



Academic Board Minutes

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Minutes of the meeting of the Academic Board held at 2 pm on Wednesday 17 May 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 Chairs of the Standing Committees (Professor C Murphy and Associate Professor A M Masters), Professors C Armour, M Behnia, A Boyd, A Brewer, L Copeland, D Day, S Garton, P Gay, D Grant, J Hearn, M Jackson, G Llewellyn, R McCallum, G Murray, P Parkinson, K Parton, I Ramzan, R Tiffen, K Walker and P Wolnizer, Associate Professors F Ahmadi-Esfahani, R Drynan, W Evans, R Ewing, S Kable, P McCallum, R Overall and S Williams, Drs A Campbell, C Campbell, M Collier, S Cumming, J Hanrahan, J Hughes, D Har, K Jolliffe, J Kelly, P Knight, I Maxwell, A Molev, K Nelson, C Taylor and K-C Wong, Mr P Ball, Mr M Goldberg, Ms S Haggman, Ms J Henderson, Ms C Jarrett, Ms J Leong, Mr S Lojewski, Mr T Patton (SRC) and Mr J Shipp.

Also present: Secretary of the Academic Board (Ms J Russell).

Present as observers: Ms R Connell and Mr N Smith (Faculty of Economics and Business) and Ms S Paynter and Mr M Smith (Secretariat).

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

Prior to the meeting, the Chair noted the addition of new ex-officio members to the Academic Board and welcomed Professor Parton to the meeting.

★ 1. **Apologies**

The Board noted that apologies had been received from: Professors D Armstrong, T Arthur, T Aspromourgos, C Benrimoj, G Brown, A Coats, M Crossley, M Field, G Hancock, J Higgs, T Kvan, J Lawler, M L Maher, B Roufogalis and C Russell, Associate Professors A Bashford, B Buckley, E Cowley, M Halliwell, C Roberts and S West, Drs M Boughton, J Cox, A Dong, M Edmond, P McGreevy, J Riley, R Stanton and A van Schaik, Ms L Brown, Mr C Ekwebelam, Mr N Frizzo, Ms Y-H Koh, Mr B Kotic, Ms E Lin, Mr A McLeod, Ms J Mooney, Mr C Ritchie and Mr N Wood.

★ 2. **Arrangement of agenda**

★ 2.1 **Starring of items**

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

The following additional items were starred: 9.2.2.1, 9.3.2.1 (2) and 9.3.2.6.

2.2 Adoption of unstarred items

Resolution 97/06

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

3. Minutes of previous meeting

3.1 Meeting of 5 April 2006

Resolution 98/06

That the Academic Board adopt the minutes of the previous meeting held on 5 April 2006 as a true record.

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

There was no business arising from the minutes.

★ 5. Report of the Chair

5.1 Senate Matters

5.1.1 Report of the Senate meeting held on 1 May 2006

The Chair drew members' attention to the report of the Senate meeting held on 1 May 2006.

Resolution 99/06

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 1 May 2006.

5.2 Honours and Distinctions

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

Resolution 100/06

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 Vote of appreciation for Associate Professor A Masters

The Chair advised that it was with regret that he had accepted Associate Professor Tony Masters' resignation as Deputy Chair and Chair of the Graduate Studies Committee. He thanked Associate Professor Masters for his outstanding dedication and unwavering commitment to performing these roles.

Associate Professor Anthony Masters is the longest-serving member of the current Academic Board, having been a member since February 1994. During his membership on the Board, Associate Professor Masters has performed the roles of Chair of the Graduate Studies Committee, the Research Committee, the Undergraduate Studies Committee and the PhD Awards Sub-Committee. He has been Deputy Chair of

the Academic Board and has been Acting Chair on several occasions.

Although these positions are all challenging in different ways, in each he has demonstrated, both to his colleagues and the wider University community, his ability to provide academic leadership, in research, learning, teaching and developing academic policies. He has truly been an outstanding Academic Board member.

On behalf of the Academic Board the Chair thanked Associate Professor Masters for his work and said he looked forward to Associate Professor Masters' continued and valued participation as a member of the Board.

Resolution 101/06

That the Academic Board note the Chair of the Academic Board's report thanking Associate Professor Masters for his hard work and dedication to the Academic Board and the acceptance of Associate Professor Masters' resignation as Deputy Chair and Chair of the Graduate Studies Committee, as set out in the report presented.

5.3.2 Chairs of the Academic Board Standing Committees

The *University of Sydney (Academic Governance) Rule 2003* provides for the Chairs of Standing Committees to be appointed by and from the members of the Academic Board, on the nomination of the Chair.

Accordingly, the Chair nominated Professor Chris Murphy as Chair of the Academic Staffing Committee, Associate Professor Peter McCallum as Chair of the Graduate Studies Committee, Associate Professor Robyn Ewing as Chair of the Learning and Teaching Committee, Associate Professor Robyn Overall as Chair of the Research Committee and Associate Professor Scott Kable as Chair of the Undergraduate Studies Committee to take up the position to 31 December 2007.

Resolution 102/06

That in accordance with the University of Sydney (Academic Governance) Rule 2003 and on the nomination of the Chair of the Academic Board, the Academic Board appoint Professor Chris Murphy as Chair of the Academic Staffing Committee, Associate Professor P McCallum as Chair of the Graduate Studies Committee, Associate Professor Robyn Ewing as Chair of the Learning and Teaching Committee, Associate Professor Robyn Overall as Chair of the Research Committee and Associate Professor Scott Kable as Chair of the Undergraduate Studies Committee, as set out in the report presented.

5.3.3 Appointment of Deputy Chair

The *University of Sydney (Academic Governance) Rule 2003* provides for the Deputy Chair of the Academic Board to be appointed by the Academic Board from among the Chairs of

the Academic Board Standing Committees, on the nomination of the Chair.

Accordingly, the Chair nominated Associate Professor Peter McCallum as Chair of the Graduate Studies Committee, to take up the position to 31 December 2007.

Resolution 103/06

That in accordance with the University of Sydney (Academic Governance) Rule 2003 and on the nomination of the Chair of the Academic Board, the Academic Board appoint Associate Professor P McCallum as Deputy Chair of the Academic Board, as set out in the report presented.

The Chair noted that following the appointment of these members, he would be conducting a retreat to look at the future work of the Academic Board.

5.3.4 Expressions of interest for Chairs of Academic Board Standing Committees

The Chair advised that he was withdrawing this item given the nomination of Associate Professor Kable as Chair of the Undergraduate Studies Committee.

5.3.5 Actions taken under Delegated Authority

The *University of Sydney (Doctor of Philosophy (PhD)) Rule 2004* provides for the Chair of the Academic Board to accept for examination a PhD thesis submitted by a candidate enrolled for less than the minimum length of candidature.

The Chair of the Academic Board advised members that he had approved an application for early submission of a PhD thesis from the Faculty of Science.

Resolution 104/06

The Academic Board note the report of the Chair of the Academic Board on actions taken under delegated authority, as set out in the report presented.

5.3.6 Academic Board Publications

At the last meeting of the Academic Board, members received a copy of the new Members' Handbook. The Chair encouraged members to read the handbook if they had not already done so, and thanked Mr Mark Smith for his efforts in putting the handbook together.

The Chair also drew members' attention to the Board's other publications: the information pamphlet which was produced earlier this year, and the Academic Board website. The website in particular now contains information on the history of the Board and its past Chairs. The Chair thanked Ms Lis Bergmann for her work on this section of the site.

Resolution 105/06

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

5.3.7 Forum: Best Practice in Assessment and Student Feedback

The Office of the Pro Vice-Chancellor (Learning and Teaching) will be conducting a forum on Best Practice in Assessment and Student Feedback on Friday, 16 June 2006. The program for the forum was included in the supplementary agenda for the information of members.

Resolution 106/06

That the Academic Board note the report of the Chair of the Academic Board on the Best Practice in Assessment and Student Feedback Forum, as set out in the report presented.

★ 6. Report of the Vice-Chancellor and Principal

6.1 Report on Senate Matters

6.1.1 Report of the Senate meeting held on 1 May 2006

The Acting Vice-Chancellor advised members that this meeting of Senate had dealt with a number of substantial issues. In particular he highlighted the formation of a joint Vice-Chancellor's/Senate committee to investigate issues arising from the introduction of voluntary student unionism legislation. The new committee included two working parties, one considering ways in which the University could enable the Students' Representative Council and the Sydney University Postgraduate Representative Association to continue to operate independently, the other considering the how best to enable Sydney University Sport and the University of Sydney Union to achieve a financially sustainable operating position. Professor Nutbeam emphasised that Senate was committed to finding financially viable mechanisms to ensure that valued services, activities and support to students were maintained.

Resolution 107/06

That the Academic Board note the report of the Vice-Chancellor and Principal on matters considered by Senate at its meeting held on 1 May 2006.

6.2 General report

The Acting Vice-Chancellor advised members that the University was currently finalising a bid for new commonwealth-supported student places from a pool of nearly 4000 such places be offered by the Department of Education, Science and Training (DEST). The bid would take into account the criteria set by DEST and a recent report from the NSW State Government regarding future employment and training needs in the state.

He also advised members that senior management was engaged in discussions with the deans regarding amendments to current faculty structures. The Vice-Chancellor has expressed his intention to achieve a reduction in the number of faculties to improve academic synergies, and enable greater academic and administrative efficiency, and secure financial sustainability. These proposed changes had been discussed at a Vice-Chancellor's Advisory Committee retreat in the previous week.

Resolution 108/06

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

★ 7. **Question time**

The following questions were raised:

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.

The President of SUPRA asked for clarification on when the Vice-Chancellor's/Senate joint committee would report on the University's response to the voluntary student unionism legislation. In response the Acting Vice-Chancellor noted that SUPRA's submission had been received and advised that the Vice Chancellor intended to report on the work of the Committee at the next meeting of Senate. He further advised that the committee would be focussing on the impact of the legislation on the University from 2007.

The Acting Vice-Chancellor was asked whether or not the response to the voluntary student unionism legislation would address support for the University's cultural activities (such as the debating team, drama and music societies) as well as its sporting activities. The Acting Vice-Chancellor advised that the joint committee had identified these, and other, activities and would be investigating ways in which they could continue as valued activities within the University community.

Resolution 109/06

That the Academic Board note the questions and responses provided.

★ 8. **Focus Topic**

8.1 **Library Patron Types and Loan Conditions**

The Chair invited the University Librarian, Mr J Shipp, to speak on this issue. Mr Shipp advised members that the paper included in their agenda represented part of the Library's regular process of checking the efficiency of its activities and the provision of services to its users. In particular, the most recent review had identified areas where the conditions attached to borrowing items and using library services could be simplified.

The University currently has 17 libraries with 17 different sets of borrowing conditions. These would be replaced with a simpler set of conditions applying to collections rather than libraries. The University's students constituted the largest patron group for the Library, and most of the proposed amendments were aimed at extending their borrowing privileges (e.g. items from the research collection could be borrowed for eight weeks rather than two, there would be no limit on the number of items which a student could borrow and students and students would become eligible to apply for inter-campus loans). Access to on-line collections (where licences allowed) would also be extended to alumni, retired staff and staff of some affiliated associations.

Mr Shipp noted that the most controversial proposal was simplifying the procedures surrounding library fines. Users would now be required to pay all fines (rather than reducing them to below \$25) before a block on borrowing was removed. There would be an appeals process introduced with the new procedures and the Library would consider removing borrowing blocks in cases of financial hardship. The Library will also introduce an annual write-off of small debts.

Professor Parton sought assurances from Mr Shipp that University of Sydney students at the Orange campus of Charles Sturt University would retain their current borrowing rights. Mr Shipp assured Professor Parton that there would be no reduction in services to these students.

Resolution 110/06

That the Academic Board receive and note the report of the University Librarian.

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

★ 9.1 **Oral report of the Chair**

The Chair of the Undergraduate Studies Committee, Associate Professor Bruce Sutton, advised members that the most recent meeting of the Committee had been fairly spirited. He noted a number of innovative proposals including the three-year honours course proposed by the Faculty of Arts, and the recent rationalisation of courses by the Faculty of Health Sciences.

Resolution 111/06

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

9.2 Report of the meeting held on 21 March 2006 – Items withdrawn from the Academic Board meeting of 5 April 2006

9.2.2 Proposals for New and Amended Courses

★ **9.2.2.1 Faculty of Arts**

A query was raised regarding the inclusion of a specific UAI cut-off in the faculty resolutions for the course. It was noted that this issue had been discussed by the Undergraduate Studies Committee and that the inclusion of a minimum UAI had been suggested to replace a reference to quotas. The Dean of the Faculty of Arts noted that the UAI reference had been included as a recommendation from the Committee and that it might be reviewed in years to come.

Another member expressed concern that a three-year honours course could devalue the University's current four-year honours courses.

The Dean was asked to comment on whether or not full fee-paying local students would be given admission to the course and if so would they receive a five-point UAI bonus. The Dean stated that the original course, the Bachelor of Arts (Advanced) had also been open to full fee-paying local students, but in the three years the course had been operating only one such student had been admitted with a score just 0.5 below the UAI cut-off. The Dean advised that it was the Faculty's best interests to maintain the course as an elite program, and that the admission of full fee-paying local students would not assist in this regard.

The Dean was also asked whether the new program would have implications for postgraduate scholarships. The Dean advised that the proposed course structure had been checked with DEST, the Vice-Chancellor and the Dean of Graduate Studies.

The proposals were approved on a majority vote with two votes against.

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

Resolution 112/06

That the Academic Board:

- (1) approve the proposal from the Faculty of Arts to amend the Bachelor of Arts (Advanced) (Honours) course;
- (2) recommend that Senate:
 - (i) endorse the proposal to amend the course;
 - (ii) approve the amendment of the Resolutions of Senate relating to the Degrees,

- (iii) Diplomas and Certificates in the Faculty of Arts; and approve the Resolutions of Senate relating to the course; and
- (3) approve the Faculty requirements relating to units of study, 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 endorse the Academic Board's approval of the proposal to amend the Bachelor of Arts (Advanced) (Honours) course and the Resolutions of the Senate relating to the course and the amendment of the Resolutions of the Senate relating to the Degrees, Diplomas and Certificates in the Faculty of Arts.

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 (Advanced) (Honours) course.

(File 2002/4533)

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

Resolution 113/06

That the Academic Board:

- (1) approve the proposal from the Faculty of Arts and the Faculty of Medicine to introduce the new combined degree program, the Bachelor of Arts (Advanced) (Honours) / Bachelor of Medicine and Bachelor of Surgery course;
- (2) recommend that Senate:
 - (i) endorse the proposal to introduce the new course;
 - (ii) approve the amendment of the Resolutions of Senate relating to the Degrees, Diplomas and Certificates in the Faculty of Arts and the Faculty of Medicine; and
 - (iii) approve the new Resolutions of Senate relating to the course; and
- (3) approve the Faculty requirements relating to admission, units of study,

the honours degree, the combined 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 endorse the Academic Board's approval of the proposal to introduce the Bachelor of Arts (Advanced) (Honours) / Bachelor of Medicine and Bachelor of Surgery combined course and the Resolutions of the Senate relating to the course and the amendment of the Resolutions of the Senate relating to the Degrees, Diplomas and Certificates in the Faculty of Arts and the Faculty of Medicine.

The Dean and Faculty Manager of the Faculty of Arts and the Faculty of Medicine to note the Academic Board's approval of the proposal to introduce the Bachelor of Arts (Advanced) (Honours) / Bachelor of Medicine and Bachelor of Surgery combined course.

(File TBA)

9.3 Report of the meeting held on 11 April 2006

9.3.1 Receipt of report

Resolution 114/06

That the Academic Board receive and note the report of the Undergraduate Studies Committee meeting held on 11 April 2006.

9.3.2 Proposals for New and Amended Courses

9.3.2.1 Faculty of Arts

(1) Bachelor of Arts (Psychology)

Resolution 115/06

That the Academic Board:

- (1) approve the proposal from the Faculty of Arts to introduce the Bachelor of Arts (Psychology) (Honours) course;
- (2) recommend that Senate:
 - (i) endorse the proposal to introduce 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 new Resolutions of Senate relating to the course; and

- (3) approve the Faculty requirements relating to units of study, 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 endorse the Academic Board's approval of the proposal to introduce the Bachelor of Arts (Psychology) course and the Resolutions of the Senate relating to the course and the amendment of the Resolutions of the Senate relating to the Degrees, Diplomas and Certificates in the Faculty of Arts.

The Dean and Faculty Manager of the Faculty of Arts to note the Academic Board's approval of the proposal to introduce the Bachelor of Arts (Psychology) course.

(File TBA)

★ (2) **Bachelor of Global Studies**

The recommendation for this item was seconded, and the Faculty of Economics and Business was invited to open debate.

Professor Grant from the Faculty of Economics and Business advised members that the proposal had been discussed at length at the Undergraduate Studies Committee meeting. He urged members to consider the argument against the proposal from a University perspective and raised the following points:

- the proposed Bachelor of Global Studies (BGS) was essentially the same as the existing Bachelor of International Studies (BlntS), and it made no sense for the University to offer two such similar courses;
- the Faculty of Arts had described the BlntS as an international relations degree, when the degree was actually an integrated program involving study across a number of faculties addressing cultural as well as political issues;
- the BlntS had been developed by the College of Humanities and Social Sciences and had deliberately involved the inclusion of units from a number of faculties
- language studies was highly recommended in the BlntS and almost

- 75% of students enrolled in such studies;
- the benchmarking quoted in the proposal did not point out that, while other institutions might offer majors in both global studies and international studies, there were none that offered degrees in both areas;
 - the Academic Board should be aware of the potential for internal competition between the two degrees;
 - the original proposal for the BGS had been amended to downgrade study abroad from mandatory to highly recommended, which strengthened the course's similarity to the BlntS;
 - the Faculty of Economics and Business was concerned about the very short time given to them to comment on the original proposal and contrasted the two weeks provided by the Faculty of Arts to the eighteen months of consultation within the College of Humanities and Social Sciences during the development of the BlntS; and
 - the BlntS was only approved two years ago, and the University would be sending confusing messages to potential students if it approved the BGS.

Professor Grant concluded by urging members to vote against the proposal.

The Dean of Arts raised the following points in support of the proposal:

- the Faculty of Arts had invited comment from a number of faculties and had received comment from all the faculties contacted except for the Faculty of Economics and Business;
- the response given by the Faculty of Economics and Business at the Undergraduate Studies Committee meeting and at today's Academic Board meeting indicated that the Faculty was not interested in seeking a compromise but was focussed on rejection of the proposal;
- the proposed course was a crucial part of the Faculty's strategy, not an add-on;
- the BGS will focus on issues such as migration, cross-cultural communication and bilingualism;
- the BGS and the BlntS came out of very different disciplinary frameworks, and

the area of global studies is a growing field;

- the discipline of international studies was an older field based on politics and government;
- the introduction of the BGS would allow student to make up their own minds which of the two disciplines they wished to study;
- the two courses had the potential to be complementary, and many institutions in the US, as well as Monash University, were offering studies in both areas;
- as well as refuting the argument that the BGS would take students from the BIntS, the Dean pointed out that students in the BGS would be taking units offered by the Faculty of Economics and Business; and
- the Faculty had been aware of the potential for overlap with the BIntS and had deliberately developed the BGS to use the Faculty's strengths, such as the focus on language studies.

The Dean concluded by stating that the Faculty of Arts was willing to discuss potential amendments to the course but was against the move to totally reject the proposal.

Professor Tiffen from the Faculty of Economics and Business raised the following additional points against the proposal:

- both the Bachelor of Arts (Languages) and the Bachelor of Liberal Studies (International) provided a focus on both language studies and study abroad;
- study abroad was not made compulsory in the BIntS because of concerns about creating hardship for students;
- both the BIntS and the BGS allowed students to study and major in fields from other faculties; and
- in conclusion there was nothing in the proposed BGS that could not be studied in the existing BIntS.

The Dean of the Faculty of Arts responded with the following points:

- the focus on the study of languages in the proposed BGS was a crucial strategy for the new course, and the Faculty would be exploring as many

- opportunities as possible to encourage students to study abroad;
- students would be encouraged to study abroad in a country that matched the area of language study;
 - the Faculty currently provided \$5000 for each student in the Bachelor of Arts (Languages) and the Bachelor of Liberal Studies (International) and similar funding would be made available for the proposed BGS; and
 - BGS students would be studying a minimum of 24 credit points in languages, which was likely to be more than that undertaken by BIntS students.

The proposal was approved on a majority vote of 29 for with 8 votes against.

Resolution 116/06

That the Academic Board:

- (1) approve the proposal from the Faculty of Arts to introduce the Bachelor of Global Studies course;
- (2) recommend that Senate:
 - (i) endorse the proposal to introduce 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 new Resolutions of Senate relating to the course; and
- (3) approve the Faculty requirements relating to units of study, 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 endorse the Academic Board's approval of the proposal to introduce the Bachelor of Global Studies course and the Resolutions of the Senate relating to the course and the amendment of the Resolutions of the Senate relating to the Degrees, Diplomas and Certificates in the Faculty of Arts.

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

(File TBA)

(3) Bachelor of Socio-Legal Studies

Resolution 117/06

That the Academic Board:

- (1) approve the proposal from the Faculty of Arts to introduce the Bachelor of Socio-Legal Studies course;
- (2) recommend that Senate:
 - (i) endorse the proposal to introduce 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 new Resolutions of Senate relating to the course; and
- (3) approve the Faculty requirements relating to units of study, 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 endorse the Academic Board's approval of the proposal to introduce the Bachelor of Socio-Legal Studies course and the Resolutions of the Senate relating to the course and the amendment of the Resolutions of the Senate relating to the Degrees, Diplomas and Certificates in the Faculty of Arts.

The Dean and Faculty Manager of the Faculty of Arts to note the Academic Board's approval of the proposal to introduce the Bachelor of Socio-Legal Studies course.

(File TBA)

9.3.2.2 Faculty of Economics and Business: Bachelor of Commerce, Bachelor Engineering / Bachelor of Commerce , Bachelor of Commerce / Bachelor of Arts, Bachelor of Commerce / Bachelor of Science, Bachelor of Commerce / Bachelor of Laws

Resolution 118/06

That the Academic Board:

- (1) approve the proposal from the Faculty of Economics and Business to re-introduce the Econometrics major in the Bachelor of Commerce, Bachelor of Engineering / Bachelor of Commerce, Bachelor of

Commerce / Bachelor of Arts, Bachelor of Commerce / Bachelor of Science and the Bachelor of Commerce / Bachelor of Laws courses;

- (2) recommend that Senate endorse the Academic Board's approval of the proposal; and
 - (3) approve the Faculty requirements relating to the pass degrees and majors
- 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 re-introduce the Econometrics major in the Bachelor of Commerce, Bachelor of Engineering / Bachelor of Commerce, Bachelor of Commerce / Bachelor of Arts, Bachelor of Commerce / Bachelor of Science and the Bachelor of Commerce / Bachelor of Laws courses, and note that there are no amendments to the related Senate resolutions.

The Dean and Faculty Manager of the Faculty of Economics and Business to note the Academic Board's approval of the proposal to re-introduce the Econometrics major in the Bachelor of Commerce, Bachelor of Engineering / Bachelor of Commerce, Bachelor of Commerce / Bachelor of Arts, Bachelor of Commerce / Bachelor of Science and the Bachelor of Commerce / Bachelor of Laws courses.

(File 003/0017/00012, 003/0018/00021,
2000/3990)

9.3.2.3 Faculty of Engineering: Bachelor of Engineering (E-Commerce)

Resolution 119/06

That the Academic Board:

- (1) approve the proposal from the Faculty of Engineering to withdraw the E-Commerce stream from the Bachelor of Engineering;
- (2) recommend that Senate:
 - (i) endorse the Academic Board's approval of the proposal to withdraw the stream;
 - (ii) approve the amendment of the Resolutions of Senate relating to the Degrees, Diplomas and Certificates in the Faculty of Engineering and to the Bachelor of Engineering; and

- (3) approve the Faculty requirements relating to specialisations with effect from 1 January 2007, as set out in the report presented.

*Action:*The Chair to recommend to Senate that it endorse the Academic Board's approval of the proposal to withdraw the E-Commerce stream from the Bachelor of Engineering course, and approve the amendment of the Resolutions of Senate relating to the Degrees, Diplomas and Certificates in the Faculty of Engineering and to the Bachelor of Engineering course.

The Dean and Faculty Manager of the Faculty of Engineering to note the Academic Board's approval of the proposal to withdraw the E-Commerce stream from the Bachelor of Engineering course.

(File 003/0018/00020)

9.3.2.4 Faculty of Health Sciences

- (1) **Bachelor of Applied Science (Health Information Management) and Bachelor of Applied Science (Health Information Management) (Honours)**

Resolution 120/06

That the Academic Board:

- (1) approve the proposal from the Faculty of Health Sciences to delete the Bachelor of Applied Science (Health Information Management) and Bachelor of Applied Science (Health Information Management) (Honours) courses;
- (2) recommend that Senate approve the rescission of the Resolutions of Senate relating to the courses and the amendment to the Resolutions of Senate relating to the Degrees, Diplomas and Certificates in the Faculty of Health Sciences; and
- (3) approve the rescission of the related faculty resolutions with effect from 1 January 2007, as set out in the report presented.

*Action:*The Chair to recommend to Senate that it endorse the Academic Board's approval of the proposal to delete the Bachelor of Applied Science (Health Information Management) and Bachelor of Applied Science (Health Information Management) (Honours) courses and approve the

rescission of the Resolutions of the Senate relating to the course and the amendment of the Resolutions of the Senate relating to the Degrees, Diplomas and Certificates in the Faculty of Health Sciences.

The Dean and Faculty Manager of the Faculty of Health Sciences to note the Academic Board's approval of the proposal to delete the Bachelor of Applied Science (Health Information Management) and Bachelor of Applied Science (Health Information Management) (Honours) courses.

(File TBA)

(2) Bachelor of Applied Science (Leisure and Health) and Bachelor of Applied Science (Leisure and Health) (Honours)

Resolution 121/06

That the Academic Board:

- (1) approve the proposal from the Faculty of Health Sciences to delete the Bachelor of Applied Science (Leisure and Health) and Bachelor of Applied Science (Leisure and Health) (Honours) courses;
- (2) recommend that Senate approve the rescission of the Resolutions of Senate relating to the courses and the amendment to the Resolutions of Senate relating to the Degrees, Diplomas and Certificates in the Faculty of Health Sciences; and
- (3) approve the rescission of the related faculty resolutions

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

Action: The Chair to recommend to Senate that it endorse the Academic Board's approval of the proposal to delete the Bachelor of Applied Science (Leisure and Health) and Bachelor of Applied Science (Leisure and Health) (Honours) courses and approve the rescission of the Resolutions of the Senate relating to the course and the amendment of the Resolutions of the Senate relating to the Degrees, Diplomas and Certificates in the Faculty of Health Sciences.

The Dean and Faculty Manager of the Faculty of Health Sciences to note the Academic Board's approval of the proposal to delete the Bachelor of Applied Science

(Leisure and Health) and Bachelor of Applied Science (Leisure and Health) (Honours) courses.

(File TBA)

(3) Bachelor of Applied Science (Orthoptics) and Bachelor of Applied Science (Orthoptics) (Honours)

Resolution 122/06

That the Academic Board:

- (1) approve the proposal from the Faculty of Health Sciences to delete the Bachelor of Applied Science (Orthoptics) and Bachelor of Applied Science (Orthoptics) (Honours) courses;
- (2) recommend that Senate approve the rescission of the Resolutions of Senate relating to the courses and the amendment to the Resolutions of Senate relating to the Degrees, Diplomas and Certificates in the Faculty of Health Sciences; and
- (3) approve the rescission of the related faculty resolutions

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

Action: The Chair to recommend to Senate that it endorse the Academic Board's approval of the proposal to delete the Bachelor of Applied Science (Orthoptics) and Bachelor of Applied Science (Orthoptics) (Honours) courses and approve the rescission of the Resolutions of the Senate relating to the course and the amendment of the Resolutions of the Senate relating to the Degrees, Diplomas and Certificates in the Faculty of Health Sciences.

The Dean and Faculty Manager of the Faculty of Health Sciences to note the Academic Board's approval of the proposal to delete the Bachelor of Applied Science (Orthoptics) and Bachelor of Applied Science (Orthoptics) (Honours) courses.

(File TBA)

(4) Bachelor of Health Science (Rehabilitation Counselling) and Bachelor of Health Science (Rehabilitation Counselling) (Honours)

Resolution 123/06

That the Academic Board:

- (1) approve the proposal from the Faculty of Health Sciences to delete the Bachelor of Health Science (Rehabilitation Counselling) and Bachelor of Health Science (Rehabilitation Counselling) (Honours) courses;
 - (2) recommend that Senate approve the rescission of the Resolutions of Senate relating to the courses and the amendment to the Resolutions of Senate relating to the Degrees, Diplomas and Certificates in the Faculty of Health Sciences; and
 - (3) approve the rescission of the related faculty resolutions
- with effect from 1 January 2007, as set out in the report presented.

Action: The Chair to recommend to Senate that it endorse the Academic Board's approval of the proposal to delete the Bachelor of Health Science (Rehabilitation Counselling) and Bachelor of Health Science (Rehabilitation Counselling) (Honours) courses and approve the rescission of the Resolutions of the Senate relating to the course and the amendment of the Resolutions of the Senate relating to the Degrees, Diplomas and Certificates in the Faculty of Health Sciences.

The Dean and Faculty Manager of the Faculty of Health Sciences to note the Academic Board's approval of the proposal to delete the Bachelor of Health Science (Rehabilitation Counselling) and Bachelor of Applied Science (Rehabilitation Counselling) (Honours) courses.

(File TBA)

(5) Bachelor of Health Sciences and Bachelor of Health Sciences (Honours)

Resolution 124/06

That the Academic Board:

- (1) approve the proposal from the Faculty of Health Sciences to amend the Bachelor of Health Sciences and

- Bachelor of Health Sciences (Honours) courses;
- (2) recommend that Senate:
 - (i) endorse the Academic Board's approval of the proposal;
 - (ii) approve the amendment of the Resolutions of Senate relating to the courses; and
 - (3) approve the Faculty requirements relating to admission, units of study, 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 Health Sciences and Bachelor of Health Sciences (Honours) courses and approve the amendment of the Resolutions of the Senate relating to the courses.

The Dean and Faculty Manager of the Faculty of Health Sciences to note the Academic Board's approval of the proposal to amend the Bachelor of Health Sciences and Bachelor of Health Sciences (Honours) courses.

(File TBA)

9.3.2.5 Faculty of Science: Bachelor of Science – Bioinformatics Major

Resolution 125/06

That the Academic Board:

- (1) approve the proposal from the Faculty of Science to introduce the Bioinformatics major in the Bachelor of Science course;
- (2) recommend that Senate endorse the Academic Board's approval of the proposal; and
- (3) approve the Faculty requirements relating to units and majors

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 Bioinformatics major in the Bachelor of Science course, and note that there are no amendments to the related Senate resolutions.

The Dean and Faculty Manager of the Faculty of Science to note the Academic Board's approval of the proposal to introduce the Bioinformatics major in the Bachelor of Science course.

(File TBA)

★ **9.3.2.6 Sydney Conservatorium of Music and the Faculty of Medicine: Bachelor of Music Studies / Bachelor of Medicine and Bachelor of Surgery**

A member moved a motion to amend the faculty resolutions for this degree as follows:

“4. Requirements for the Bachelor of Music Studies/Bachelor of Medicine and Bachelor of Surgery

4.1 To qualify for the award of the Bachelor of Music Studies/Bachelor of Medicine and Bachelor of Surgery a student shall:

4.1.2 maintain an annual average mark of 80 or greater a ~~Distinction average or above~~ in each of the first three years of the program;.....”

“5. Award of Bachelor of Music Studies/Bachelor of Medicine and Bachelor of Surgery

An annual average mark of 80 or greater ~~Distinction average~~ must be maintained throughout the Bachelor of Music Studies degree, successful completion of five SMTP units of study and 18 Junior credit points of designated Science units of study, as well as the successful completion of MBBS requirements.”

The motion was seconded and carried, and the proposed course approved as amended.

Resolution 126/06

That the Academic Board:

- (1) approve the proposal from the Sydney Conservatorium of Music and the Faculty of Medicine to introduce the new degree program, the Bachelor of Music Studies / Bachelor of Medicine and Bachelor of Surgery combined degree course;
- (2) recommend that Senate:
 - (i) endorse the Academic Board's approval of the proposal to introduce the new course;

- (ii) approve the amendment of the Resolutions of Senate relating to the Degrees, Diplomas and Certificates in the Sydney Conservatorium of Music and the Faculty of Medicine; and
- (iii) approve the new Resolutions of Senate relating to the course; and
- (3) approve the Faculty requirements relating to admission, units of study, the pass degree, the combined 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 endorse the Academic Board's approval of the proposal to introduce the Bachelor of Music Studies / Bachelor of Medicine and Bachelor of Surgery combined degree course and approve the introduction of the Resolutions of the Senate relating to the course and the amendment of the Resolutions of the Senate relating to the Degrees, Diplomas and Certificates in the Faculty of Arts and the Faculty of Medicine.

The Dean and Faculty Manager of the Sydney Conservatorium of Music and the Faculty of Medicine to note the Academic Board's approval of the proposal to introduce the Bachelor of Music Studies / Bachelor of Medicine and Bachelor of Surgery combined degree course.

(File TBA)

9.3.3 Reports from Faculties

9.3.3.1 Faculty of Engineering: Bachelor of Engineering

Resolution 127/06

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

9.3.3.2 Faculty of Veterinary Science: Bachelor of Animal and Veterinary Bioscience

Resolution 128/06

That the Academic Board note the report from the Faculty of Veterinary Science regarding amendments to the units of study in the Bachelor of Animal and Veterinary Bioscience.

9.3.3.3 Sydney Conservatorium of Music: Bachelor of Arts / Bachelor of Music Studies

Resolution 129/06

That the Academic Board note the report from the Sydney Conservatorium of Music regarding faculty-approved amendments to the resolutions for the Bachelor of Arts/Bachelor of Music Studies.

9.3.4 Admission of Students with Forecast IB Scores

Resolution 130/06

That the Academic Board approve the admission of international full fee paying students with forecast International Baccalaureate scores at 2 points higher than the published admission scores.

Action: The Executive Officer to amend the policy *Admission to Undergraduate Courses* to include the use of forecast International Baccalaureate scores, and update the policy on Policy OnLine.

(File TBA)

9.3.5 Report of the Admissions Sub-Committee meeting of 28 March 2006

Resolution 131/06

That the Academic Board note the report of the Admissions Sub-Committee meeting of 28 March 2006, as set out in the report presented.

9.3.6 Proceedings of the Committee

Resolution 132/06

That the Academic Board note the proceedings of the Undergraduate Studies Committee meeting held on 11 April 2006, as set out in the report presented.

10. Report of the Graduate Studies Committee
(Associate Professor Anthony Masters)

★ **10.1 Oral report of the Chair**

The Chair of the Graduate Studies Committee, Associate Professor A Masters, advised that the only matter for noting was the issue of introducing a staff Doctor of Philosophy degree. This issue had been discussed by the Committee and had been referred to faculties for comment, together with the question of the extent of conferral between examiners of Doctor of Philosophy theses.

Resolution 133/06

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

10.2 Report of the meeting held on 24 April 2006

10.2.1 Receipt of report

Resolution 134/06

That the Academic Board receive and note the report of the Graduate Studies Committee meeting held on 24 April 2006.

10.2.2 Proposals for new and amended postgraduate courses

10.2.2.1 Faculty of Dentistry: Master of Philosophy

Resolution 135/06

That the Academic Board:

- (i) approve the proposal from the Faculty of Dentistry to introduce the Master of Philosophy and delete the Master of Science in Dentistry
- (ii) recommend that Senate:
 - (a) endorse the Academic Board's approval of the proposal; and
 - (b) approve the amendment of the Senate Resolutions relating to the Degrees, Diplomas and Certificates in the Faculty of Dentistry and relating to the course; and
- (iii) approve the faculty requirements relating to the 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 new Master of Philosophy course, and approve the amendment of the Senate Resolutions relating to the Degrees, Diplomas and Certificates in the Faculty of Dentistry and relating to the course.

The Dean and Faculty Manager of the Faculty of Dentistry to note the Academic Board's approval of the new Master of Philosophy course.

(Files TBA)

10.2.2.2 Faculty of Health Sciences

(1) Graduate Certificate of Health Sciences (Casemix)

Resolution 136/06

That the Academic Board:

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

- (b) approve the amendment of the Senate Resolutions relating to the Degrees, Diplomas and Certificates in the Faculty of Health Sciences and relating to the course; and
- (iii) 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 withdraw the Graduate Certificate of Health Sciences (Casemix) course, rescind the Resolutions of the Senate relating to the course and the amendment of the Resolutions of the Senate relating to the Degrees, Diplomas and Certificates in the Faculty of Health Sciences.

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

(File TBA)

(2) Master of Orthoptics

Resolution 137/06

That the Academic Board:

- (i) approve the proposal from the Faculty of Health Sciences to amend the Master of Orthoptics
- (ii) recommend that Senate:
 - (a) endorse the Academic Board's approval of the proposal; and
 - (b) note there are no amendments of the Senate Resolutions relating to the Degrees, Diplomas and Certificates in the Faculty of Health Sciences and relating to the course;

with effect from Semester 1, 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 Orthoptics course, and note that there are no amendments to the associated Resolutions of the Senate.

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

(File TBA)

10.2.2.3 Faculty of Medicine

(1) **Master of Bioethics; Master of Bioethics (Honours); Graduate Diploma in Bioethics; Graduate Certificate in Bioethics; Graduate Certificate in Bioethics (Biotechnology)**

Resolution 138/06

That the Academic Board:

- (i) approve the proposal from the Faculty of Medicine to introduce the Master of Bioethics; Master of Bioethics (Honours); Graduate Diploma in Bioethics; Graduate Certificate in Bioethics; Graduate Certificate in Bioethics (Biotechnology)
 - (ii) recommend that Senate:
 - (a) endorse the Academic Board's approval of the proposal; and
 - (b) approve the amendment of the Senate Resolutions relating to the Degrees, Diplomas and Certificates in the Faculty of Medicine and relating to the course; and
 - (iii) 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 new Master of Bioethics; Master of Bioethics (Honours); Graduate Diploma in Bioethics; Graduate Certificate in Bioethics; Graduate Certificate in Bioethics (Biotechnology) courses, and approve the amendments to the Resolutions of the Senate relating to the Degrees, Diplomas and

Certificates in the Faculty of Medicine and relating to the courses.

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

(File TBA)

(2) Master of Philosophy

Resolution 139/06

That the Academic Board:

- (i) approve the proposal from the Faculty of Medicine to introduce the Master of Philosophy and delete the Master of Philosophy in Public Health; Master of Philosophy in International Public Health; Master of Medicine (by research) and Master of Science in Medicine (by research)
 - (ii) recommend that Senate:
 - (a) endorse the Academic Board's approval of the proposal; and
 - (b) approve the amendment of the Senate Resolutions relating to the Degrees, Diplomas and Certificates in the Faculty of Medicine and relating to the course; and
 - (iii) 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 Philosophy and delete the Master of Philosophy in Public Health; Master of Philosophy in International Public Health; Master of Medicine (by research) and Master of Science in Medicine (by research), and approve the amendments to the Resolutions of the Senate relating to the Degrees, Diplomas and Certificates in the Faculty of Medicine and relating to the courses.

The Dean and Faculty Manager of the Faculty of Medicine to note the Academic Board's approval of the proposal to introduce the Master of Philosophy and delete the Master of Philosophy in Public Health; Master of Philosophy in International Public Health; Master of Medicine (by research) and Master of Science in Medicine (by research).

(File TBA)

10.2.2.4 Faculty of Pharmacy : Master of Philosophy

Resolution 140/06

That the Academic Board:

- (i) approve the proposal from the Faculty of Pharmacy to introduce the Master of Philosophy and delete the Master of Pharmacy (Research); Master of Pharmaceutical Science and Graduate Diploma in Pharmaceutical Science
- (ii) recommend that Senate:
 - (a) endorse the Academic Board's approval of the proposal; and
 - (b) approve the amendment of the Senate Resolutions relating to the Degrees, Diplomas and Certificates in the Faculty of Pharmacy and relating to the course; and
- (iii) approve the faculty requirements relating to the degree;

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

Action: The Chair to recommend to Senate that it endorse the Academic Board's approval of the proposal to introduce the Master of Philosophy and delete the Master of Pharmacy (Research); Master of Pharmaceutical Science and Graduate Diploma in Pharmaceutical Science, and approve the amendment of the Senate Resolutions relating to the Degrees, Diplomas and Certificates in the Faculty of Pharmacy and relating to the course.

The Dean and Faculty Manager of the Faculty of Pharmacy to note the Academic Board's approval of the proposal to introduce the Master of Philosophy and delete the Master of Pharmacy (Research); Master of Pharmaceutical Science and Graduate Diploma in Pharmaceutical Science courses.

(Files TBA)

**10.2.2.5 Faculty of Science and Faculty of Medicine :
Graduate Certificate in Bioethics (Clinical
Ethics)**

Resolution 141/06

That the Academic Board:

- (i) approve the proposal from the Faculty of Science and Faculty of Medicine to amend the Graduate Certificate in Bioethics
 - (ii) recommend that Senate:
 - (a) endorse the Academic Board's approval of the proposal; and
 - (b) approve the amendment of the Senate Resolutions relating to the Degrees, Diplomas and Certificates in the Faculty of Science and Faculty of Medicine and relating to the course; and
 - (iii) approve the faculty requirements relating to the degree;
- with effect from Semester 1, 2006, as set out in the report presented.

*Action:*The Chair to recommend to Senate that it endorse the Academic Board's approval of the proposal to amend the Graduate Certificate in Bioethics, and approve the amendment of the Resolutions of the Senate relating to the Degrees, Diplomas and Certificates in the Faculty of Science and the Faculty of Medicine and relating to the course.

The Dean and Faculty Manager of the Faculty of Science and the Faculty of Medicine to note the Academic Board's approval of the proposal to amend the Graduate Certificate in Bioethics course.

(File TBA)

**10.2.2.6 Sydney College of the Arts
(1) Master of Documentary Photography**

Resolution 142/06

That the Academic Board:

- (i) approve the proposal from the Sydney College of the Arts to introduce the Master of Documentary Photography
- (ii) recommend that Senate:
 - (a) endorse the Academic Board's approval of the proposal; and
 - (b) approve the amendment of the Senate Resolutions relating to the Degrees, Diplomas and Certificates

in the Sydney College of the Arts and 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 introduce the Master of Documentary Photography course, and approve the amendments to the Resolutions of the Senate relating to the Degrees, Diplomas and Certificates in the Sydney College of the Arts and relating to the course.

The Dean and Faculty Manager of the Sydney College of the Arts to note the Academic Board's approval of the proposal to introduce the Master of Documentary Photography course.

(File TBA)

(2) Master of Multimedia Design

Resolution 143/06

That the Academic Board:

- (i) approve the proposal from the Sydney College of the Arts to amend the Master of Multimedia Design
- (ii) recommend that Senate:
 - (a) endorse the Academic Board's approval of the proposal; and
 - (b) note there are no amendments of the Senate Resolutions relating to the Degrees, Diplomas and Certificates in the Sydney College of the Arts and 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 amend the Master of Multimedia Design course, and note that there are no amendments to the related Resolutions of the Senate.

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 Master of Multimedia Design course.

(File TBA)

10.2.2.7

Faculty of Veterinary Science

(1) Master of Animal Science (Animal Breeding Management); Master of Animal Science (Honours); Graduate Diploma in Animal Science (Animal Breeding Management); Graduate Certificate in Animal Science (Animal Breeding Management)

Resolution 144/06

That the Academic Board:

- (i) approve the proposal from the Faculty of Veterinary Science to introduce the Master of Animal Science (Animal Breeding Management); Master of Animal Science (Honours); Graduate Diploma in Animal Science (Animal Breeding Management); Graduate Certificate in Animal Science (Animal Breeding Management)
- (ii) recommend that Senate:
 - (a) endorse the Academic Board's approval of the proposal; and
 - (b) approve the amendment of the Senate Resolutions relating to the Degrees, Diplomas and Certificates in the Faculty of Veterinary Science and 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 introduce the Master of Animal Science (Animal Breeding Management); Master of Animal Science (Honours); Graduate Diploma in Animal Science (Animal Breeding Management); Graduate Certificate in Animal Science (Animal Breeding Management) courses, and approve the amendments to the Resolutions of the Senate relating to the Degrees, Diplomas and Certificates in the Faculty of Veterinary Science and relating to the 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 Animal Science (Animal Breeding Management); Master of Animal Science (Honours); Graduate Diploma in Animal Science (Animal Breeding Management); Graduate Certificate in Animal Science (Animal Breeding Management) courses.

(File TBA)

(2) Master of Veterinary Public Health Management (Honours)

Resolution 145/06

That the Academic Board:

- (i) approve the proposal from the Faculty of Veterinary Science to introduce the Master of Veterinary Public Health Management (Honours)
- (ii) recommend that Senate:
 - (a) endorse the Academic Board's approval of the proposal; and
 - (b) approve the amendment of the Senate Resolutions relating to the Degrees, Diplomas and Certificates in the Faculty of Veterinary Science and 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 introduce the Master of Veterinary Public Health Management (Honours) course, and approve the amendments to the Resolutions of the Senate relating to the Degrees, Diplomas and Certificates in the Faculty of Veterinary Science and relating to the course.

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 Management (Honours) course.

(File TBA)

10.2.3 Amendment of the Resolutions of the Senate

10.2.3.1 Faculty of Agriculture, Food and Natural Resources

Resolution 146/06

That the Academic Board:

- (1) recommend that Senate approve the adoption of new Resolutions of the Senate relating to the Master of Agriculture course, made pursuant to the University of Sydney (Coursework) Rule 2000, with effect from Semester 1, 2007; 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, combined degrees, the honours degree, specially designated streams and award of the degree, as set out in the report presented.

Action: The Chair to recommend to Senate that it approve the adoption of new Resolutions of the Senate relating to the Master of Agriculture course.

The Dean and Faculty Manager of the Faculty of Agriculture, Food and Natural Resources to note the Academic Board's approval of the amended Faculty Resolutions for the Master of Agriculture course.

(File TBA)

10.2.4 Amendment of the Resolutions of the Faculty

10.2.4.1 Faculty of Economics and Business

Resolution 147/06

That the Academic Board note the changes to Section 2 of the Faculty Resolutions for the Faculty of Economic and Business.

10.2.5 Report from Faculties

10.2.5.1 Faculty of Engineering : Master of Engineering Studies

Resolution 148/06

That the Academic Board note the replacement of two units of study within the Master of Engineering Studies in the Faculty of Engineering.

10.2.5.2 Faculty of Health Sciences – English Language Requirements

Resolution 149/06

That the Academic Board approve amendments to Appendix 1 of the “Postgraduate English Language Requirements” policy for the Faculty of Health Sciences, School of Physiotherapy.

Action: The Committees Officer to update the policy “Postgraduate English Language Requirements” on Policy OnLine.

The Dean and Faculty Manager of the Faculty of Health Sciences to note the Academic Board’s approval of the amendments to Appendix 1 of the “Postgraduate English Language Requirements” policy.

(File TBA)

10.2.6 Proceedings of the Committee

Resolution 150/06

That the Academic Board note the proceedings of the Graduate Studies Committee meeting held on 24 April 2006, as set out in the report presented.

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

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11.1 Oral report of the Chair

The Chair of the Learning and Teaching Committee, Associate Professor Bruce Sutton, noted that this meeting had been reasonably short. He advised that he would be liaising with the Pro Vice-Chancellor (Learning and Teaching) regarding the next round of Academic Board Faculty reviews. He also highlighted the drafting of the new University Teaching and Learning Plan by the Pro Vice-Chancellor.

Resolution 151/06

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

11.2 Report of the meeting held on 26 April 2006

11.2.1 Receipt of report

Resolution 152/06

That the Academic Board receive and note the report of the Learning and Teaching Committee meeting held on 26 April 2006.

11.2.2 Academic Board Faculty Reviews: Faculty Progress Reports

Resolution 153/06

That the Academic Board note the Faculty Progress Reports from the Faculty of Agriculture, Food and Natural Resources and the Faculty of Engineering, as set out in the report presented.

11.2.3 Proceedings of the Committee

Resolution 154/06

That the Academic Board note the proceedings of the Learning and Teaching Committee meeting held on 26 April 2006, as set out in the report presented.

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

★ 12.1 Oral report of the Chair

The Chair of the Research Committee, Associate Professor Tony Masters, advised that there were a number of issues currently under discussion by the Research Committee. He particularly noted the Committee's work on refining the definition of research activity at the University.

Professor Nutbeam noted a point of clarification in the report regarding the Business Liaison Office. The statement regarding the alignment of the Office with the Office of General Counsel should be amended to note that the Business Liaison Office would remain an independent unit but that its Director would now report to the Chief Financial Officer rather than the Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Research).

Resolution 155/06

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

12.2 Report of the meeting held on 22 March 2006

12.2.1 Receipt of report

Resolution 156/06

That the Academic Board receive and note the report of the Research Committee meeting held on 22 March 2006.

12.2.2 Proceedings of the Committee

Resolution 157/06

That the Academic Board note the proceedings of the Research Committee meeting held on 22 March 2006, as set out in the report presented.

13. General Business

There were no items of general business.

The meeting closed at 3:45 p.m.

Signed as a correct record

Chair

Date