



Academic Board Agenda

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SUPPLEMENTARY AGENDA for the meeting on Wednesday 23 August 2006

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- ★ 1. **Apologies**
Apologies have been received from: Professors G Gallop, L Jeffcott, T Kvan, J Lawler, G Llewellyn, D Nutbeam, I Ramzan and K Walker, Associate Professors R Ewing, C Lumby, A Masters, and P Wynn, Drs K Joliffe and C Taylor and Mr V Ghazavi and Mr C Ritchie.

- ★ 5. **Report of the Chair**
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 - Recommendation***
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- ★ 6. **Report of the Vice-Chancellor and Principal**
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 - Recommendation***
That the Academic Board note the report of the Vice-Chancellor and Principal on matters considered by Senate at its meeting held on 14 August 2006, as set out in the report presented.

- 13. **Report of the Research Committee**
(Associate Professor Robyn Overall)

- ★ 13.1 **Oral report of the Chair**

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

13.2 Report of the meeting held on 2 August 2006 10-11
13.2.1 Receipt of report

Recommendation

That the Academic Board receive and note the report of the Research Committee meeting held on 2 August 2006.

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Recommendation

That the Academic Board note the report on the 2007 Research Funding Model, as set out in the report presented.

13.2.3 Proceedings of the Committee 10-11

Recommendation

That the Academic Board note the proceedings of the Research Committee meeting held on 2 August 2006, as set out in the report presented.

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

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14.1 Oral report of the Chair

Recommendation

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

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14.2.1 Receipt of report

Recommendation

That the Academic Board receive and note the report of the Academic Staffing Committee meeting held on 2 August 2006.

14.2.2 Proceedings of the Committee 12

Recommendation

That the Academic Board note the proceedings of the Academic Staffing Committee meeting held on 2 August 2006, as set out in the report presented.

AGENDA ITEM 5

Report of the Chair

5.1 Report on Senate Matters

5.1.1 Report of the Senate meeting held on 14 August 2006

Senate, at its meeting on 14 August 2006, on the report of the Academic Board meeting held on 5 July 2006:

- (1) approved the amendment of 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.
- (2) endorsed the Academic Board's approval of the proposal from the Faculty of Arts to introduce the Cultural Studies major in the Bachelor of Arts with effect from 1 January 2007, as set out in the report presented.
- (3) endorsed the Academic Board's approval of the proposal from the Faculty of Arts to amend the Bachelor of Arts Informatics to become the Bachelor of Arts (Digital Technology and Culture); and approved the amendment of the Resolutions of the Senate relating to the Degrees, Diplomas and Certificates in the Faculty of Arts and the introduction of Resolutions of the Senate relating to the course, with effect from 1 January 2007, as set out in the report presented.
- (4) endorsed the Academic Board's approval of the proposal from the Faculty of Arts to introduce the Master of Film Studies, Graduate Diploma in Film Studies and Graduate Certificate in Film Studies courses; and approved the amendment of the Resolutions of the Senate relating to the Degrees, Diplomas and Certificates in the Faculty of Arts and the introduction of Resolutions of the Senate relating to these courses, with effect from 1 January 2007, as set out in the report presented.
- (5) endorsed the Academic Board's approval of the proposal from the Faculty of Arts to introduce the Master of English Language in Australia, Graduate Diploma in English Language in Australia and Graduate Certificate in English Language in Australia courses; and approved the amendment of the Resolutions of the Senate relating to the Degrees, Diplomas and Certificates in the Faculty of Arts and the introduction of Resolutions of the Senate relating to these courses, with effect from 1 January 2007, as set out in the report presented.
- (6) endorsed the Academic Board's approval of the proposal from the Faculty of Arts to introduce the Master of Publishing, Graduate Diploma in Publishing and Graduate Certificate in Publishing courses and approved the amendment of the Resolutions of the Senate relating to the Degrees, Diplomas and Certificates in the Faculty of Arts and the introduction of Resolutions of the Senate relating to these courses, with effect from 1 January 2007, as set out in the report presented.
- (7) endorsed the Academic Board's approval of the proposal from the Faculty of Economics and Business to amend the Master of Commerce (Honours); Master of Commerce; Master of Commerce/Master of Facilities Management; Master of Commerce/Master of Logistics Management; Master of Commerce/Master of Transport Management; Master of Commerce/Master of International Business; Graduate Diploma in Commerce and Graduate Certificate in Commerce courses; and approved the amendment of the Resolutions of the Senate relating to the Master of Commerce and these courses, with effect from 1 January 2007, as set out in the report presented.
- (8) endorsed the Academic Board's approval of the proposal from the Faculty of Economics and Business to introduce the Master of

- Professional Accounting course; and approved the amendment of the Resolutions of the Senate relating to the Degrees, Diplomas and Certificates in the Faculty of Economics and Business and this course, with effect from 1 January 2007, as set out in the report presented.
- (9) endorsed the Academic Board's approval of the proposal from the Faculty of Economics and Business to amend the Master of Public Policy course; and approved the amendment of the Resolutions of the Senate relating to the Degrees, Diplomas and Certificates in the Faculty of Economics and Business and this course, with effect from 1 January 2007, as set out in the report presented.
- (10) endorsed the Academic Board's approval of the proposal from the Faculty of Education and Social Work to amend the Doctor of Education course; and approved the amendment of the Resolutions of the Senate relating to the Degrees, Diplomas and Certificates in the Faculty of Education and Social Work and this course, with effect from 1 January 2007, as set out in the report presented.
- (11) endorsed the Academic Board's approval of the proposal from the Faculty of Education and Social Work to introduce the Graduate Diploma in Learning Science and Technology and the Graduate Certificate in Learning Science and Technology courses; and approved the amendment of the Resolutions of the Senate relating to the Degrees, Diplomas and Certificates in the Faculty of Education and Social Work and these courses, with effect from 1 January 2007, as set out in the report presented.
- (12) endorsed the Academic Board's approval of the proposal from the Faculty of Health Sciences to amend the Master of Occupational Therapy; and approved the amendment of the Resolutions of the Senate relating to the Degrees, Diplomas and Certificates in the Faculty of Health Sciences and this course, with effect from 1 January 2007, as set out in the report presented.
- (13) endorsed the Academic Board's approval of the proposal from the Faculty of Health Sciences to introduce the Bachelor of Health Sciences/Master of Clinical Vision Sciences; and approved the amendment of the Resolutions of the Senate relating to the Degrees, Diplomas and Certificates in the Faculty of Health Sciences and this course, with effect from 1 January 2007, as set out in the report presented.
- (14) endorsed the Academic Board's approval of the proposal from the Faculty of Health Sciences to introduce the Bachelor of Health Sciences/Master of Health Information Management; and approved the amendment of the Resolutions of the Senate relating to the Degrees, Diplomas and Certificates in the Faculty of Health Sciences and this course, with effect from 1 January 2007, as set out in the report presented.
- (15) endorsed the Academic Board's approval of the proposal from the Faculty of Health Sciences to introduce the Bachelor of Health Sciences/Master of Rehabilitation Counselling; and approved the amendment of the Resolutions of the Senate relating to the Degrees, Diplomas and Certificates in the Faculty of Health Sciences and this course, with effect from 1 January 2007, as set out in the report presented.
- (16) endorsed the Academic Board's approval of the proposal from the Faculty of Nursing and Midwifery to introduce the Graduate Diploma in Cancer Nursing; Graduate Diploma in Clinical Education; Graduate Diploma in Clinical Nursing; Graduate Diploma in Emergency Nursing; Graduate Diploma in Gerontic Nursing; Graduate Diploma in Intensive Care Nursing; and the Graduate Diploma in Mental Health Nursing courses; and approved the amendment of the Resolutions of the

- Senate relating to the Degrees, Diplomas and Certificates in the Faculty of Nursing and Midwifery and the introduction of Resolutions of the Senate relating to these courses, with effect from 1 January 2007, as set out in the report presented.
- (17) endorsed the Academic Board's approval of the proposal from the Faculty of Nursing and Midwifery to delete the Graduate Diploma in Nursing; and approved the amendment of the Resolutions of the Senate relating to the Degrees, Diplomas and Certificates in the Faculty of Nursing and Midwifery and the rescission of Resolutions relating to this course, with effect from 1 January 2007, as set out in the report presented.
- (18) approved the amendment of the Resolutions of the Senate relating to the Bachelor of Pharmacy and the Bachelor of Pharmacy (Rural) within the Faculty of Pharmacy, with effect from 1 January 2007, as set out in the report presented.
- (19) approved the rescission of the Resolutions of the Senate relating to the Master of Pharmacy (Clinical), Graduate Diploma in Clinical Pharmacy and Graduate Certificate in Clinical Pharmacy within the Faculty of Pharmacy, with effect from 1 January 2007, as set out in the report presented.
- (20) endorsed the Academic Board's approval of the proposal from the Faculty of Pharmacy to amend the Master of Pharmacy; and approved the amendment of the Resolutions of the Senate relating to the Degrees, Diplomas and Certificates in the Faculty of Pharmacy and this course, with effect from 1 January 2007, as set out in the report presented.
- (21) endorsed the Academic Board's approval of the proposal from the Faculty of Science to introduce the Master of Applied Science (Health Psychology); Graduate Diploma in Applied Science (Health Psychology) and Graduate Certificate in Applied Science (Health Psychology); and approved the amendment of the Resolutions of the Senate relating to the Degrees, Diplomas and Certificates in the Faculty of Science and these courses, with effect from 1 January 2007, as set out in the report presented.
- (22) approved the rescission of the Resolutions of the Senate relating to the Bachelor of Visual Arts course, and the adoption of new Resolutions of the Senate relating to this course, made pursuant to the University of Sydney (Coursework) Rule 2000 (as amended), with effect from 1 January 2007, as set out in the report presented.
- (23) endorsed the Academic Board's approval of the proposal from the Faculty of Veterinary Science to introduce the Master of Veterinary Public Health; Master of Veterinary Public Health (Honours); Graduate Diploma in Veterinary Public Health; and the Graduate Certificate in Veterinary Public Health courses; and approved the amendment of the Resolutions of the Senate relating to the Degrees, Diplomas and Certificates in the Faculty of Veterinary Science and the introduction of Resolutions of the Senate relating to these courses, with effect from 1 January 2007, as set out in the report presented.
- (24) endorsed the Academic Board's approval of the proposal from the Faculty of Health Sciences to amend the Master of Veterinary Studies; to introduce the new Graduate Diploma in Veterinary Studies and Graduate Certificate in Veterinary Studies and delete the Graduate Diploma in Veterinary Clinical Studies course; approved the rescission of the Resolutions of the Senate relating to the Master of Veterinary Studies and the Graduate Diploma in Veterinary Clinical Studies courses, approved the adoption of new Resolutions of the Senate relating to the Master of Veterinary Studies, the Graduate Diploma in Veterinary Studies and the Graduate Certificate in

Veterinary Studies courses, made pursuant to the University of Sydney (Coursework) Rule 2000 (as amended), and approved the amendment of the Resolutions of the Senate relating to the Degrees, Diplomas and Certificates in the Faculty of Veterinary Science, with effect from 1 January 2007, as set out in the report presented.

- (25) endorsed the Academic Board's approval of the proposal from the Board of Studies in Indigenous Studies to amend the Master of Indigenous Languages Education and introduce the Graduate Diploma and Certificate in Indigenous Languages Education; and approved the amendment of the Resolutions of the Senate relating to the Degrees, Diplomas and Other Programs in Aboriginal and Indigenous Studies and these courses, with effect from 1 January 2007, as set out in the report presented.
- (26) noted a report on minor course amendments.
- (27) noted a report on other actions.

Recommendation

That the Academic Board note the report of the Chair on academic matters considered by Senate at its meeting held on 14 August 2006, as set out in the report presented.

AGENDA ITEM 6 Report of the Vice-Chancellor and Principal

6.1 Report on Senate Matters

6.1.1 Report of the Senate meeting held on 14 August 2006

Senate, at its meeting held on 14 August 2006:

- (1) resolved to approve the proposal for funding to SUPRA and the SRC as outlined in the Vice-Chancellor's letter to the Presidents of 11 August last set out in the tabled report, on the further basis that appropriate in-kind support is envisaged and will be negotiated; to approve in principle the changes to the SUPRA constitution already approved by SUPRA members as set out in the tabled memorandum from the Registrar dated 14 August 2006; to note that approval will be sought from Senate at its September meeting of the proposed constitutional amendments for SUPRA and the SRC, and for the remaining student organisations, if possible; and to continue discussions with SUPRA and the SRC and the other student organisations to enable them to plan longer term to provide agreed services.
- (2) recognising the need for the University to comply with the Higher Education Workplace Relations Requirements in order to be eligible for \$13 million in additional funding from 2007, approved the offering of AWAs to staff consistent with the broad strategy outlined in the background paper set out in the report presented.
- (3) approved the reorganisation of academic entities proposed in the report presented, adopting the recommendation that the University make an initial move to the following structure:
 - **Faculty of Engineering, Architecture and Information Technology**, comprising the Faculty of Architecture (which may not continue as a separate Faculty and may possibly also be renamed, subject to further consultation with the architectural profession) and the Schools of Aeronautical, Mechanical and Mechatronic Engineering, Chemical and Biomolecular Engineering, Civil Engineering, Electrical and Information Engineering, and Information Technology
 - **Faculties of Health**, comprising the Faculties of Medicine, Pharmacy, Nursing and Midwifery, and Dentistry
 - **Faculties of Science**, comprising the Faculties of Science; Agriculture, Food & Natural Resources; and Veterinary Science
 - **Faculties of Arts**, comprising the Faculty of Arts and the Sydney College of the Arts
 - **Faculty of Economics and Business**, including the Graduate School of Government
 - **Faculty of Education and Social Work**
 - **Faculty of Health Sciences**
 - **Faculty of Law**
 - **Sydney Conservatorium of Music**and noting that consequent amendments to affected Rules and Resolutions of Senate will be brought to the September meeting of Senate; that any cessation of an academic entity as a Faculty will require future Senate approval; that these groups and their management and the anticipated benefits from shared services as described in the tabled paper would be subject to review by Senate towards the end of 2007; and that this review would also deal with the extent to which there have been successful collaborations within and across the relevant groups.

- (4) endorsed the establishment of the Concord Clinical School and the Nepean Clinical School, consistent with the Faculty proposal set out in the report presented.
- (5) approved the change of name of the School of English, Arts History, Film & Media (SEAHFAM) to the School of Letters, Art, and Media (SLAM).
- (6) adopted the Rules set out in the separate enclosure in respect of the following Foundations, to take effect on 1 October 2006:
 - Aeronautical, Mechanical and Mechatronic Engineering Foundation
 - Oral Health Foundation
 - Pharmacy Practice Foundation
 - Power Institute, Foundation for Art and Visual Culture
 - Sydney Law School Foundation
 - The Melanoma Foundation
- (7) endorsed the cessation of practices and processes in local areas, where such processes duplicate or overlap with centrally provided processes and systems.
- (8) re-appointed The Hon Jane Hamilton Mathews AO QC as Chair of Student Proctorial Boards for a one year term of office from 1 April 2006 to 31 March 2007.
- (9) noted the reports on:
 - (a) additional Commonwealth Supported Places for 2007 confirmed by DEST.
 - (b) the ARC's recent announcement of Linkage project grants for funding to commence in July 2006, with the University of Sydney achieving an outstanding result with the largest number of projects and funding of all universities.
 - (c) the launch on 21 July 2006 at the University of Sydney of the Labor Party white paper on higher education, research and innovation.
 - (d) international.
 - (e) University Relations
 - (f) the MBA Task Force, established by the Faculty of Economics and Business, to act as an internal committee (with external consultation) to make recommendations to the Dean on the form of the MBA to be introduced by the University of Sydney in late 2008 or 2009.
 - (g) the University's Green Power Strategy.
- (10) noted the report and joined the Vice-Chancellor in congratulating the following members of staff who received Citations for Outstanding Contributions to Student Learning in the 2006 Carrick Awards for University Teaching:
 - Dr Amani Ahmed, Dr Rosina Mladenovic, Dr Tai Peseta: For excellence in the leadership, design and implementation of a faculty-wide tutor development program.
 - Dr Diane Collins: For sustained enrichment of and support for student learning within a specialist music degree program.
 - Ms Hannah Forsyth, Dr Jenny-Ann Toribio, Professor Richard Whittington, Ms Meg Vost: For the development of an innovative, holistic curriculum and learning environment for relevant postgraduate education in veterinary public health.
 - Associate Professor Jennie Hodgson, Dr Jacqui Norris: Development of an innovative, clinically-applied Veterinary Microbiology course that provides constructive and collegial learning environments for developing evidence-based, critical thinking skills in undergraduates.

- Associate Professor Michelle Lincoln, Dr Sue McAllister, Associate Professor Alison Ferguson, Associate Professor Lindy McAllister: For the development of a valid and reliable national workplace competency assessment for speech pathology students.
- Dr Kathleen O'Loughlin, Ms Frances Everingham, Dr Gary Lee, Mr Stuart Newman, Ms Maureen Ahern: For a decade of provision of high quality, innovative and culturally appropriate off shore health Professional education programs in Singapore.
- Dr Stephen Robertson: For the creation of innovative units of study and resources that engage students in research and develop critical thinking and analytical skills.
- Dr Lesley Scanlon: For Excellence in the development, implementation and facilitation of a faculty-wide transition program for first year students.

Recommendation

That the Academic Board note the report of the Vice-Chancellor and Principal on matters considered by Senate at its meeting held on 14 August 2006, as set out in the report presented.

AGENDA ITEM 13

Report of the Research Committee

13.2 Report of the Research Committee meeting held on 2 August 2006

The Committee met on 14 June 2006 when there were present: The Chair (Professor B Sutton) presiding, Professors M Behnia, D Burke, D Cook, M Crossley, T Hambley, M Harris, I Kennedy and S Simpson, Associate Professors P Jones and P McCallum, Dr A Black, Ms J Leong, Ms Y Sandiran and Ms A McLaren.

13.2.1 Receipt of Report

The Committee **recommends** that the Academic Board receive and note the following report of the meeting held on 2 August 2006.

13.2.2 2007 Research Funding Model Report

The Acting Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Research) reported to the Committee on the revised allocation of the research component in the University's funding model for 2007. The proposed model would divide funds from the Institutional Grants Scheme (IGS), the Research Infrastructure Block Grant (RIBG) and the Research Training Scheme (RTS) block research grants in a 3:1 split between the Faculties and the Deputy Vice-Chancellor's research-only budget. It was also proposed that indicator weightings be revised in alignment with those used by DEST, e.g. weighting for completions would rise from 19% to 33%, while the student load weighting would be reduced from 47% to 10%.

More significantly, creative work would not be counted under the new model, and it was proposed that this be mitigated in 2007 by employing a ceiling of 10% which would be based on 2006 faculty allocations. A more permanent strategy would be developed in time for the 2008 allocations. The Deputy Vice-Chancellor stated that no faculty would receive less than 90% of its 2006 allocation, and that this plan had been accepted by the Committee of Deans.

Recommendation

That the Academic Board note the report on the 2007 Research Funding Model, as set out in the report presented.

13.2.3 Proceedings of the Committee

(1) Report of the Chair

The Chair of the Academic Board reported to the Committee on the Board's activities, including a review of the current committees structure. He also foreshadowed the development of a number of working parties to look at issues such as postgraduate research degrees.

(2) Report of the Dean, Graduate Studies

The Dean reported to the Committee on the following issues:

- postgraduate student inductions;
- SREQ reports;
- DEST guidelines for the commercialisation training scheme;
- the Australian digital thesis program; and
- developing a new model for the award of scholarships.

(3) Report of the Director, Research Office

The Research Office (represented by Dr Black) advised the Committee that:

- the University had received 22 grants from the recent round of ARC Linkage grants;
- the University has awarded 25 Short Term Visiting Fellowships;

- applications for the internal Research and Development Scheme will close on 25 August; and
- ARC Federation Fellowship applications will open shortly.

(4) Faculty Report

The Committee noted a report on research activity from the Faculty of Agriculture, Food and Natural Resources.

AGENDA ITEM 14

Report of the Academic Staffing Committee

14.2 Report of the Academic Staffing meeting held on 2 August 2006

The committee met on 2 August 2006 when there were present: The Chair (Professor C Murphy) presiding, Professors S Andrews, D Armstrong, G Hancock, A McBratney, I Ramzan and G Sutton, Associate Professor P McCallum, and Ms A Scahill. Ms K Hadfield was in attendance.

14.2.1 Receipt of Report

The Committee **recommends** that the Academic Board receive and note the following report of the meeting held on 2 August 2006.

14.2.2 Proceedings of the Committee

(1) Report of the Chair

The Chair provided members with an update regarding the training of Academic Board Nominees, confirming that a training program was being developed for new members and a refresher for existing Nominees. The Chair noted that now with over 200 nominees, there should no longer be any difficulty obtaining a nominee for any appointment committee. Thus while the new University appointment procedures allow a committee to proceed in the event that a nominee cannot be found, in practise, this should never occur.

The Chair introduced discussion about a charter of academic freedom and suggested that this University might want to consider such a statement of principle. Committee members expressed an interest in pursuing research into the matter via a working party.

(2) The Academic Experience

Discussion relating to the academic experience and an interest in the breakdown of an academic workload took place. Committee members requested a chance to review the academic workload clauses of the current Enterprise Agreements with a view to understanding the implications of these clauses for this University and its staff.