be made to the Chair Appointments Committee of Senate. With regard to the second matter he advised that this would be further investigated.

Resolution 61/06

That the Academic Board note the questions and responses provided.

8. Reports of Faculties and Boards
8.1 Report of the Faculty of Education and Social Work
8.1.1 Receipt of the Report

Resolution 62/06

That the Academic Board receive and note the report of the Faculty of Education and Social Work.

8.1.2 Amendment of the Resolutions of the Senate: Constitution of the Faculty of Education and Social Work

The Chair noted that a further amendment to the Constitution of the Faculty of Education and Social Work was included in the supplementary agenda. The amendments were approved by the Academic Board.

Resolution 63/06

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

Action: The Chair to recommend to Senate that it endorse the Academic Board's approval of the amended Constitution of the Faculty of Education and Social Work.

The Dean and Faculty Manager, Faculty of Education and Social Work to note the Academic Board's approval of the amended Constitution of the Faculty of Education and Social Work.

(File 036/0006/00209)

9. Report of the Undergraduate Studies Committee
(Associate Professor Bruce Sutton)

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9.1 Oral report of the Chair

The Chair of the Undergraduate Studies Committee, Associate Professor Bruce Sutton, advised members that the two proposals under item 9.2.2.1 had been withdrawn by the Faculty of Arts pending the amendment of the related Faculty Resolutions. He also advised members that an urgent item had been received from the Faculty of Architecture and was set out in the supplementary agenda.

Resolution 64/06

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

9.2 Report of the meeting held on 21 March 2006

9.2.1 Receipt of report

Resolution 65/06

That the Academic Board receive and note the report of the Undergraduate Studies Committee meeting held on 21 March 2006.

9.2.2 Proposals for New and Amended Courses

9.2.2.1 Faculty of Arts

★ (1) **Bachelor of Arts (Advanced) (Honours)**

★ (2) **Bachelor of Arts (Advanced) (Honours) /
Bachelor of Medicine and Bachelor of Surgery**

Members noted that the above items were deferred pending further amendments to the related Faculty resolutions.

9.2.2.2 Faculty of Health Sciences: Bachelor of Behavioural Health Sciences

Resolution 66/06

That the Academic Board:

- (1) approve the proposal from the Faculty of Health Sciences to delete the Bachelor of Behavioural Health Sciences course;
- (2) recommend that Senate approve the rescission of the Resolutions of Senate relating to the course and the amended Resolutions of Senate relating to the Degrees, Diplomas and Certificates in the Faculty of Health Sciences; and
- (3) approve the rescission of the related faculty resolutions

with effect from 1 January 2007, as set out in the report presented.

Action: The Chair to recommend to Senate that it endorse the Academic Board's approval of the proposal to withdraw the Bachelor of Behavioural Health Sciences course, rescind the Resolutions of the Senate relating to the course and the amendment of the Resolutions of the Senate relating to the Degrees, Diplomas and Certificates in the Faculty of Health Sciences.

The Dean and Faculty Manager of the Faculty of Health Sciences to note the Academic Board's approval of the proposal to withdraw the Bachelor of Behavioural Health Sciences course.

(File TBA)

9.2.3 Faculty Resolutions

9.2.3.1 Faculty of Economics and Business: Bachelor of Commerce / Bachelor of Laws, Bachelor of Economic and Social Sciences / Bachelor of Laws, Bachelor of Economics / Bachelor of Laws and Bachelor of International Studies / Bachelor of Laws

Resolution 67/06

That the Academic Board approve the amended faculty resolutions for the Bachelor of Commerce / Bachelor of Laws, Bachelor of Economic and Social Sciences / Bachelor of Laws, Bachelor of Economics / Bachelor of Laws and Bachelor of International Studies / Bachelor of Laws.

Action: The Dean and Faculty Manager of the Faculty of Economics and Business to note the Academic Board's approval of the amended faculty resolutions for the Bachelor of Commerce / Bachelor of Laws, Bachelor of Economic and Social Sciences / Bachelor of Laws, Bachelor of Economics / Bachelor of Laws and Bachelor of International Studies / Bachelor of Laws.

(Files TBA)

9.2.4 Reports from Faculties

9.2.4.1 Faculty of Economics and Business: Bachelor of Commerce, Bachelor of Commerce / Bachelor of Arts, Bachelor of Commerce / Bachelor of Science, Bachelor of Commerce (Liberal Studies), Bachelor of Economic and Social Sciences, Bachelor of Economics and Bachelor of International Studies

Resolution 68/06

That the Academic Board:

- (1) note the report from the Faculty of Economics and Business regarding amendments to the assumed knowledge for the Bachelor of Commerce, Bachelor of Commerce / Bachelor of Arts, Bachelor of Commerce / Bachelor of Science, Bachelor of Commerce (Liberal Studies), Bachelor of Economic and Social Sciences, Bachelor of Economics and Bachelor of International Studies; and
- (2) approve the amendment of Schedule 3 of "Admission to Undergraduate Courses".

Action: The Dean and Faculty Manager of the Faculty of Economics and Business to note the Academic Board's approval of the amendments to the assumed knowledge for the Bachelor of Commerce, Bachelor of Commerce / Bachelor of Arts, Bachelor of Commerce / Bachelor of Science, Bachelor of Commerce (Liberal Studies), Bachelor of Economic and Social Sciences, Bachelor of Economics and Bachelor of International Studies.

Executive Officer to the Academic Board to amend "Admission to Undergraduate Courses" policy.

(Files TBA)

9.2.4.2 Faculty of Law: Bachelor of Laws

Resolution 69/06

That the Academic Board note the report of the Faculty of Laws regarding faculty-approved amendments to the Bachelor of Laws.

9.2.4.3 Faculty of Health Sciences: Bachelor of Applied Sciences (Occupational Therapy)

Resolution 70/06

That the Academic Board:

- (1) note the report from the Faculty of Health Sciences regarding amendments to the recommended studies for the Bachelor of Applied Sciences (Occupational Therapy); and
- (2) approve the amendment of Schedule 3 of "Admission to Undergraduate Courses".

Action: The Dean and Faculty Manager of the Faculty of Health Sciences to note the Academic Board's approval of the amendments to the recommended studies for the Bachelor of Applied Sciences (Occupational Therapy).

Executive Officer to the Academic Board to amend "Admission to Undergraduate Courses" policy.

(File TBA)

9.2.4.4 Faculty of Architecture: Bachelor of Design in Architecture and Bachelor of Design Computing

Resolution 71/06

That the Academic Board:

- (1) approve the proposal from the Faculty of Architecture to amend the admissions criteria for the Bachelor of Design in Architecture and the Bachelor of Design Computing; and
- (2) approve the amendment of Schedule 3 of "Admission to Undergraduate Courses".

Action: The Dean and Faculty Manager of the Faculty of Architecture to note the Academic Board's approval of the amended admissions criteria for the Bachelor of Design in Architecture and the Bachelor of Design Computing.

Executive Officer to the Academic Board to amend "Admission to Undergraduate Courses" policy.

(Files TBA)

9.2.4 Proceedings of the Committee

Resolution 72/06

That the Academic Board note the proceedings of the Undergraduate Studies Committee meeting held on 21 March 2006, as set out in the report presented.

10. Report of the Graduate Studies Committee

(Associate Professor Anthony Masters)

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10.1 Oral report of the Chair

The Chair of the Graduate Studies Committee, Associate Professor A Masters, advised that he had nothing further to add to the report in the agenda.

A question was raised regarding the reference to staff PhDs under the proceedings of the Committee. The Chair advised that he had received a discussion paper from the Postgraduate Board of the Faculties of Dentistry, Medicine and Pharmacy on this issue. He added that he would be meeting with the Chair of the PhD Award Sub-Committee and the Dean of Graduate Studies to consider the proposal.

Members were advised that the list of units of study in the Faculty of Agriculture, Food and Natural Resources on page 64 of the agenda should be amended. It was agreed that this would be further investigated.

Resolution 73/06

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

10.2 Report of the meeting held on 6 March 2006

10.2.1 Receipt of report

Resolution 74/06

That the Academic Board receive and note the report of the Graduate Studies Committee meeting held on 6 March 2006.

10.2.2 Proposals for new and amended postgraduate courses

10.2.2.1 Faculty of Agriculture, Food and Natural Resources: Master of Agriculture, Graduate Diploma in Agriculture and Graduate Certificate in Agriculture

Resolution 75/06

That the Academic Board:

- (i) approve the proposal from the Faculty of Agriculture, Food and Natural Resources to introduce the Graduate Diploma in Agriculture and Graduate Certificate in Agriculture
- (ii) recommend that Senate:
 - (a) endorse the Academic Board's approval of the proposal; and
 - (b) approve the amendment of the Resolutions of Senate relating to the

Degrees, Diplomas and Certificates in the Faculty of Agriculture, Food and Natural Resources and the introduction of Resolutions relating to the course; and

- (iii) approve the faculty requirements relating to admission, units of study and award of the diploma and the certificate

with effect from 1 January 2007, as set out in the report presented.

*Action:*The Chair to recommend to Senate that it endorse the Academic Board's approval of the new Graduate Diploma in Agriculture and Graduate Certificate in Agriculture courses, and approve the amendment of the Senate Resolutions relating to the Degrees, Diplomas and Certificates in the Faculty of Agriculture, Food and Natural Resources and relating to the course.

The Dean and Faculty Manager of the Faculty of Agriculture, Food and Natural Resources to note the Academic Board's approval of the new Graduate Diploma in Agriculture and Graduate Certificate in Agriculture courses.

(Files TBA)

10.2.2.2 Faculty of Arts

- (1) **Master of Digital Communication and Culture; Graduate Diploma in Digital Communication and Culture; Graduate Certificate in Digital Communication and Culture**

Resolution 76/06

That the Academic Board:

- (i) approve the proposal from the Faculty of Arts to introduce the Master of Digital Communication and Culture; Graduate Diploma in Digital Communication and Culture and Graduate Certificate in Digital Communication and Culture
- (ii) recommend that Senate:
 - (a) endorse the Academic Board's approval of the proposal; and
 - (b) approve the amendment of the Resolutions of Senate relating to the Degrees, Diplomas and Certificates in the Faculty of Arts and the introduction of Resolutions

- relating to the courses;
and
- (iii) approve the faculty requirements relating to admission, units of study and award of the degree, diploma and certificate with effect from Semester 1, 2007, as set out in the report presented.

Action: The Chair to recommend to Senate that it endorse the Academic Board's approval of the new Master of Digital Communication and Culture; Graduate Diploma in Digital Communication and Culture and Graduate Certificate in Digital Communication and Culture courses, and approve the amendments to the Resolutions of the Senate relating to the Degrees, Diplomas and Certificates in the Faculty of Arts and relating to the courses.

The Dean and Faculty Manager of the Faculty of Arts to note the Academic Board's approval of the new Master of Digital Communication and Culture; Graduate Diploma in Digital Communication and Culture and Graduate Certificate in Digital Communication and Culture courses.

(File TBA)

(2) Graduate Diploma in Arts (Studies in Religion); Graduate Certificate in Arts (Studies in Religion)

Resolution 77/06

That the Academic Board:

- (i) approve the proposal from the Faculty of Arts to introduce the Graduate Diploma in Arts (Studies in Religion) and the Graduate Certificate in Arts (Studies in Religion)
- (ii) recommend that Senate:
 - (a) endorse the Academic Board's approval of the proposal; and
 - (b) approve the amendment of the Resolutions of Senate relating to the Degrees, Diplomas and Certificates in the Faculty of Arts and the introduction of Resolutions

- relating to the courses;
and
(iii) approve the faculty requirements relating to admission, units of study and award of the diploma and certificate
with effect from Semester 1, 2007, as set out in the report presented.

Action: The Chair to recommend to Senate that it endorse the Academic Board's approval of the new Graduate Diploma in Arts (Studies in Religion) and the Graduate Certificate in Arts (Studies in Religion) courses, and approve the amendments to the Resolutions of the Senate relating to the Degrees, Diplomas and Certificates in the Faculty of Arts and relating to the courses.

The Dean and Faculty Manager of the Faculty of Arts to note the Academic Board's approval of the new Graduate Diploma in Arts (Studies in Religion) and the Graduate Certificate in Arts (Studies in Religion) courses.

(File TBA)

10.2.2.3 Faculty of Health Sciences

- (1) **Master of Diagnostic Radiography; Master of Diagnostic Radiography (Honours); Master of Nuclear Medicine; Master of Nuclear Medicine (Honours); Master of Radiation Therapy; Master of Radiation Therapy (Honours)**

Resolution 78/06

That the Academic Board:

- (i) approve the proposal from the Faculty of Health Sciences to introduce the Master of Diagnostic Radiography; Master of Diagnostic Radiography (Honours); Master of Nuclear Medicine; Master of Nuclear Medicine (Honours); Master of Radiation Therapy and Master of Radiation Therapy (Honours)
- (ii) recommend that Senate:
- (a) endorse the Academic Board's approval of the proposal; and
- (b) approve the amendment of the Resolutions of Senate relating to the

Degrees, Diplomas and
Certificates in the Faculty
of Health Sciences and
the introduction of
Resolutions relating to the
courses

with effect from Semester 1, 2007, as set
out in the report presented.

Action: The Chair to recommend to Senate that it endorse the Academic Board's approval of the new Master of Diagnostic Radiography; Master of Diagnostic Radiography (Honours); Master of Nuclear Medicine; Master of Nuclear Medicine (Honours); Master of Radiation Therapy and Master of Radiation Therapy (Honours) courses, and approve the amendments to the Resolutions of the Senate relating to the Degrees, Diplomas and Certificates in the Faculty of Health Sciences and relating to the courses.

The Dean and Faculty Manager of the Faculty of Health Sciences to note the Academic Board's approval of the new Master of Diagnostic Radiography; Master of Diagnostic Radiography (Honours); Master of Nuclear Medicine; Master of Nuclear Medicine (Honours); Master of Radiation Therapy and Master of Radiation Therapy (Honours) courses.

(File TBA)

(2) Graduate Diploma of Health Sciences (Vision Impairment); Graduate Certificate of Health Sciences (Vision Impairment)

Resolution 79/06

That the Academic Board:

- (i) approve the proposal from the Faculty of Health Sciences to delete the Graduate Diploma of Health Sciences (Vision Impairment) and Graduate Certificate of Health Science (Vision Impairment)
- (ii) recommend that Senate:
 - (a) endorse the Academic Board's approval of the proposal; and
 - (b) approve the amendment of the Senate Resolutions

relating to the Degrees,
Diplomas and Certificates
in the Faculty of Health
Sciences and relating to
the course

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

Action: The Chair to recommend to Senate that it endorse the Academic Board's approval of the proposal to withdraw the Graduate Diploma of Health Sciences (Vision Impairment) and Graduate Certificate of Health Science (Vision Impairment) courses, rescind the Resolutions of the Senate relating to the courses and the amendment of the Resolutions of the Senate relating to the Degrees, Diplomas and Certificates in the Faculty of Health Sciences.

The Dean and Faculty Manager of the Faculty of Health Sciences to note the Academic Board's approval of the proposal to withdraw the Graduate Diploma of Health Sciences (Vision Impairment) and Graduate Certificate of Health Science (Vision Impairment) courses.

(File TBA)

10.2.2.4 Faculty of Medicine : Master of Medicine (Respiratory Medicine); Graduate Diploma in Medicine (Respiratory Medicine); Graduate Certificate in Medicine (Respiratory Medicine); Master of Medicine (Anaesthesia & Perioperative Medicine); Graduate Diploma in Medicine (Anaesthesia & Perioperative Medicine); Graduate Certificate in Medicine (Anaesthesia & Perioperative Medicine); Master of Medicine (Liver Disease); Graduate Diploma in Medicine (Liver Disease); Graduate Certificate in Medicine (Liver Disease); Master of Medicine (Pathology); Graduate Diploma in Medicine (Pathology); Graduate Certificate in Medicine (Pathology); Master of Medicine (Dermatology); Graduate Diploma in Medicine (Dermatology); Graduate Certificate in Medicine (Dermatology)

Resolution 80/06

That the Academic Board:

- (i) approve the proposal from the Faculty of Medicine to introduce the Master of Medicine (Respiratory Medicine); Graduate Diploma in Medicine (Respiratory Medicine);

Graduate Certificate in Medicine (Respiratory Medicine); Master of Medicine (Anaesthesia & Perioperative Medicine); Graduate Diploma in Medicine (Anaesthesia & Perioperative Medicine); Graduate Certificate in Medicine (Anaesthesia & Perioperative Medicine); Master of Medicine (Liver Disease); Graduate Diploma in Medicine (Liver Disease); Graduate Certificate in Medicine (Liver Disease); Master of Medicine (Pathology); Graduate Diploma in Medicine (Pathology); Graduate Certificate in Medicine (Pathology); Master of Medicine (Dermatology); Graduate Diploma in Medicine (Dermatology) and Graduate Certificate in Medicine (Dermatology)

(ii) recommend that Senate:

- (a) endorse the Academic Board's approval of the proposal; and
- (b) note there are no amendments to the Senate Resolutions relating to the Degrees, Diplomas and Certificates in the Faculty of Medicine and relating to the course

with effect from Semester 2, 2007, as set out in the report presented.

Action: The Chair to recommend to Senate that it endorse the Academic Board's approval of the new Master of Medicine (Respiratory Medicine); Graduate Diploma in Medicine (Respiratory Medicine); Graduate Certificate in Medicine (Respiratory Medicine); Master of Medicine (Anaesthesia & Perioperative Medicine); Graduate Diploma in Medicine (Anaesthesia & Perioperative Medicine); Graduate Certificate in Medicine (Anaesthesia & Perioperative Medicine); Master of Medicine (Liver Disease); Graduate Diploma in Medicine (Liver Disease); Graduate Certificate in Medicine (Liver Disease); Master of Medicine (Pathology); Graduate Diploma in Medicine (Pathology); Graduate Certificate in Medicine (Pathology); Master of Medicine (Dermatology); Graduate Diploma in Medicine (Dermatology) and Graduate Certificate in Medicine (Dermatology) courses, and approve the amendment of the Senate Resolutions relating to the Degrees, Diplomas and Certificates in the Faculty of Medicine and relating to the course.

The Dean and Faculty Manager of the Faculty of Medicine to note the Academic Board's approval of the new Master of Medicine (Respiratory Medicine); Graduate Diploma in Medicine (Respiratory Medicine); Graduate Certificate in

Medicine (Respiratory Medicine); Master of Medicine (Anaesthesia & Perioperative Medicine); Graduate Diploma in Medicine (Anaesthesia & Perioperative Medicine); Graduate Certificate in Medicine (Anaesthesia & Perioperative Medicine); Master of Medicine (Liver Disease); Graduate Diploma in Medicine (Liver Disease); Graduate Certificate in Medicine (Liver Disease); Master of Medicine (Pathology); Graduate Diploma in Medicine (Pathology); Graduate Certificate in Medicine (Pathology); Master of Medicine (Dermatology); Graduate Diploma in Medicine (Dermatology) and Graduate Certificate in Medicine (Dermatology) courses.

(Files TBA)

10.2.2.5 Sydney Conservatorium of Music: Graduate Diploma in Music (Repetiteur)

Resolution 81/06

That the Academic Board:

- (i) approve the proposal from the Sydney Conservatorium of Music to delete the Graduate Diploma in Music (Repetiteur)
- (ii) recommend that Senate:
 - (a) endorse the Academic Board's approval of the proposal; and
 - (b) approve the amendment of the Senate Resolutions relating to the Degrees, Diplomas and Certificates in the Sydney Conservatorium of Music and relating to the course

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

Action: The Chair to recommend to Senate that it endorse the Academic Board's approval of the proposal to withdraw the Graduate Diploma in Music (Repetiteur) course, rescind the Resolutions of the Senate relating to the course and the amendment of the Resolutions of the Senate relating to the Degrees, Diplomas and Certificates in the Sydney Conservatorium of Music.

The Dean and Faculty Manager of the Sydney Conservatorium of Music to note the Academic Board's approval of the proposal to withdraw the Graduate Diploma in Music (Repetiteur) course.

(File TBA)

10.2.3 Reports from Faculties

10.2.3.1 Faculty of Health Sciences: Postgraduate Electives – Units of Study

Resolution 82/06

That the Academic Board note the Units of Study in the Faculty of Health Sciences.

10.2.4 Proceedings of the Committee

Resolution 83/06

That the Academic Board note the proceedings of the Graduate Studies Committee meeting held on 6 March 2006, as set out in the report presented.

11. Report of the Learning and Teaching Committee (Associate Professor Bruce Sutton)

★ 11.1 Oral report of the Chair

The Chair of the Learning and Teaching Committee, Associate Professor Bruce Sutton, noted that the major items from the meeting were the faculty progress reports and the report of the Library Sub-Committee. With regard to the latter item, he noted that the Committee had referred a recommendation regarding the lodgement of PhD theses to the Graduate Studies Committee for consideration.

He also advised members that he was currently working on the development of a plagiarism website which would offer positive instruction to students on what plagiarism is and how to avoid it, and would inform staff on the sorts of pressures that may lead students to plagiarise and what to do when plagiarism was identified.

A question was raised regarding the content of faculty progress reports, and it was noted that the information in these reports often appeared to be a combination of responses to Phase 1 and Phase 2 of the faculty reviews. Professor Sutton noted that the reports were evolving as the Committee considered them and offered feedback to faculty representatives, and as a consequence the Committee was receiving more detailed reports.

Resolution 84/06

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

11.2 Report of the meeting held on 14 March 2006

11.2.1 Receipt of report

Resolution 85/06

That the Academic Board receive and note the report of the Learning and Teaching Committee meeting held on 14 March 2006.

11.2.2 Academic Board Faculty Reviews: Faculty Progress Reports

Resolution 86/06

That the Academic Board note the Faculty Progress Reports from the Institute for Teaching and Learning, the Koori Centre, the Sydney Conservatorium of Music and the Faculty of Veterinary Science, as set out in the report presented.

11.2.3 Report of the Library Sub-Committee (1) Course Packs / Readers

Resolution 87/06

That the Academic Board instruct all faculties to ensure that a hard copy of any course pack or course reader be provided to the University Library.

Action: The Executive Officer to advise all faculties of the Academic Board's decision.

(File TBA)

11.2.4 Proceedings of the Committee

Resolution 88/06

That the Academic Board note the proceedings of the Learning and Teaching Committee meeting held on 14 March 2006, as set out in the report presented.

12. Report of the Research Committee (Associate Professor Tony Masters)

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12.1 Oral report of the Chair

The Chair of the Research Committee, Associate Professor Tony Masters, advised members that an issue had been raised at the most recent meeting of the Research Committee regarding the identification of research outcomes. The example given was of academics in the Faculty of Architecture, where the Faculty has a research goal "to change the face of Sydney" which raised questions about how this could be measured as a research outcome.

The Chair invited Professor Nutbeam to add further comments, and Professor Nutbeam noted that many of the major issues before the Research Committee, such as the Research Quality Framework and the definition of research-active, were still in a state of flux.

Resolution 89/06

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

12.2 Report of the meeting held on 8 February 2006

12.2.1 Receipt of report

Resolution 90/06

That the Academic Board receive and note the report of the Research Committee meeting held on 8 February 2006.

12.2.2 Proceedings of the Committee

Resolution 91/06

That the Academic Board note the proceedings of the Research Committee meeting held on 8 February 2006, as set out in the report presented.

13. Report of the Academic Staffing Committee (Professor Chris Murphy)

★ 13.1 Oral report of the Chair

The Chair of the Academic Staffing Committee, Professor Chris Murphy, advised members that the Committee was developing a draft document on Fast Track promotions which would be circulated for discussion. He also noted that a number of items had been referred to the Committee for consideration following the recent restructuring of senior management at the University.

Resolution 92/06

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

13.2 Report of the meeting held on 15 March 2006

13.2.1 Receipt of report

Resolution 93/06

That the Academic Board receive and note the report of the Research Committee meeting held on 15 March 2006.

13.2.2 Proceedings of the Committee

Resolution 94/06

That the Academic Board note the proceedings of the Academic Staffing Committee meeting held on 15 March 2006, as set out in the report presented.

★ 14. General Business

14.1 Conferring of All Academic Titles

It was noted that there were some errors on page 141 of the agenda regarding the associate school and discipline of some of the listed academics. It was noted that this would be checked and amendments made.

Resolution 95/06

That the Academic Board note the report relating to the Conferring of All Academic Titles by Colleges and Faculties, as set out in the report presented.

14.2 Central Promotions Committees 2006

The Chair advised members that he had been asked to approve urgent amendments to the membership of the Central Promotions Committees for 2006 following the recent restructuring of senior management.

Resolution 96/06

That the Academic Board note the report relating to the Central Promotions Committees 2006, as set out in the report presented.

The meeting closed at 2.50 p.m.

Signed as a correct record

Chair

Date

Obituary: Emeritus Professor Michael Gleeson Taylor 1926-2006

The University of Sydney and the Faculty of Medicine have lost one of their most distinguished members with the death of Emeritus Professor Michael G. Taylor on 10 January 2006.

Michael Taylor, a medical graduate of the University of Adelaide, was appointed Senior Lecturer in the Department of Physiology in 1960 and became Professor in 1961. He retained the title until his retirement in 1991 when he was awarded an Emeritus Professorship. From 1969 until 1973 he was Chairman of the Professorial Board, and from 1975 to 1991 he was Deputy Vice-Chancellor.

Prior to coming to Sydney Michael had obtained an MD at the University of Adelaide in 1954. He then went to London on a CJ Martin Fellowship and worked at St Bartholomew's Hospital Medical School with Donald McDonald. This research earned him a PhD in 1959 in the area of cardiovascular physiology. From his earliest years he had shown exceptional mathematical ability and this he applied to problems in haemodynamics, first at Bart's, and later at Sydney. This work of Michael is first-class and of enduring quality. Perhaps the best indication of Michael's talent and early achievements in the field of haemodynamics is the following quotation from the Acknowledgements section in the first (1960) edition of "Blood Flow in Arteries" by Donald McDonald:

"Taylor, with a training in medicine and physiological research has also a passion for mathematics such that he is technically the equal of many professionals in this field. If I do not here sufficiently express my admiration and gratitude for his contribution to this work, it is only because, while we are exhorted to speak only good of the dead, it is deemed fulsome (or at least un-English) to speak too well of the living - especially one's close friends. Let it suffice to say that the organisation of the ideas on wave reflection and arterial input impedance (the chapters in the latter part of this book) are almost entirely due to discussions with him."

Donald McDonald is credited with the practical introduction of harmonic analysis into arterial haemodynamics. His interest was in arterial segments and pressure gradients over short lengths of artery. Michael expanded this limited approach to the whole vascular bed, then to the whole vascular tree, explaining thereby the influence of wave reflections, and neurohumoral control. He expanded Fourier analysis with regular heart rate to frequency spectrum analysis over a wide range of frequencies and used his formidable "passion for mathematics" to model vascular beds and to explain the relationship between blood pressure and blood flow in a wide range of species. He was also a pioneer in applying methods of spectral analysis in the field of neural control of the circulation. Many of Michael's former students have gone on to make major contributions in the fields of haemodynamics, cardiovascular control and clinical medicine.

Michael was an extremely kind, generous and tolerant person. On one occasion a student, working in the laboratory above his office, allowed the sink to overflow with the result that a large quantity of water cascaded down the walls of Michael's office and created an unholy mess. Most people would have hit the roof. The strongest reaction from Michael was his remark "She didn't even apologise".

Michael was always gentlemanly and he expected others to behave in the same way. The period that he was Chairman of the Professorial Board coincided with a period of considerable student unrest. During this difficult period, he demonstrated tolerance and courtesy, but found it difficult to understand why the same qualities were not always shown to him and others by aggressive academics and students.

Michael married Mary Scott, herself an esteemed physiologist, in 1967 and they set up house in Hunter's Hill. They soon established a reputation for gracious hospitality and

eclectic entertaining. Michael was as much at home in the Arts scene as in the Medical and Scientific arenas; he had a passion for literature and languages and had won the Tennyson Prize for Poetry in Adelaide. At the Taylors' parties you never knew whom you would speak to next; it might be a novelist, a chemist, or a music critic. This tradition continued when the couple moved to Burradoo (near Bowral) in 1997.

Michael had an extraordinary range of interests. He played the piano and even composed an opera, which had a performance, albeit by an amateur group. He built a harpsichord from a kit and played this. He learned pottery. Some members of Faculty will remember the Taylors' pottery parties where hospitality was combined with displays of Michael's creations which were for sale but at very modest prices. Many of us are proud possessors of a 'Taylor' pot, a constant reminder of his skill and hospitality. In later life Michael took up Chinese brush-painting and calligraphy.

Michael Taylor leaves an indelible mark on his many students, colleagues and friends. All of us will remember Michael as a very compassionate, gentle, extremely gifted and very humorous person, and he will be greatly missed.

William Burke
Roger Dampney
Michael O'Rourke

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