1 WELCOME AND APOLOGIES

The Chair welcomed new members Dr Roslyn Bathgate as representative of the Faculty of Veterinary Science; Associate Professor Nigel Bagnall who replaces Associate Professor David Hirsch for Semester 2 2016 while the latter is on SSP; and Ahmed Suhaib as postgraduate student representative. The Committee also noted the appointment of Associate Professor Michael Kertesz as Deputy Chair of the Committee.

The Committee noted the apologies.

2 PROCEDURAL MATTERS

2.1 Starring of agenda and adoption of unstarred items

In addition to those items starred in the agenda, members also starred Items 3.2, 4.2 and 4.8. The Committee resolved as recommended with respect to all unstarred items.

Resolution GSC16/4-1
That the Graduate Studies Committee resolve as recommended with respect to all unstarred items.

2.2 Minutes of Previous Meeting

Members confirmed the minutes of the previous meeting, held on 15 June 2016.

Resolution GSC16/4-2
The Graduate Studies Committee resolved that the minutes of meeting 3/2016, held on 15 June 2016, be confirmed as a true record.

2.3 Actions Arising

There were no matters arising from the previous meeting.

3 STANDING ITEMS

3.1 Report of the Chair

The Chair advised she had nothing to add to the written report.
Resolution GSC16/4-3
That the Graduate Studies Committee note the report of the Chair.

3.2 Report of the Academic Board

Associate Professor Masters advised the Committee that Senate has approved the Terms of Reference and timeline for the external review of the Academic Board and asked members to start thinking about submission to the review panel when invited. Senate has also been alerted that the Board will propose transitional arrangements during 2017 to ensure continuity of representation through the implementation of organisational changes. Faculties have accordingly been advised of the need to undertake the election of student members to faculties, and Associate Professor Masters has also directly spoken to most deans regarding interim representation.

Resolution GSC16/4-4
That the Graduate Studies Committee note the report of the Academic Board meeting of 29 June 2016.

3.3 Report of PhD Award Sub-Committee

Resolution GSC16/4-5
That the Graduate Studies Committee note the report of the PhD Award Sub-Committee meeting of 21 June 2016.

3.4 Report of Postgraduate Awards Sub-Committee

Associate Professor McCrystal drew attention to two items in the written report, both of which require endorsement by the Committee.

Changes are proposed to the APA/UPA Ranking Guidelines, primarily of a cosmetic or clarificatory nature, and include changes to the assessment of degrees from France and the Netherlands. In discussion, it was agreed that the proposed change to the title of Table 1 be rejected in its entirety. Members were reminded that the Guidelines are not for general distribution but are only to be made available to staff involved with the ranking of applications. The Committee was also advised that a Post-Implementation Review of the Ranking Guidelines is currently underway, concentrating on how the guidelines are working in practice. The proposal was endorsed as presented.

The proposal to change the name of the Sub-Committee to the Higher Degree by Research (HDR) Scholarships Sub-Committee was supported.

Resolution GSC16/4-6
That the Graduate Studies Committee:
(1) note the reports from the Postgraduate Awards Sub-Committee (PGASC) meetings held on 9 June 2016, 16 June 2016, and 11 July 2016;
(2) endorse the Australian Postgraduate Awards / University of Sydney Postgraduate Awards Ranking Guidelines as amended; and
(3) note the PGASC endorsed the recommendation from the Executive Officer to the Academic Board to amend the Sub-Committee’s Terms of Reference, namely to rename the PGASC the Higher Degree by Research (HDR) Scholarships Sub-Committee.

4 ITEMS FOR APPROVAL

Major Course Proposals

4.1 Sydney Conservatorium of Music: Master of Music (Applied Research in Music) – course deletion

The proposal was endorsed as presented.

Resolution GSC16/4-7
That the Graduate Studies Committee recommend that Academic Board:
(1) approve the proposal from the Sydney Conservatorium of Music to delete the Master of Music (Applied Research in Music);
(2) recommend that Senate endorse the Academic Board’s approval of the proposal and approve amendments to the Resolutions of Senate related to the Degrees, Diplomas and Certificates in the Sydney Conservatorium of Music; and
(3) approve the deletion of Course Resolutions arising from this proposal with immediate effect, as presented.

Minor Course Proposals

4.2 Architecture, Design and Planning: Master of Heritage Conservation – Amended Units of Study

Associate Professor Jones spoke to this proposal. Associate Professor Kertesz questioned the need to include the requirement that students undertake “a maximum of 6 credit points of elective units of study” in the Course Resolutions for the Graduate Certificate, as any student taking the minimum 18 credit points of core units would of necessity have to undertake the remaining unit of study to complete the qualification. Associate Professor Jones advised that the wording is consistent with that of other resolutions in the Faculty, and Mr Charet advised that the wording also clarifies under which category in Sydney Student the unit of study falls for student enrolment process.

The proposal was endorsed as presented.

Resolution GSC16/4-8
That the Graduate Studies Committee recommend that Academic Board:
(1) approve the proposal from the Faculty of Architecture, Design and Planning to amend the Graduate Certificate in Heritage Conservation, Graduate Diploma in Heritage Conservation and Master of Heritage Conservation as proposed;
(2) approve the amendment to the Course Resolutions arising from the proposal; and
(3) approve the amendment to the table of Units of Study arising from the proposal with effect from 1 January 2017.

4.3 Architecture, Design and Planning: Master of Urban and Regional Planning and Master of Urbanism – Amended Units of Study

The proposal was endorsed as presented.

Resolution GSC16/4-9
That the Graduate Studies Committee recommend that Academic Board:
(1) approve the proposal from the Faculty of Architecture, Design and Planning to amend the Master of Urbanism and Master of Urban and Regional Planning; and
(2) approve the amendment to the unit of study table arising from the proposal with effect from 1 January 2017.

4.4 Business School: Graduate Certificate in Transport Management – Amended Units of Study

The proposal was endorsed as presented.

Resolution GSC16/4-10
That the Graduate Studies Committee recommend that Academic Board:
(1) approve the proposal from the University of Sydney Business School to amend the Graduate Certificate in Transport Management;
(2) approve the amendment to the Course Resolutions arising from the proposal; and
(3) approve the amendment to the table of Units of Study arising from the proposal with effect from 1 January 2017.

4.5 Business School: Master of Commerce, Graduate Diploma in Commerce – Amended Units of Study

The proposal was endorsed as presented.

Resolution GSC16/4-11
That the Graduate Studies Committee recommend that Academic Board:
(1) approve the proposal from the University of Sydney Business School to amend the Master of Commerce and Graduate Diploma in Commerce;
(2) approve the amendment to the Course Resolutions arising from the proposal; and
(3) approve the amendment to the table of Units of Study arising from the proposal with effect from 1 January 2017.
4.6 **Business School**: Master of Management – Amended Units of Study

The proposal was endorsed as presented.

**Resolution GSC16/4-12**

That the Graduate Studies Committee recommend that Academic Board:

1. approve the proposal from the University of Sydney Business School to amend the Master of Management;
2. approve the amendment of the Course Resolutions arising from the proposal; and
3. approve the amendment of the table of Units of Study arising from the proposal with effect from 1 January 2017.

4.7 **Engineering and IT**: Master of Data Science – Amended Units of Study

The proposal was endorsed as presented.

**Resolution GSC16/4-13**

That the Graduate Studies Committee recommend that Academic Board:

1. approve the proposal from the Faculty of Engineering and Information Technologies to amend the Master of Data Science; and
2. approve the amendment of the table of Units of Study arising from the proposal with effect from 1 January 2017.

4.8 **Engineering and IT**: Master of Professional Engineering (Biomedical) – Amended Units of Study

Mr Suhaib commended the availability of electives in the Master of Professional Engineering (Biomedical), but questioned whether electives might also be made available in Semester 2. Professor Lowe advised that the availability of electives is dependent on the structure of the degree and on constraints of timetabling, and invited Mr Suhaib to communicate his concerns directly to Professor Lowe.

The proposal was endorsed as presented.

**Resolution GSC16/4-14**

That the Graduate Studies Committee recommend that Academic Board:

1. approve the proposal from the Faculty of Engineering and Information Technologies to amend the Master of Professional Engineering (Biomedical); and
2. approve the amendment of the table of Units of Study arising from the proposal with effect from 1 January 2017.

4.9 **Engineering and IT**: Master of Project Leadership – Amended Units of Study

The proposal was endorsed as presented.

**Resolution GSC16/4-15**

That the Graduate Studies Committee recommend that Academic Board:

1. approve the proposal from the Faculty of Engineering and Information Technologies to amend the Master of Project Leadership and Master of Project Management; and
2. approve the amendment of the table of Units of Study arising from the proposal with effect from 1 January 2017.

4.10 **Health Sciences**: Master of Applied Science – Amended Course Resolutions

The proposal was endorsed as presented.

**Resolution GSC16/4-16**

That the Graduate Studies Committee recommend that Academic Board:

1. approve the proposal from the Faculty of Health Sciences to amend the Master of Applied Science; and
2. approve the amendment of the Course Resolutions arising from the proposal with effect from 1 January 2017.

4.11 **Medical School**: Doctor of Medicine (MD) – Amended Units of Study

Associate Professor Jenkin spoke to this proposal and advised that it arose from an internal review of the Doctor of Medicine program and a desire to clarify the credit point values associated with particular activities undertaken in Stage 3. Arising from the review, an amended structure for this stage of the award course has been developed, as presented. The proposal requires the removal of...
9 units of study and their replacement by 11 new units of study, including several units of study relating to completion of a project. Members were advised that the program is a fixed one, and that students are required to successfully complete all units of study within the degree prior to award. The proposal was endorsed as presented.

**Resolution GSC16/4-17**

*That the Graduate Studies Committee recommend that the Academic Board:*

1. approve the proposal from the Sydney Medical School to amend the Doctor of Medicine; and
2. approve the amendment of the table of units of study arising from the proposal with effect from 1 January 2017.

4.12 **Medical School:** Master of Medicine (HIV, STIs and Sexual Health) – Amended Units of Study

The proposal was endorsed as presented.

**Resolution GSC16/4-18**

*That the Graduate Studies Committee recommend that the Academic Board:*

1. approve the proposal from the Sydney Medical School to amend the Master of Medicine (HIV, STIs and Sexual Health); Graduate Diploma in Medicine (HIV, STIs and Sexual Health); Graduate Diploma of Science in Medicine (HIV, STIs and Sexual Health); Master of Medicine (Advanced) (HIV, STIs and Sexual Health); Master of Science in Medicine (HIV, STIs and Sexual Health); Master of Science in Medicine (Advanced) (HIV, STIs and Sexual Health); Master of Medicine (HIV, STIs and Sexual Health) and Master of Philosophy; Master of Science in Medicine (HIV, STIs and Sexual Health) and Master of Philosophy; and
2. approve the amendment of the table of units of study arising from the proposal with effect from 1 January 2017.

4.13 **Medical School:** Master of Medicine (Pain Management) – Amended Units of Study

The proposal was endorsed as presented.

**Resolution GSC16/4-19**

*That the Graduate Studies Committee recommends that the Academic Board:*

1. approve the proposal from the Sydney Medical School to amend the Master of Medicine (Pain Management), Master of Science in Medicine (Pain Management), Graduate Diploma in Pain Management and the Graduate Certificate in Pain Management; and
2. approve the amendment of the table of units of study arising from the proposal with effect from 1 January 2017.

4.14 **Medical School:** Graduate Certificate in Advanced Clinical Skills (Surgical Anatomy) – Amended Units of Study

The proposal was endorsed as presented.

**Resolution GSC16/4-20**

*That the Graduate Studies Committee recommend that the Academic Board:*

1. approve the proposal from the Sydney Medical School to amend the Graduate Certificate in Advanced Clinical Skills (Surgical Anatomy); and
2. approve the amendment of the table of units of study arising from the proposal with effect from 1 January 2017.

4.15 **Medical School:** Master of Surgery – Amended Units of Study

The proposal was endorsed as presented.

**Resolution GSC16/4-21**

*That the Graduate Studies Committee recommend that the Academic Board:*

1. approve the proposal from the Sydney Medical School to amend the Master of Surgery; and
2. degrees the amendment of the table of units of study arising from the proposal with effect from 1 January 2017.
4.16 **Pharmacy**: Graduate Certificate in Pharmacy Practice – Amended Course Resolutions

The proposal was endorsed as presented.

**Resolution GSC16/4-22**

*That the Graduate Studies Committee recommend that Academic Board:*

1. approve the proposal from the Faculty of Pharmacy to amend the Graduate Certificate in Pharmacy Practice;
2. approve the amendment of the Course Resolutions arising from the proposal; and
3. approve the amendment of the table of Units of Study arising from the proposal with effect from 1 January 2017.

4.17 **Pharmacy**: Master of Pharmacy – Amended Course Resolutions

The proposal was endorsed as presented.

**Resolution GSC16/4-23**

*That the Graduate Studies Committee recommend that Academic Board:*

1. approve the proposal from the Faculty of Pharmacy to amend the Master of Pharmacy;
2. approve the amendment of the Course Resolutions arising from the proposal; and
3. approve the amendment of the table of Units of Study arising from the proposal with effect from 1 January 2017.

4.18 **Sydney Conservatorium of Music**: Doctor of Musical Arts – Amended Course Resolutions

The proposal was endorsed as presented.

**Resolution GSC16/4-24**

*That the Graduate Studies Committee recommend that Academic Board:*

1. approve the proposal from the Sydney Conservatorium of Music to amend the Doctor of Musical Arts; and
2. approve the amendment of the Course Resolutions arising from the proposal with effect from 1 January 2017.

4.19 **Sydney Conservatorium of Music**: Master of Music – Amended Course Resolutions

The proposal was endorsed as presented.

**Resolution GSC16/4-25**

*That the Graduate Studies Committee recommend that Academic Board:*

1. approve the proposal from the Sydney Conservatorium of Music to amend the Master of Music; and
2. approve the amendment of the Course Resolutions arising from the proposal with effect from 1 January 2017

**Higher Degree by Research**

4.20 **Essential Resources for Postgraduate Research Students Policy 2012** – Amendments

Mr French spoke to this proposal and advised that it represents a number of minor amendments to the policy, arising for the most part from changes to related policies. The amendments also clarify the resources available to HDR students after submission and are formally reflecting changes that have already been made in practice.

The proposal was endorsed as presented.

**Resolution GSC16/4-26**

*That Graduate Studies Committee recommend that the Academic Board endorse the proposal to amend the Essential Resources for Postgraduate Research Students Policy 2012 and recommend the amendments to the Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Education).*
5 ITEMS FOR NOTING

5.1 Academic Honesty Procedures

The item was noted as presented.

Resolution GSC16/4-27
That the Graduate Studies Committee note the proposal to adopt the Academic Honesty Procedures and amend the Academic Honesty in Coursework Policy 2015, the Thesis and Examination of Higher Degree by Research Policy 2015, the Research Code of Conduct 2013 and the Progress Planning and Review for Higher Degree by Research Students Policy 2015, noting that these changes have been presented to the Academic Standards and Policy Committee meeting of 20 July 2016.

6 OTHER BUSINESS

6.1 Any Other Business

There was no other business.

There being no other business, the meeting concluded at 2:32pm.

Next meeting: 2:00pm – 4:00pm, Wednesday 31 August 2016
Senate Room, Quadrangle

Remaining Meeting Dates for 2016:
2:00pm – 4:00pm, Wednesday 19 October 2016
2:00pm – 4:00pm, Wednesday 16 November 2016

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