



Academic Board Minutes

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

There were present: the Chair (Professor B Sutton) presiding, the Acting Vice-Chancellor and Principal (Professor D Nutbeam), the Deputy Chair (Associate Professor P McCallum), the Chairs of the Standing Committees (Professor C Murphy, Associate Professors R Ewing and R Overall), Professors D Armstrong, A Aspromourgos, M Behnia, A Boyd, A Brewer, A Coats, L Copeland, D Day, T Kvan, J Lawler, G Llewellyn, I Ramzan, C Rhodes, B Roufagalis and C Russell, Associate Professors F Ahmadi-Esfahani, A Brew, E Cowley, R Drynan, W Evans, R Mason, A F Masters and S West, Drs M Boughton, A Campbell, C Campbell, L Chappell, M Collier, J Cox, S Cumming, M Edmond, J Hanrahan, J Hughes, J Kelly and P Knight, Mr P Ball, Ms L Brown, Ms C Jarrett, Ms Y-H Koh, Ms J Leong, Mr S Lojewski, Mr A McLeod, Ms J Mooney, Mr J Shipp and Mr N Woods.

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

Present as observers: Mr D Bradbury and Ms J Russell (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, C Benrimoj, P Gay, D Grant, J Hearn, J Higgs, M Jackson, R Jeremy, R McCallum, C Mellis, G Murray, P Parkinson, A Rubbo, J Sachs and R Tiffen, Associate Professors A Bashford, B Buckley, S Kable and S Williams, Drs T Gerzina, D Har, K Joliffe, I Maxwell, P McGreevy, A Molev, K Nelson, J Riley, A van Schaik, R Stanton, C Taylor and K C Wong and Mr M Goldberg and Mr C Ritchie.

★ 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: 3, 10.3.2.4, 10.3.2.5 and 13.2.2.

2.2 Adoption of unstarred items

Resolution 158/06

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

★ 3. Minutes of previous meeting

3.1 Meeting of 17 May 2006

Associate Professor Ahmadi-Esfahani advised the meeting that he had requested an amendment to the minutes which would provide more detail of the comments and questions he raised during Question Time. The Chair sought the meeting's advice on this issue, and a motion was put that the minutes be amended to include the full detail of Professor Ahmadi-Esfahani's questions and comments. This motion was carried.

Resolution 159/06

That the Academic Board adopt the minutes of the previous meeting held on 17 May 2006, as amended, as a true record.

Note: Following the meeting the May minutes were amended as follows, with the agreement of Associate Professor Ahmadi-Esfahani and Professor Nutbeam:

Associate Professor Ahmadi-Esfahani queried the lack of information available to staff on the proposed changes to the faculty structure and the potential impact on smaller faculties. He suggested that further information in the form of discussion papers could be issued to allow staff to participate in the process. He also indicated that his preferred process would include economic modelling of a range of alternatives, the results of risk analysis for the change, an assessment of the capacity to bear the cost of achieving the goals and an indication of the impact of change on the University's academic and financial performance.

The Acting Vice-Chancellor pointed out that the University operated in a sector which was continually changing, and that the University was continually challenged to respond and adapt. He made the point that it is not sensible to provide an unduly prescriptive approach to change, preferring dialogue with individual Deans and groups of Deans about the best way to respond to challenges which vary among and between Faculties. Individual Deans were communicating in different ways with their Faculties about the proposed changes and their potential implications.

He gave some examples of the types of academic synergies and academic administrative efficiencies that could be achieved. He noted that the faculties of Dentistry, Medicine and Pharmacy have for a number of years combined some of their academic committees and administration with significant benefits, such as savings on academic staff time; and that following a review of the teaching of the basic sciences in the health Faculties, a major change was being considered to produce an integrated basic sciences teaching program for health students, and an amalgamation of a school from the

Faculty of Health Sciences, and a school from the Faculty of Medicine is being considered.

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 19 June 2006**

The Chair drew members' attention to the report of the Senate meeting held on 19 June 2006.

Resolution 160/06

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 19 June 2006.

5.2 **Honours and Distinctions**

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

Resolution 161/06

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 **Academic Board Retreat**

The Chair advised members that on 22 and 23 June the Chairs of the Board's Committees and Sub-Committees had met with him to discuss a number of issues facing the Board. The Chairs also heard from a number of the Deputy Vice-Chancellors regarding their portfolios and the relationship between management and the Board. Professor Sutton thanked the Provost, the Chief Financial Officer, the Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Infrastructure) and the Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Community) for taking the time to attend the retreat, and noted that there had been some very profitable discussions on how the Board could interface with them.

The Retreat allowed the Chairs to consider the strategies and operations of the Board for the next eighteen months or so, particularly in light of administrative and managerial restructuring, faculty restructuring and changes to the programs being offered by the University. Some of the strategic issues looked at included how the restructuring was likely to affect the membership of the Board and its committees, possible changes to the Board's current committee structure, the next round of faculty reviews and a self-review of the Board.

With regard to the membership of the Academic Board the Chair noted that the Board is currently made up of a mix of ex-officio and elected representatives from a number of different

constituencies. He expressed a desire to ensure that the Board continued to act as a forum for communication between senior management and the wider academic community.

The Retreat looked at the structure of the Board including the arrangement and function of the Board's committees with the notional target of having only five committees, possibly aligned to particular themes. The profile of the Library Sub-Committee will also be raised as e-learning becomes a growing topic. Any specific changes to the current structure will be reported to the Board with appropriate recommendations.

The Retreat identified a number of issues and policy areas for action and review, and this list would be prioritised and allocated to the various Committees for further work. Some of this work would be undertaken by working parties, and the Chair noted that he would be talking about two such working parties later in his report. He also noted that some work would be taken in conjunction with the various management portfolios, e.g. the Provost's Academic Strategies Group.

The Chair also reminded members that a call for expressions of interest in becoming Academic Board nominees had been issued to all academic staff. He sought, and received, members agreement to include academic staff members of the Board on the new list of nominees, and noted that there would be training program.

The Chair assured members that as matters were reviewed and developed they would be referred to the Board for further discussion and approval.

Resolution 162/06

That the Academic Board note the Chair's report on the recent Academic Board retreat, as set out in the report presented.

5.3.2 Academic Board Forum

The Chair advised members that the Academic Board held its first forum for 2006 on 14 June. The topic was "Restructuring: What's in it for US(yd)?" and presentations were given by Associate Professor Fredoun Ahmadi-Esfahani (on the economic basis of restructuring), Professor Iqbal Ramzan (on the experiences of the Faculty of Pharmacy) and Ms Jenny Leong (on the student perspective).

The Chair noted that there had been an unfortunate clash in timing between the Academic Board Forum and a major senior management forum. He commented that the attendance at the Academic Board Forum had been pleasing and that he would be collating a list of issues for future Forums.

Resolution 163/06

That the Academic Board note the Chair's report on the recent Academic Board forum, as set out in the report presented.

5.3.3 Academic Board Faculty Reviews

At its meeting of 22 February 2006 the Academic Board approved a data collection form for use in the next round of Academic Board Faculty reviews. This form is currently being trialled by a number of faculties. The results from the trials by the Faculty of Arts and Faculty of Health Sciences have been received and were circulated with the agenda.

Resolution 164/06

That the Academic Board note the report on the trial of the data collection template for the next round of Academic Board Faculty reviews, as set out in the report presented.

5.3.4 Creation, Variation and Deletion of Award Courses and Units of Study – Amendments to Policy

Following the restructuring of senior executive positions at the University of Sydney, a minor amendment to the policy "Creation, Variation and Deletion of Award Courses and Units of Study" is required. This amendment will replace references to the Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Academic and International) with "Provost" in clauses 3.2.7.1, 3.2.8.1 and 4.4.2.1.

Resolution 165/06

That the Academic Board approve the amended policy "Creation, Variation and Deletion of Award Courses and Units of Study", as set out in the report presented.

Action: Executive Officer to the Academic Board to amend the policy Creation, Variation and Deletion of Award Courses and Units of Study.

(File TBA)

5.3.5 Higher Degree Research Supervision Awards

The Dean of Graduate Studies has advised the Chair that the selection committee of the 2006 Vice-Chancellor's and College Excellence in Higher Degree Research Supervision recently met and considered seven excellent applications.

The Vice-Chancellor, Professor Gavin Brown, has now endorsed the recommendation of the committee for these awards as follows:

- Professor Mark Onslow, Faculty of Health Sciences : Vice-Chancellor's Award 2006
- Dr Maureen Boughton, Faculty of Nursing & Midwifery : Vice-Chancellor's Award 2006
- Associate Professor Robyn Overall, Faculty of Science : Vice-Chancellor's Award 2006
- Dr Carole Cusack, Faculty of Arts : CHASS Award 2005

Resolution 166/06

That the Academic Board note and congratulate the recipients of Higher Degree Research Supervision awards, as set out in the report presented.

5.3.6 Australian Certificate of Education Working Party

The Department of Education, Science and Training has released a report on the proposed Australian Certificate of Education, a national secondary qualification. Responses are required by 4 August 2006, and the Chair has convened a working party to report to the Board and the Vice-Chancellor in this regard. The members of the Working Party are:

- Associate Professor John Mack (Chair)
- Mrs Margaret Varady (Fellow of Senate)
- Mr David Bowan (Director, Student Centre) or nominee
- Dr Rachel Wilson (Faculty of Education and Social Work)
- Dr Jacqueline Manuel (Faculty of Education and Social Work)
- Professor George Cooney (Australian Centre for Education Studies, Macquarie University)

Some of the issues being considered by the Working Party included the proposed Key Competencies Assessment (KCA) and its potential impact on admission of students. A first draft of the Working Party's report will be ready next week and will come to the next meeting of the Board.

Resolution 167/06

That the Academic Board note the Chair's report on the Australian Certificate of Education Working Party, as set out in the report presented.

5.3.7 Student Appeals Working Party

Members are advised that a working party will be established to review the Resolutions of Senate and the Resolutions of the Academic Board relating to student appeals against academic decisions. The review will consider the Topley recommendations and will be aiming to ensure the current policy and procedures are stream lined so that appeals are considered in a timely fashion and that the process is procedurally fair and equitable. The terms of reference for the working party are currently being developed.

Resolution 168/06

That the Academic Board note the Chair's report on the Student Appeals Working Party, as set out in the report presented.

5.3.8 Membership of the Academic Board

An expression of interest has been received to fill one of the student member vacancies on the Academic Board. As the positions of the Pro Vice-Chancellors (Colleges) have been abolished, the Chair of the Academic Board (in their place) nominates the following student for membership of the Board:

- Mr Vafa Darren Ghazavi (Faculty of Economics and Business)

The Chair nominated Mr Ghazavi to fill this position for a period expiring 31 December 2006, and the nomination was accepted by the Academic Board.

Resolution 169/06

That the Academic Board approve the appointment of Mr V Ghazavi as a student member of the Board, as set out in the report presented.

Action: Executive Officer to the Academic Board to amend membership list.

5.4 Notice of Motion

Ms Jenny Leong, President of the Sydney University Postgraduate Representatives Association proposed the following motion:

That, the Academic Board:

- (1) *recognise:*
 - (i) *the significant contribution both the SRC and SUPRA make to the development of University policy and procedure;*
 - (ii) *the importance of independent representation, welfare, advice and advocacy services in maintaining academic quality and standards at the University; and*
 - (iii) *that the management of these services by students is a vital factor in their success in achieving these outcomes; and*
- (2) *note that the loss of any of the services or the loss of the independence of the provision of these services, as a result of the introduction of Voluntary Unionism Legislation will have a significant effect on the University's ability to maintain the highest standards in teaching, scholarship and research.*

The motion was seconded by Mr N Wood.

Ms Leong advised members that both SUPRA and the SRC had been looking at the role of their organisations and how they would be affected by VSU. Both groups had noted that while Senate had moved a motion of support, the Academic Board had not yet done so, although she acknowledged the Board's past support for specific national days of student action. She stated that it would be timely for the Board to recognise the role of students and their representational bodies in the academic life of the University, hence the motion being put to the Board. Mr Wood noted that the role of both groups in providing support to the broad student population of the University gave the Presidents of both groups a unique insight into student views.

The following points were raised during discussion of the motion:

- it was agreed that part (2) of the motion would be amended to read "any of the above services";
- it was acknowledged that the motion was offering the Academic Board's general support and could not be construed as promising specific monetary support, as this would be outside the scope of the Board; and

- it was also agreed that the motion would be expanded to make reference to other student groups such as the University of Sydney Union and Sydney Uni Sport.

The motion to amend the original motion was carried.

The amended motion was carried.

Resolution 170/06

That, the Academic Board:

- (1) recognise:
 - (i) the significant contribution both the SRC and SUPRA make to the development of University policy and procedure;
 - (ii) the importance of independent representation, welfare, advice and advocacy services in maintaining academic quality and standards at the University; and
 - (iii) that the management of these services by students is a vital factor in their success in achieving these outcomes; and
- (2) note that the loss of any of the above services or the loss of the independence of the provision of these services, as a result of the introduction of Voluntary Unionism Legislation will have a significant effect on the University's ability to maintain the highest standards in teaching, scholarship and research; and
- (3) acknowledge that other student groups such as the University of Sydney Union and Sydney Uni Sport contribute to the student experience.

The Chair was asked if any discussion had been held at the last Senate meeting on the various items included in the Academic Board's report. The Chair advised that he had given a verbal report highlighting matters of note but there had been no debate about the Board's report.

The Chair was asked if there were any implications in remarks about the proposed ACE by the President of the NSW Board of Studies with respect to the University's current admission procedures via the Universities Admissions Centre (UAC) or with respect to the role of the UAC in general. The Chair advised that the ACE Working Party would be commenting on implications for the University's admissions procedures in its report, but felt that commenting on the role of the UAC would be outside the Working Party's remit.

Associate Professor R Drynan moved a motion to congratulate the Chair on receiving the title of Professor and to congratulate the members of the Academic Board on having elected a candidate deemed to be worthy of this title. The motion was carried.

★ 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 June 2006

The Acting Vice-Chancellor reported on the following matters from the Senate meeting of 19 June 2006:

- Senate received and considered a paper on restructuring and discussed the proposals. Fellows of Senate expressed some concerns about communication and consultation with Senate, and some Fellows supported maintaining the identity of the current faculties in some

form. The proposal was noted and Senate supported a continued process of consultation and development, with further consideration on the nomenclature for the new structures. A further report will go to the next meeting of Senate.

- A discussion was held on VSU and its impact on the University and its student organisations. Senate supported the role of these organisations and recommended that current services should be maintained to the extent possible, but requested further information on how they could be organised, offered and funded. The VSU working group is continue to work on these issues.
- The Senate also noted the recent announcement by the Prime Minister regarding the establishment of a US study centre at an Australian university. There is currently no information on the bidding process but the Provost is gathering a team to commence work on the University's tender.

Resolution 171/06

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

6.2 General report

The Acting Vice-Chancellor advised members that he had nothing further to add to his report.

★ **7. Question time**

The following questions were raised:

- It was suggested that the work of the Academic Board at its meetings would be assisted either by members being provided with laptops in the Professorial Board Room, or by having the agenda projected on a screen. The Chair advised that he would investigate these and other options.
- The President of the SRC asked if there were any plans to consult with students regarding the proposed restructuring of faculties. The Acting Vice-Chancellor suggested that this would best be achieved by Deans communicating with their associated student bodies.
- The Chair of the Academic Board was asked to comment on the Board's involvement in advising Senate and the Vice-Chancellor on the proposed faculty restructuring. The Chair advised that the Board's priority would be ensuring that there was no impact on the courses being offered by the University, and all the information received to date indicated that there would be no such impact. The Dean of the Faculty of Pharmacy and the Provost both concurred that there was no threat to the integrity of existing programs as a result of the proposed restructuring.

Resolution 172/06

That the Academic Board note the questions and responses provided.

8. Reports of Faculties and Boards

8.1 Report of the Faculty of Nursing and Midwifery

8.1.1 Receipt of report

Resolution 173/06

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

Resolution 174/06

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.

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

The Dean and Faculty Manager, Faculty of Nursing and Midwifery to note the Academic Board's approval of the amended Constitution of the Faculty of Nursing and Midwifery.

(File TBA)

9. Report of the Undergraduate Studies Committee

(Associate Professor Scott Kable)

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9.1 Oral report of the Chair

In the absence of Associate Professor Kable, the Chair of the Academic Board advised that he had nothing further to add to the report in the agenda.

9.2 Report of the meeting held on 6 June 2006

9.2.1 Receipt of report

Resolution 175/06

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

9.2.2 Proposals for New and Amended Courses

9.2.2.1 Faculty of Arts

(1) Bachelor of Arts – Cultural Studies Major

Resolution 176/06

That the Academic Board:

- (1) approve the proposal from the Faculty of Arts to introduce the new major in Cultural Studies in the Bachelor of Arts course;
- (2) recommend that Senate endorse the Academic Board's approval of the proposal to introduce the new major

- and note that there are no amendments to the Resolutions of Senate relating to the course; and;
- (3) approve the Faculty requirements relating to the pass degree and honours degree 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 introduce the new major in Cultural Studies in the Bachelor of Arts course.

The Dean and Faculty Manager of the Faculty of Arts to note the Academic Board's approval of the proposal to introduce the new major in Cultural Studies in the Bachelor of Arts course.

(File TBA)

(2) Bachelor of Arts (Digital Technology and Culture)

Resolution 177/06

That the Academic Board:

- (1) approve the proposal from the Faculty of Arts to amend the name of the existing Bachelor of Arts Informatics course to the Bachelor of Arts (Digital Technology and Culture);
- (2) recommend that Senate:
 - (i) endorse the Academic Board's approval of the proposal to rename the course;
 - (ii) approve the amendment of the Resolutions of Senate relating to the Degrees, Diplomas and Certificates in the Faculty of Arts; and
 - (iii) approve the amended Resolutions of Senate relating to the Bachelor of Arts and the Bachelor of Arts (Digital Technology and Culture); and
- (3) approve the Faculty requirements relating to the units of study, pass degree and honours degree 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 amend the Bachelor of Arts Informatics course and approve the amendment of the resolutions relating to the Degrees, Diplomas and Certificates in the Faculty of Arts and relating to the course.

The Dean and Faculty Manager of the Faculty of Arts to note the Academic Board's approval of the proposal to amend the Bachelor of Arts Informatics course.

(File TBA)

9.2.3 Resolutions of Senate

9.2.3.1 Faculty of Pharmacy: Bachelor of Pharmacy and Bachelor of Pharmacy (Rural)

Resolution 178/06

That the Academic Board:

- (1) recommend that Senate approve the amendment of the Resolutions of Senate relating to the Bachelor of Pharmacy, and
- (2) note the amendments to the Resolutions of the Faculty relating to this course, made pursuant to the University of Sydney (Coursework) Rule 2000; and
- (3) approve the faculty requirements relating to the pass degree and the honours degree, 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 amend the Bachelor of Pharmacy and Bachelor of Pharmacy (Rural) courses and approve the amendment of the resolutions relating to the courses.

The Dean and Faculty Manager of the Faculty of Pharmacy to note the Academic Board's approval of the proposal to amend the Bachelor of Pharmacy and Bachelor of Pharmacy (Rural).

(File TBA)

9.2.3.2 Sydney College of the Arts: Bachelor of Visual Arts

Resolution 179/06

That the Academic Board:

- (1) recommend that Senate approve:
 - (a) the rescission of the Resolutions of Senate relating to the Bachelor of Visual Arts course, and
 - (b) the adoption of new Resolutions of Senate relating to this course, made

- pursuant to the university of Sydney (Coursework) Rule 2000, and
- (2) note the Resolutions of the Faculty relating to this course, made pursuant to the University of Sydney (Coursework) Rule 2000; and
 - (3) approve the faculty requirements relating to admission, units of study, the pass degree, specially designated streams, the honours degree and award of the degree,
- with effect from 1 January 2007, as set out in the report presented.

Action: The Chair to recommend to Senate that it approve the rescission of the Resolutions of Senate relating to the Bachelor of Visual Arts and the adoption of new Resolutions of Senate relating to this course, made pursuant to the university of Sydney (Coursework) Rule 2000.

The Dean and Faculty Manager of the Sydney College of the Arts to note the Academic Board's approval of the proposal to amend the Faculty resolutions relating to the Bachelor of Visual Arts.

(File TBA)

9.2.4 Faculty Resolutions

9.2.4.1 Faculty of Economics and Business: Bachelor of Commerce

Resolution 180/06

That the Academic Board:

- (1) note the amendments to the Resolutions of the Faculty relating to the Bachelor of Commerce, made pursuant to the University of Sydney (Coursework) Rule 2000; and
 - (2) approve the faculty requirements relating to the requirements for the degree,
- with effect from 1 January 2007, as set out in the report presented.

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 Faculty resolutions relating to the Bachelor of Commerce degree.

(Files TBA)

9.2.4.2 Faculty of Education and Social Work: Bachelor of Social Work

Resolution 181/06

That the Academic Board:

- (1) note the amendments to the Resolutions of the Faculty relating to the Bachelor of Social Work, made pursuant to the University of Sydney (Coursework) Rule 2000; and
- (2) approve the faculty requirements relating to admissions,

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

Action: The Dean and Faculty Manager of the Faculty of Education and Social Work to note the Academic Board's approval of the amendments to the Faculty resolutions relating to the Bachelor of Social Work degree.

(Files TBA)

9.2.4.3 Faculty of Law: Bachelor of Laws, Bachelor of Arts / Bachelor of Laws, Bachelor of Engineering / Bachelor of Laws and Bachelor of Science / Bachelor of Laws

Resolution 182/06

That the Academic Board:

- (1) note the amendments to the Resolutions of the Faculty relating to the Bachelor of Laws, the Bachelor of Arts / Bachelor of Laws, the Bachelor of Engineering / Bachelor of Laws and the Bachelor of Science / Bachelor of Laws, made pursuant to the University of Sydney (Coursework) Rule 2000; and
- (2) approve the faculty requirements relating to cross-faculty management, units of study, the combined degree and the honours degree

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

Action: The Dean and Faculty Manager of the Faculty of Law to note the Academic Board's approval of the amendments to the Faculty resolutions relating to the Bachelor of Laws and combined law degrees.

(Files TBA)

9.2.5 Reports from Faculties

9.2.5.1 Faculty of Agriculture, Food and Natural Resources: Bachelor of Animal Science, Bachelor of Horticultural Science, Bachelor of Land and Water Science and Bachelor of Science in Agriculture

Resolution 183/06

That the Academic Board note the report from the Faculty of Agriculture, Food and Natural Resources regarding the abolition of the "Concessional Pass" grade for the Bachelor of Animal Science, the Bachelor of Horticultural Science, the Bachelor of Land and Water Science and the Bachelor of Science in Agriculture, and the related amendments to Section 2 of the relevant faculty resolutions.

9.2.5.2 Faculty of Law: Bachelor of Laws

Resolution 184/06

That the Academic Board note the report from the Faculty of Law regarding the introduction of new optional units of study in the Bachelor of Laws.

9.2.6 Terms of Reference

Resolution 185/06

That the Academic Board approve the amended terms of reference for the Committee, as set out in the report presented.

Action: The Executive Officer to update the Committee's terms of reference.

(File TBA)

9.2.7 Proceedings of the Committee

Resolution 186/06

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

10. Report of the Graduate Studies Committee (Associate Professor Peter McCallum)

★ 10.1 Oral report of the Chair

The Chair of the Graduate Studies Committee, Associate Professor P McCallum, advised that there were a large number of courses on the agenda, and that he would highlight some issues under the starred proposals. He also noted that the suggestion of a staff PhD had received very little support but noted that Deans could advise their staff that options do exist under the existing pathways for the PhD and higher doctorates.

Professor McCallum also advised members that a request for feedback had been sent to faculties regarding the current guidelines

for PhD examiners. He also drew attention to a review of postgraduate courses being conducted by the Provost.

Resolution 187/06

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

10.2 Report of the meeting held on 13 June 2006

10.2.1 Receipt of report

Resolution 188/06

That the Academic Board receive and note the report of the Graduate Studies Committee meeting held on 13 June 2006.

10.2.2 Amendment of Resolutions of the Senate

10.2.2.1 Faculty of Pharmacy

Resolution 189/06

That the Academic Board:

- (1) recommend that Senate approve the adoption of new Resolutions of the Senate relating to Master of Pharmacy (Clinical) Graduate Diploma in Clinical Pharmacy and the Graduate Certificate in Clinical Pharmacy courses, made pursuant to the University of Sydney (Coursework) Rule 2000; and
- (2) note the Resolutions of the Faculty relating to these courses, made pursuant to the University of Sydney (Coursework) Rule 2000; and
- (3) approve the faculty requirements relating to admission, units of study, the pass degree, combined degrees, the honours degree, specially designated streams and award of the degree.

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

Action: The Chair to recommend to Senate that it approve the adoption of new Resolutions of Senate relating to Master of Pharmacy (Clinical), Graduate Diploma in Clinical Pharmacy and the Graduate Certificate in Clinical Pharmacy courses.

The Dean and Faculty Manager of the Faculty of Pharmacy to note the Academic Board's approval of the proposal to amend the Faculty resolutions relating to the Master of Pharmacy (Clinical), Graduate Diploma in Clinical Pharmacy and the Graduate Certificate in Clinical Pharmacy

(File TBA)

10.2.3 Terms of Reference of the Committee

Resolution 190/06

That the Academic Board approve the new Terms of Reference for the Graduate Studies Committee.

*Action:*The Committees Officer to update the Committee's terms of reference.

(File TBA)

10.2.4 University of Sydney International Research Scholarships

Resolution 191/06

That the Academic Board endorse the recommendation that the University of Sydney International Research Scholarships Scheme be continued with 30 scholarships to be awarded in 2007.

*Action:*The Research Office to note the amendments to the University of Sydney International Research Scholarships Scheme.

(File TBA)

10.2.5 Staff PhD

Resolution 192/06

That the Academic Board note the information provided by the Graduate Studies Committee regarding Staff PhD.

10.2.6 Reports from Faculties

10.2.6.1 Faculty of Health Sciences : Units of Study

Resolution 193/06

That the Academic Board note the unit of study information supplied by the Faculty of Health Sciences.

10.2.6.2 Faculty of Law : Units of Study

Resolution 194/06

That the Academic Board note the unit of study information supplied by the Faculty of Law.

10.2.6.3 Faculty of Nursing and Midwifery : Units of Study

Resolution 195/06

That the Academic Board note the unit of study information supplied by the Faculty of Nursing and Midwifery.

10.2.6.4 Sydney Conservatorium of Music : Units of Study

Resolution 196/06

That the Academic Board note the unit of study information supplied by the Sydney Conservatorium of Music.

10.2.6.5 Board of Studies in Indigenous Studies : Units of Study

Resolution 197/06

That the Academic Board note the unit of study information supplied by the Board of Studies in Indigenous Studies.

10.2.7 Proceedings of the Committee

Resolution 198/06

That the Academic Board note the proceedings of the Graduate Studies Committee meeting held on 13 June 2006, as set out in the report presented.

10.3 Report of the meeting held by circulation on 21 June 2006

10.3.1 Receipt of report

Resolution 199/06

That the Academic Board receive and note the report of the Graduate Studies Committee meeting held by circulation on 21 June 2006.

10.3.2 Proposals for new and amended postgraduate courses

10.3.2.1 Faculty of Arts

(1) Master of Film Studies; Graduate Diploma in Film Studies; Graduate Certificate in Film Studies

Resolution 200/06

That the Academic Board:

- (1) approve 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
- (2) recommend that Senate:
 - (i) endorse the Academic Board's approval of the proposal; and
 - (ii) approve the amendment of the Senate Resolutions relating to the Degrees, Diplomas and Certificates in the Faculty of Arts and relating to the courses; and
- (3) approve the faculty requirements relating to the degree;
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 proposal to introduce the Master of Film Studies; Graduate Diploma in Film Studies and Graduate Certificate in Film Studies courses, and approve the amendment of the Resolutions of Senate relating to the Degrees, Diplomas and Certificates in the Faculty of Arts and relating to these courses.

The Dean and Faculty Manager of the Faculty of Arts to note the Academic Board's approval of the proposal to introduce the Master of Film Studies; Graduate Diploma in Film Studies and Graduate Certificate in Film Studies courses.

(File TBA)

(2) Master of English Language in Australia; Graduate Diploma in English Language in Australia; Graduate Certificate in English Language in Australia

Resolution 201/06

That the Academic Board:

- (1) approve 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
- (2) recommend that Senate:
 - (i) endorse the Academic Board's approval of the proposal; and
 - (ii) approve the amendment of the Senate Resolutions relating to the Degrees, Diplomas and Certificates in the Faculty of Arts and relating to the courses; and
- (3) approve the faculty requirements relating to the degree;
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 proposal 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 approve the amendment of the Resolutions of Senate relating to the Degrees, Diplomas and Certificates in the Faculty of Arts and relating to these courses.

The Dean and Faculty Manager of the Faculty of Arts to note the Academic Board's approval of the proposal 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.

(File TBA)

(3) Master of Publishing; Graduate Diploma in Publishing; Graduate Certificate in Publishing

Resolution 202/06

That the Academic Board:

- (1) approve the proposal from the Faculty of Arts to introduce the Master of Publishing; Graduate Diploma in Publishing and Graduate Certificate in Publishing
- (2) recommend that Senate:
 - (i) endorse the Academic Board's approval of the proposal; and
 - (ii) approve the amendment of the Senate Resolutions relating to the Degrees, Diplomas and Certificates in the Faculty of Arts and relating to the courses; and
- (3) approve the faculty requirements relating to the degree;

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 proposal to introduce the Master of Publishing; Graduate Diploma in Publishing and Graduate Certificate in Publishing courses, and approve the amendment of the Resolutions of Senate relating to the Degrees, Diplomas and Certificates in the Faculty of Arts and relating to these courses.

The Dean and Faculty Manager of the Faculty of Arts to note the Academic Board's approval of the proposal to introduce the Master of Publishing; Graduate Diploma in Publishing and Graduate Certificate in Publishing courses.

(File TBA)

10.3.2.2 Faculty of Economics and Business

- (1) **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**

Resolution 203/06

That the Academic Board:

- (1) approve 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
- (2) recommend that Senate:
- (i) endorse the Academic Board's approval of the proposal; and
- (ii) approve the amendment of the Senate Resolutions relating to the Master of Commerce in the Faculty of Economics and Business and relating to the courses; and
- (3) approve the faculty requirements relating to the degrees;
- 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 proposal 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 approve the amendment of the Resolutions of Senate relating to these courses.

The Dean and Faculty Manager of the Faculty of Economics and Business to note the Academic Board's approval of the

proposal 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.

(File TBA)

(2) Master of Professional Accounting

Resolution 204/06

That the Academic Board:

- (1) approve the proposal from the Faculty of Economics and Business to introduce the Master of Professional Accounting
- (2) recommend that Senate:
 - (i) endorse the Academic Board's approval of the proposal; and
 - (ii) approve the amendment of the Senate Resolutions relating to the Degrees, Diplomas and Certificates in the Faculty of Economics and Business and relating to the course; and
- (3) approve the faculty requirements relating to the degree;

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 proposal to introduce the Master of Professional Accounting course, and approve the amendment of the Resolutions of Senate relating to the Degrees, Diplomas and Certificates in the Faculty of Economics and Business and relating to this course.

The Dean and Faculty Manager of the Faculty of Economics and Business to note the Academic Board's approval of the proposal to introduce the Master of Professional Accounting course.

(File TBA)

(3) Master of Public Policy

Resolution 205/06

That the Academic Board:

- (1) approve the proposal from the Faculty of Economics and Business to amend the Master of Public Policy
 - (2) recommend that Senate:
 - (i) endorse the Academic Board's approval of the proposal; and
 - (ii) approve the amendment of the Senate Resolutions relating to the Degrees, Diplomas and Certificates in the Faculty of Economics and Business and relating to the course; and
 - (3) approve the faculty requirements relating to the degree;
- 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 proposal to amend the Master of Public Policy course, and approve the amendment of the Resolutions of Senate relating to the Degrees, Diplomas and Certificates in the Faculty of Economics and Business and relating to this course.

The Dean and Faculty Manager of the Faculty of Economics and Business to note the Academic Board's approval of the proposal to amend the Master of Public Policy course.

(File TBA)

10.3.2.3 Faculty of Education and Social Work

(1) Doctor of Education

Resolution 206/06

That the Academic Board:

- (1) approve the proposal from the Faculty of Education and Social Work to amend the Doctor of Education
- (2) recommend that Senate:
 - (i) endorse the Academic Board's approval of the proposal; and
 - (ii) approve the amendment of the Senate Resolutions relating to the Degrees, Diplomas and Certificates in the Faculty of Education and Social Work and relating to the course; and
- (3) approve the faculty requirements relating to the degree;

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 proposal to amend the Doctor of Education course, and approve the amendment of the Resolutions of Senate relating to the Degrees, Diplomas and Certificates in the Faculty of Education and Social Work and relating to this course.

The Dean and Faculty Manager of the Faculty of Education and Social Work to note the Academic Board's approval of the proposal to amend the Doctor of Education course.

(File TBA)

(2) Graduate Diploma in Learning Science and Technology; Graduate Certificate in Learning Science and Technology

Resolution 207/06

That the Academic Board:

- (1) approve the proposal from the Faculty of Education and Social Work to introduce the Graduate Diploma in Learning Science and Technology and Graduate Certificate in Learning Science and Technology
- (2) recommend that Senate:
 - (i) endorse the Academic Board's approval of the proposal; and
 - (ii) approve the amendment of the Senate Resolutions relating to the Degrees, Diplomas and Certificates in the Faculty of Education and Social Work and relating to the courses; and
- (3) approve the faculty requirements 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 proposal to introduce the Graduate Diploma in Learning Science and Technology and Graduate Certificate in Learning Science and Technology courses, and approve the amendment of the Resolutions of Senate relating to the Degrees, Diplomas and Certificates in the Faculty of Education and Social Work and relating to these courses.

The Dean and Faculty Manager of the Faculty of Education and Social Work to note the Academic Board's approval of the proposal to introduce the Graduate Diploma in Learning Science and Technology and Graduate Certificate in Learning Science and Technology courses.

(File TBA)

★ **10.3.2.4 Faculty of Health Sciences**

(1) Master of Occupational Therapy

Resolution 208/06

That the Academic Board:

- (1) approve the proposal from the Faculty of Health Sciences to amend the Master of Occupational Therapy
- (2) recommend that Senate:
 - (i) endorse the Academic Board's approval of the proposal; and
 - (ii) 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; and
- (3) approve the faculty requirements relating to the degree;

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 proposal to amend the Master of Occupational Therapy course, and approve the amendment of the Resolutions of Senate relating to the Degrees, Diplomas and Certificates in the Faculty of Health Sciences and relating to this course.

The Dean and Faculty Manager of the Faculty of Health Sciences to note the Academic Board's approval of the proposal to amend the Master of Occupational Therapy course.

(File TBA)

Associate Professor McCallum advised members that the combined degree proposals from the Faculty of Health Sciences were based on the combined Master of Nursing degrees approved by the Academic Board in 2005. He pointed out that the Health Sciences degrees would interleave units from the undergraduate and postgraduate degrees during the second and third

years of the course, with the undergraduate degree providing generalised learning and the postgraduate degree offering specialised training. He noted that this was an interesting and innovative structure but did have some implications (e.g. parallel teaching).

A number of issues were raised in discussion as follows:

- the President of SUPRA congratulated the Faculty of Health Sciences for the attention paid to income support and funding and fee implications for students enrolling in the proposed courses but raised concerns about students undertaking masters level units in the second year of the program and the possible impact this might have on the quality and prestige of the University's Masters degrees;
- some concern was expressed about students being able to obtain both a bachelor's degree and a master's degree in four years, but it was pointed out that it was already possible, in some disciplines, to take a three year undergraduate degree followed by a one year masters degree;
- it was noted that there were inconsistent references in the resolutions to the maximum time limit for the combined degrees being either four or six years, and it was agreed that this would be amended;
- a query was raised regarding the HECS status of students in these courses and members were advised that they would be eligible for Commonwealth assistance for the full period of the course;
- concerns were raised regarding a Faculty resolution clause which stated "where appropriate, the Faculty of Health Sciences reserves the right to require individual students to undertake further or remedial theoretical, clinical or practical study in addition to the minimum requirements.." which appeared to be in conflict with the requirement under Division 1, Clause 3 of the *University of Sydney (Coursework) Rule 2000 (as amended)* which states that award course requirements are to be published in the Senate and faculty resolutions;
- the Chair of the Postgraduate Awards Sub-Committee advised members that the Sub-Committee had not seen any problem with parallel teaching in the proposed degrees as the units were clearly identified as either undergraduate or postgraduate;
- a concern was raised that the Faculty was attempting to minimise the cost of running the courses involved and could run the risk of affecting the quality of these courses;

- the Dean of the Faculty of Nursing and Midwifery commented that her Faculty's experiences with the new Master of Nursing combined degrees could address some of the concerns raised, and noted that students in the new Master of Nursing degrees were adjusting well to undertaking undergraduate and postgraduate units of study at the same time;
- a representative from the Faculty of Health Sciences noted that the proposed courses had received endorsement from the relevant professional bodies and that specific assistance would be built into the courses to assist students in moving from undergraduate to postgraduate study; and
- it was suggested that the proposals not be considered until such time as the Provost's review of postgraduate courses was concluded.

The majority of members voted in favour of the proposals, with five votes against and one abstention (Ms J Leong).

(2) Bachelor of Health Sciences/Master of Clinical Vision Sciences

Resolution 209/06

That the Academic Board:

- (1) approve the proposal from the Faculty of Health Sciences to introduce the Bachelor of Health Sciences/Master of Clinical Vision Sciences
 - (2) recommend that Senate:
 - (i) endorse the Academic Board's approval of the proposal; and
 - (ii) 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; and
 - (3) approve the faculty requirements relating to the degree;
- 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 proposal to introduce the Bachelor of Health Sciences/Master of Clinical Vision Sciences course, and approve the amendment of the Resolutions of Senate relating to the Degrees, Diplomas and Certificates in the Faculty of Health Sciences and relating to this course.

The Dean and Faculty Manager of the Faculty of Health Sciences to note the Academic Board's approval of the proposal to introduce the Bachelor of Health Sciences/Master of Clinical Vision Sciences course.

(File TBA)

(3) Bachelor of Health Sciences/Master of Health Information Management

Resolution 210/06

That the Academic Board:

- (1) approve the proposal from the Faculty of Health Sciences to introduce the Bachelor of Health Sciences/Master of Health Information Management
 - (2) recommend that Senate:
 - (i) endorse the Academic Board's approval of the proposal; and
 - (ii) 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; and
 - (3) approve the faculty requirements relating to the degree;
- 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 proposal to introduce the Bachelor of Health Sciences/Master of Health Information Management course, and approve the amendment of the Resolutions of Senate relating to the Degrees, Diplomas and Certificates in the Faculty of Health Sciences and relating to this course.

The Dean and Faculty Manager of the Faculty of Health Sciences to note the Academic Board's approval of the proposal to introduce the Bachelor of Health Sciences/Master of Health Information Management course.

(File TBA)

(4) Bachelor of Health Sciences/Master of Rehabilitation Counselling

Resolution 211/06

That the Academic Board:

- (1) approve the proposal from the Faculty of Health Sciences to introduce the Bachelor of Health Sciences/Master of Rehabilitation Counselling
- (2) recommend that Senate:
 - (i) endorse the Academic Board's approval of the proposal; and
 - (ii) 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; and
- (3) approve the faculty requirements relating to the degree;
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 proposal to introduce the Bachelor of Health Sciences/Master of Rehabilitation Counselling course, and approve the amendment of the Resolutions of Senate relating to the Degrees, Diplomas and Certificates in the Faculty of Health Sciences and relating to this course.

The Dean and Faculty Manager of the Faculty of Health Sciences to note the Academic Board's approval of the proposal to introduce the Bachelor of Health Sciences/Master of Rehabilitation Counselling course.

(File TBA)

★ **10.3.2.5 Faculty of Nursing and Midwifery**

Associate Professor McCallum asked that the following proposals from the Faculty of Nursing and Midwifery be approved on the understanding that minor corrections were still to be made to the relevant Faculty resolutions. The Academic Board approved both proposals on this basis.

- (1) **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;
Graduate Diploma in Mental Health Nursing**

Resolution 212/06

That the Academic Board:

- (1) approve the proposal from the Faculty of Nursing and Midwifery to amend 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 Graduate Diploma in
Mental Health Nursing

- (2) recommend that Senate:
 - (i) endorse the Academic Board's approval of the proposal; and
 - (ii) approve the amendment of the Senate Resolutions relating to the Degrees, Diplomas and Certificates in the Faculty of Nursing and Midwifery and relating to the courses; and
- (3) approve the faculty requirements 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 proposal to amend 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 Graduate Diploma in Mental Health Nursing courses, and approve the amendment of the Resolutions of Senate relating to the Degrees, Diplomas and Certificates in the Faculty of Nursing and Midwifery and relating to these courses.

The Dean and Faculty Manager of the Faculty of Nursing and Midwifery to note the Academic Board's approval of the proposal to amend 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 Graduate Diploma in Mental Health Nursing courses.

(File TBA)

(2) Graduate Diploma in Nursing

Resolution 213/06

That the Academic Board:

- (1) approve the proposal from the Faculty of Nursing and Midwifery to delete the Graduate Diploma in Nursing
- (2) recommend that Senate:
 - (i) endorse the Academic Board's approval of the proposal; and
 - (ii) approve the amendment of the Senate Resolutions relating to the Degrees, Diplomas and Certificates in the Faculty of Nursing and Midwifery and relating to the course; and
- (3) approve the faculty requirements relating to the course;

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 proposal to delete the Graduate Diploma in Nursing course, and approve the amendment of the Resolutions of Senate relating to the Degrees, Diplomas and Certificates in the Faculty of Nursing and Midwifery and relating to this course.

The Dean and Faculty Manager of the Faculty of Nursing and Midwifery to note the Academic Board's approval of the proposal to delete the Graduate Diploma in Nursing course.

(File TBA)

10.3.2.6 Faculty of Pharmacy: Master of Pharmacy

Resolution 214/06

That the Academic Board:

- (1) approve the proposal from the Faculty of Pharmacy to amend the Master of Pharmacy
- (2) recommend that Senate:
 - (i) endorse the Academic Board's approval of the proposal; and
 - (ii) approve the amendment of the Senate Resolutions relating to the Master of Pharmacy in the Faculty of Pharmacy and relating to the course; and
- (3) approve the faculty requirements relating to the degree;

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 proposal to amend the Master of Pharmacy course, and approve the amendment of the Resolutions of Senate relating to this course.

The Dean and Faculty Manager of the Faculty of Pharmacy to note the Academic Board's approval of the proposal to amend the Master of Pharmacy course.

(File TBA)

10.3.2.7 Faculty of Science: Master of Applied Science (Health Psychology); Graduate Diploma in Applied Science (Health Psychology); Graduate Certificate in Applied Science (Health Psychology)

Resolution 215/06

That the Academic Board:

- (1) approve 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)
- (2) recommend that Senate:
 - (i) endorse the Academic Board's approval of the proposal; and
 - (ii) approve the amendment of the Senate Resolutions relating to the Degrees, Diplomas and Certificates in the Faculty of Science and relating to the courses; and
- (3) approve the faculty requirements 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 proposal to introduce the Master of Applied Science (Health Psychology); Graduate Diploma in Applied Science (Health Psychology) and Graduate Certificate in Applied Science (Health Psychology) courses, and approve the amendment of the Resolutions of Senate relating to the Degrees, Diplomas and Certificates in the Faculty of Science and relating to these courses.

The Dean and Faculty Manager of the Faculty of Science to note the Academic Board's approval of the proposal to introduce the Master of Applied Science (Health Psychology); Graduate Diploma in Applied Science (Health Psychology)

and Graduate Certificate in Applied Science (Health Psychology) courses.

(File TBA)

10.3.2.8 Faculty of Veterinary Science

(1) Master of Veterinary Public Health; Master of Veterinary Public Health (Honours); Graduate Diploma in Veterinary Public Health; Graduate Certificate in Veterinary Public Health

Resolution 216/06

That the Academic Board:

- (1) approve 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; Graduate Certificate in Veterinary Public Health
- (2) recommend that Senate:
 - (i) endorse the Academic Board's approval of the proposal; and
 - (ii) approve the amendment of the Senate Resolutions relating to the Degrees, Diplomas and Certificates in the Faculty of Veterinary Science and relating to the courses; and
- (3) approve the faculty requirements relating to the degree;

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 proposal to introduce the Master of Veterinary Public Health; Master of Veterinary Public Health (Honours); Graduate Diploma in Veterinary Public Health; Graduate Certificate in Veterinary Public Health courses, and approve the amendment of the Resolutions of Senate relating to the Degrees, Diplomas and Certificates in the Faculty of Veterinary Science and relating to these courses.

The Dean and Faculty Manager of the Faculty of Veterinary Science to note the Academic Board's approval of the proposal to introduce the Master of Veterinary Public Health; Master of Veterinary Public Health (Honours); Graduate Diploma in Veterinary Public Health; Graduate Certificate in Veterinary Public Health courses.

(File TBA)

(2) Master of Veterinary Studies; Graduate Diploma in Veterinary Studies; Graduate Certificate in Veterinary Studies; Graduate Diploma in Veterinary Clinical Studies

Resolution 217/06

That the Academic Board:

- (1) approve the proposal from the Faculty of Veterinary Science to amend the Master of Veterinary Studies, to introduce the Graduate Diploma in Veterinary Studies and Graduate Certificate in Veterinary Studies and to delete the Graduate Diploma in Veterinary Clinical Studies
 - (2) recommend that Senate:
 - (i) endorse the Academic Board's approval of the proposal; and
 - (ii) approve the amendment of the Senate Resolutions relating to the Degrees, Diplomas and Certificates in the Faculty of Veterinary Science and relating to the courses; and
 - (3) approve the faculty requirements 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 proposal to amend the Master of Veterinary Studies, to introduce the Graduate Diploma in Veterinary Studies and Graduate Certificate in Veterinary Studies and to delete the Graduate Diploma in Veterinary Clinical Studies courses, and approve the amendment of the Resolutions of Senate relating to the Degrees, Diplomas and Certificates in the Faculty of Veterinary Science and relating to these courses.

The Dean and Faculty Manager of the Faculty of Veterinary Science to note the Academic Board's approval of the proposal to amend the Master of Veterinary Studies, to introduce the Graduate Diploma in Veterinary Studies and Graduate Certificate in Veterinary Studies and to delete the Graduate Diploma in Veterinary Clinical Studies courses.

(File TBA)

10.3.2.9 Board of Studies in Indigenous Studies : Master of Indigenous Languages Education; Graduate Diploma in Indigenous Languages Education and Graduate Certificate in Indigenous Languages Education

Resolution 218/06

That the Academic Board:

- (1) approve the proposal from the Board of Studies in Indigenous Studies to amend the Master of Indigenous Languages Education and introduce the Graduate Diploma in Indigenous Languages Education and Graduate Certificate in Indigenous Languages Education
- (2) recommend that Senate:
 - (i) endorse the Academic Board's approval of the proposal; and
 - (ii) approve the amendment of the Senate Resolutions relating to the Degrees, Diplomas and Other Programs in Aboriginal and Indigenous Studies and relating to the courses; and
- (3) approve the faculty requirements 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 proposal to amend the Master of Indigenous Languages Education and introduce the Graduate Diploma in Indigenous Languages Education and Graduate Certificate in Indigenous Languages Education courses, and approve the amendment of the Resolutions of Senate relating to the Degrees, Diplomas and Other Programs in Aboriginal and Indigenous Studies and relating to these courses.

The Dean and Faculty Manager of the Board of Studies in Indigenous Studies to note the Academic Board's approval of the proposal to amend the Master of Indigenous Languages Education and introduce the Graduate Diploma in Indigenous Languages Education and Graduate Certificate in Indigenous Languages Education courses.

(File TBA)

11. Report of the Learning and Teaching Committee
(Associate Professor Robyn Ewing)

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11.1 Oral report of the Chair

The Chair of the Learning and Teaching Committee, Associate Professor Robyn Ewing, noted that the Faculty Progress reports

considered by the Committee are in the agenda for the consideration of the Board.

The other major issue considered by the Committee was the annual reports of cases of academic dishonesty. The Committee noted that the request for these reports had coincided with a review by Internal Audit of faculty processes for dealing with plagiarism, and that there was some confusion as a result. A further request has gone out to faculties regarding the academic dishonesty reports and once all faculty reports are received the Committee will report to the Board.

The Pro Vice-Chancellor (Learning and Teaching) also provided the Committee with some items of good news:

- Professor Keith Trigwell has accepted appointment to the position of Director of the Institute for Teaching and Learning and will start in October;
- The Pro Vice-Chancellor's office received 17 applications for Carrick Institute Citations and had the difficult task of culling these to the maximum 10 the University was allowed to submit.

The Pro Vice-Chancellor also introduced the draft Learning and Teaching Plan for the University which has been distributed to faculties for comment.

Lastly, a showcase on best practice in assessment was held on 16 June and was a great success.

Resolution 219/06

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

11.2 Report of the meeting held on 13 June 2006

11.2.1 Receipt of report

Resolution 220/06

That the Academic Board receive and note the report of the Learning and Teaching Committee meeting held on 13 June 2006.

11.2.2 Academic Board Faculty Reviews: Faculty Progress Reports

Resolution 221/06

That the Academic Board note the Faculty Progress Reports from the Faculty of Arts and the Faculty of Science, as set out in the report presented.

11.2.3 Faculty Reports on Cases of Academic Dishonesty

Resolution 222/06

That the Academic Board ask the Pro Vice-Chancellor (Learning and Teaching) to consider providing centralised support to faculties relating to the detection of plagiarism and the education of students on this issue.

Action: The Chair to write to the Pro Vice-Chancellor (Learning and Teaching) asking her to consider providing

centralised support to faculties relating to the detection of plagiarism and the education of students on this issue.

(File TBA)

11.2.4 Proceedings of the Committee

Resolution 223/06

That the Academic Board note the proceedings of the Learning and Teaching Committee meeting held on 13 June 2006, as set out in the report presented.

12. Report of the Research Committee (Associate Professor Robyn Overall)

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12.1 Oral report of the Chair

The Chair of the Research Committee, Associate Professor Robyn Overall, advised that the Research Committee was still discussing the definition of research-active staff, but that the current focus was on the collection and analysis of research output data across the University. She highlighted the strong increase in NHMRC grants for this year and noted that the introduction of RQF would not occur until 2008. The Chair also advised that the Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Research) was looking at establishing a new strategy group and there had been broad discussion on how this would work with the Research Committee.

Resolution 224/06

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

12.2 Report of the meeting held on 14 June 2006

12.2.1 Receipt of report

Resolution 225/06

That the Academic Board receive and note the report of the Research Committee meeting held on 14 June 2006.

12.2.2 Proceedings of the Committee

Resolution 226/06

That the Academic Board note the proceedings of the Research Committee meeting held on 14 June 2006, as set out in the report presented.

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

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13.1 Oral report of the Chair

The Chair of the Academic Staffing Committee, Professor Chris Murphy, advised that the Out of Round Promotions Procedures was the major item in the Committee's report. He pointed out that senior management at the University had stressed the importance of having a means of retaining high quality staff, and that "poaching" by other institutions was likely to become an issue once RQF came into effect.

He also advised members that the new recruitment procedures allowed selection committees to convene without an Academic Board nominee if no nominee could be found, and that this was another reason for the recent recruitment of more Academic Board nominees.

Resolution 227/06

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

13.2 Report of the meeting held on 14 June 2006

13.2.1 Receipt of report

Resolution 228/06

That the Academic Board receive and note the report of the Academic Staffing Committee meeting held on 14 June 2006.

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13.2.2 Out of Round Promotion Procedures

Some queries were raised regarding the wording of the procedures and the following amendments were agreed to:

- the term “application” in the last sentence of clauses 2 and 3 and in clause 4.3 to be replaced by “submission”; and
- the term “appointment” in clause 4.6 to be replaced by “promotion”.

Some concerns were raised regarding potential conflict between the new procedures and the existing promotion procedures. Professor Murphy advised that these and other concerns had been discussed in detail by the Academic Staffing Committee and the procedures had been drafted with the intention that the normal promotion procedures would not be undermined.

The Procedures were approved by the Academic Board.

Resolution 229/06

That the Academic Board approve the Out of Round Promotion Procedures, as set out in the attached report.

Action: The Executive Officer of the Academic Board to distribute and promulgate the Out of Round Promotion Procedures.

(File TBA)

13.2.3 Proceedings of the Committee

Resolution 230/06

That the Academic Board note the proceedings of the Academic Staffing Committee meeting held on 14 June 2006, as set out in the report presented.

14. General Business

14.1 Membership of the Central Promotions Committees 2006

Resolution 231/06

That the Academic Board approve amendments to the membership of the Central Promotions Committees for 2006, as set out in the report presented.

The meeting closed at 4:00 p.m.

Signed as a correct record

Chair

Date