NOTICE OF MEETING

Meeting 7/2016 of the Graduate Studies Committee will be held by circulation on Wednesday, 16 November 2016. The Agenda for the meeting is below.

Dr Matthew Charet
Executive Officer to Academic Board

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3 ITEMS FOR APPROVAL

Minor Course Proposals

3.1 Arts & Social Sciences: Master of Cultural Studies – Amended Resolutions

3.2 Arts & Social Sciences: Graduate Diploma in Development Studies – Amended Resolutions

3.3 Arts & Social Sciences: Graduate Certificate of Human Rights – Amended Resolutions

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3.6 Arts & Social Sciences: Master of Public Policy – Amended Resolutions

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3.8 Law: Juris Doctor – Amended Units of Study

Next meeting: 2:00pm – 4:00pm, Tuesday 7 February 2017
Senate Room, Quadrangle

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RECOMMENDATION

That the Graduate Studies Committee resolve that the minutes of meeting 6/2016, held on 19 October 2016, be confirmed as a true record.

MINUTES

GRADUATE STUDIES COMMITTEE

2:00pm – 4:00pm, Wednesday 19 October 2016

Senate Room, Quadrangle (A14)

Members Present: Associate Professor Kirsten McKenzie (Chair); Associate Professor Nigel Bagnall, Education & Social Work; Dr Roslyn Bathgate, Veterinary Science; Professor Jo-Anne Brien, Pharmacy; Associate Professor Rachel Codd, Faculty of Medicine; Associate Professor Ross Coleman, Director, Graduate Research; Associate Professor Geoff Frost, Business School; Associate Professor Patrick Kelly, Medicine; Associate Professor Michael Kertesz, Agriculture and Environment; Dr Lian Loke, Architecture, Design and Planning; Associate Professor Lynette MacKenzie, Health Sciences; Associate Professor Tony Masters, Chair of the Academic Board; Dr Andrea McCloughen, Nursing and Midwifery; Associate Professor Kathleen Nelson, Chair of PhD Award Sub-Committee; Dr Tim Newsome, Science; A/ Associate Professor Susan Park, Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences; Associate Professor Gaby Ramia, Arts and Social Sciences; Associate Professor Marjorie Valix, Engineering & IT; Dr Munira Xaymardan, Dentistry.

Attendees: George Carayannopoulos, Head, HDR Administration Centre; Dr Matthew Charet (Secretary); Anne Fernandez, Manager Academic Model and Curriculum Logistics; Myrophora Koureas, Policy Analyst, SAS Program; Associate Professor Peter McCallum, Director, Educational Strategy; Dr Leah Schwartz, Program Manager, Education Strategy; Associate Professor Shen Hui Zhong, Education and Social Work (for Item 4.14).

Apologies: Associate Professor David Hamer, Law; Associate Professor Shae McCrystal, Chair of HDR Scholarship Sub-Committee; Ahmed Suhaib (nominee, SUPRA).

MINUTES

1 WELCOME AND APOLOGIES

The Committee noted apologies and welcomed attendees.

2 PROCEDURAL MATTERS

2.1 Starring of agenda and adoption of unstarred items

No additional items were starred. The Committee agreed to resolve as recommended with respect to all unstarred items.
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Resolution GSC16/6-1
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 31 August 2016.

Resolution GSC16/6-2
The Graduate Studies Committee resolved that the minutes of meeting 5/2016, held on 31 August 2016, be confirmed as a true record.

2.3 Actions Arising
There were no matters arising from the previous meeting.

2.4 Amendment of Terms of Reference
This proposal was endorsed as presented.

Resolution GSC16/6-3
That the Graduate Studies Committee recommend to Academic Board the amendment of its terms of reference.

3 STANDING ITEMS

3.1 Report of the Chair
Resolution GSC16/6-4
That the Graduate Studies Committee note the report of the Chair.

3.2 Report of the Academic Board
In addition to items in the written report, Associate Professor Masters advised that transitional provisions are being developed to retain the existing structure and membership of the Academic Board’s standing committees.

The Report of the Academic Board was noted as presented.

Resolution GSC16/6-5
That the Graduate Studies Committee note the report of the Academic Board meeting of 14 September 2016.

3.3 Report of PhD Award Sub-Committee
Resolution GSC16/6-6
That the Graduate Studies Committee note the report of the PhD Award Sub-Committee meetings of 23 August and 20 September 2016.

3.4 PhD Award Sub-Committee: Amended Terms of Reference
Resolution GSC16/6-7
That the Graduate Studies Committee endorse the amendment of the Terms of Reference for the PhD Award Sub-Committee, with immediate effect.

3.5 Report of HDR Scholarships Sub-Committee
Members noted that the HDR Scholarships Sub-Committee had not met since the last meeting of the Graduate Studies Committee.

4 ITEMS FOR APPROVAL

Major Course Proposals

4.1 Dentistry: Graduate Certificate in Oral Health Therapy – New Course Proposal
This proposal was endorsed as presented.

Resolution GSC16/6-8
That the Graduate Studies Committee recommend that Academic Board:
(1) approve the proposal from the Faculty of Dentistry to introduce the Graduate Certificate in Oral
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Health Therapy;

(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 Faculty of Dentistry; and

(3) approve the introduction of Course Resolutions arising from this proposal with effect from 1 January 2018.

4.2 Pharmacy: Graduate Certificate in Evidence-Based Complementary Medicines – New Course Proposal

This proposal was endorsed as presented.

Resolution GSC16/6-9

That the Graduate Studies Committee recommend that Academic Board:

(1) approve the proposal from the Faculty of Pharmacy to introduce the Graduate Certificate in Evidence-Based Complementary Medicines;

(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 Faculty of Pharmacy; and

(3) approve the introduction of Course Resolutions arising from this proposal with effect from 1 January 2018.

4.3 2016 – 2020 Curriculum Reforms: New Course Proposals

Associate Professor McCallum spoke to this proposal and advised that it presents the postgraduate components of a larger proposal that was presented to the Undergraduate Studies Committee earlier in the day. In discussion, the Committee was advised that the alignment of undergraduate and postgraduate degrees is anticipated for 2019, and that the Undergraduate Studies Committee discussed different options for high-achieving students, including the deletion of the ‘Named Scientist' stream from the BSc combined programs.

The proposal was endorsed as presented.

Resolution GSC16/6-10

That the Graduate Studies Committee recommend that Academic Board:

(1) Approve the introduction of the Bachelor of Arts and Doctor of Medicine;

(2) Approve the amendment of the Bachelor of Arts and Master of Nursing, Bachelor of Science and Master of Nutrition and Dietetics, Bachelor Science and Doctor of Medicine and Bachelor of Science and Doctor of Dental Medicine;

(3) Approve the deletion of the Bachelor of Health Sciences and Master of Nursing, Bachelor or Economics and Doctor of Medicine, Bachelor of Commerce and Doctor of Medicine, Bachelor of Medical Science and Doctor of Medicine, Bachelor of Music Studies and Doctor of Medicine, Bachelor of Science (Advanced) and Doctor of Medicine, and Bachelor of Science (Advanced) and Doctor of Dental Medicine;

(4) recommend that Senate endorse the Academic Board’s approval of the proposal and approve amendments to the Resolutions of Senate, as appropriate; and

(5) approve the introduction, amendment or deletion, as appropriate, of Course Resolutions arising from this proposal with effect from 1 January 2018.

Minor Course Proposals

4.4 Architecture, Design and Planning: Master of Architecture – Amended Resolutions

This proposal was endorsed as presented.

Resolution GSC16/6-11

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 Architecture; and

(2) approve the amendment to the course resolutions arising from the proposal with effect from 1 January 2017.
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4.5 **Architecture, Design and Planning:** Graduate Certificate in Architectural Science (Building Services), Graduate Certificate in Architectural Science (Facilities Management) and Master of Architectural Science (Illumination Design) – Amended Units of Study

This proposal was endorsed as presented.

**Resolution GSC16/6-12**

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 Architectural Science (Building Services), Graduate Certificate in Architectural Science (Facilities Management) and Master of Architectural Science (Illumination Design); and
(2) approve the amendment to the tables of units of Study arising from the proposal with effect from 1 January 2017.

4.6 **Architecture, Design and Planning:** Master of Interaction Design and Electronic Arts – Amended Units of Study

This proposal was endorsed as presented.

**Resolution GSC16/6-13**

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 Interaction Design and Electronic Arts; and
(2) approve the amendment to the units of study table arising from the proposal with effect from 1 January 2017.

4.7 **Arts and Social Sciences:** Graduate Certificate in Art Curating – Amended Resolutions

This proposal was endorsed as presented.

**Resolution GSC16/6-14**

That the Graduate Studies Committee recommend that Academic Board:
(1) approve the proposal from the Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences to amend the Graduate Certificate in Art Curating; and
(2) approve the amendment to the course resolutions arising from the proposal with effect from 1 January 2017.

4.8 **Arts and Social Sciences:** Graduate Diploma in Art Curating – Amended Resolutions

This proposal was endorsed as presented.

**Resolution GSC16/6-15**

That the Graduate Studies Committee recommend that Academic Board:
(1) approve the proposal from the Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences to amend the Graduate Diploma in Art Curating; and
(2) approve the amendment to the course resolutions arising from the proposal with effect from 1 January 2017.

4.9 **Arts and Social Sciences:** Amended Postgraduate Units of Study

This proposal was endorsed as presented.

**Resolution GSC16/6-16**

That the Graduate Studies Committee recommend that Academic Board approve changes to the Unit of Study tables for the Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences, with effect from 1 January 2017, as presented.

4.10 **Dentistry:** Doctor of Clinical Dentistry – Amended Resolutions

This proposal was endorsed as presented.

**Resolution GSC16/6-17**

That the Graduate Studies Committee recommend that Academic Board:
(1) approve the proposal from the Faculty of Dentistry to amend the Doctor of Clinical Dentistry; and
(2) approve the amendment to the course resolutions arising from the proposal
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with effect from 1 January 2017.

4.11 Dentistry: Doctor of Dental Medicine – Amended Resolutions

This proposal was endorsed as presented.

Resolution GSC16/6-18
That the Graduate Studies Committee recommend that Academic Board:
(1) approve the proposal from the Faculty of Dentistry to amend the Doctor of Dental Medicine; and
(2) approve the amendment to the course resolutions arising from the proposal
with effect from 1 January 2017.

4.12 Engineering and Information Technologies: Master of Engineering and Master of Professional Engineering – Amended Units of Study

This proposal was endorsed as presented.

Resolution GSC16/6-19
That the Graduate Studies Committee recommend that the Academic Board:
(1) approve the proposal from the Faculty of Engineering and Information Technologies to amend
the Master of Engineering and Master of Professional Engineering; and
(2) approve the amendment of the tables of units of study arising from the proposal
with effect from 1 January 2017.

4.13 Engineering and Information Technologies: Master of Project Management – Amended Resolutions and Units of Study

This proposal was endorsed as presented.

Resolution GSC16/6-20
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 Management, Graduate Certificate in Project Management and Graduate
Diploma in Project Management; and
(2) approve the amendment to the Course Resolutions and the table of units of study arising from
the proposal
with effect from 1 January 2017.

4.14 Education and Social Work: Master of Education (General) – Amended Units of Study

Associate Professor Shen Hui Zhong spoke to this proposal and advised that it arises from the
University’s international strategy and a planned agreement with Minzu University to deliver the first
two units of study in the Master of Education (General) program offshore as well as on the
Camperdown Campus. Associate Professor Zhong confirmed that the units of study will be delivered
by staff from the University of Sydney in intensive mode, and that the content will otherwise be
identical to the on-shore delivery. The Committee was also informed that the Chinese government is
supportive of the partnership, a formal agreement on which is being finalised for sign-off in
December.

The proposal was endorsed as presented.

Resolution GSC16/6-21
That the Graduate Studies Committee recommend that the Academic Board approve a proposal to
add a mode of delivery for two units of study in the Faculty of Education & Social Work, as
presented, with effect from 1 January 2017.

4.15 Science: Graduate Diploma in Psychology

This proposal was endorsed as presented.

Resolution GSC16/6-22
That the Graduate Studies Committee recommend that the Academic Board:
(1) approve the proposal from the Faculty of Science to amend the Graduate Diploma in
Psychology; and
(2) approve the amendment of course resolutions arising from the proposal
with effect from 1 January 2017.
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4.16 **Science**: Master of Clinical Psychology

This proposal was endorsed as presented.

**Resolution GSC16/6-23**

That the Graduate Studies Committee recommend that the Academic Board:

1. approve the proposal from the Faculty of Science to amend the Master of Clinical Psychology and Master of Clinical Psychology/Doctor of Philosophy; and
2. approve the amendment of course resolutions arising from the proposal with effect from 1 January 2017.

4.17 **Science**: Master of Medical Physics

This proposal was endorsed as presented.

**Resolution GSC16/6-24**

That the Graduate Studies Committee recommend that the Academic Board:

1. approve the proposal from the Faculty of Science to amend the Master of Medical Physics and Graduate Diploma in Medical Physics; and
2. approve the amendment of course resolutions arising from the proposal with effect from 1 January 2017.

4.18 **Science**: Master of Veterinary Public Health

This proposal was endorsed as presented.

**Resolution GSC16/6-25**

That the Graduate Studies Committee recommend that the Academic Board:

1. approve the proposal from the Faculty of Science to amend the Master of Veterinary Public Health, Graduate Diploma in Veterinary Public Health and Graduate Certificate in Veterinary Public Health; and
2. recommend that Senate approve the amendment of Resolutions of Senate for the Degrees, Diplomas and Certificates of the Faculty of Science with effect from 1 January 2017.

4.19 **Science**: Bachelor of Veterinary Biology / Doctor of Veterinary Medicine

This proposal was endorsed as presented.

**Resolution GSC16/6-26**

That the Graduate Studies Committee recommend that the Academic Board:

1. approve the proposal from the Faculty of Science to amend the Bachelor of Veterinary Biology / Doctor of Veterinary Medicine; and
2. approve the amendment of course resolutions and the table of units of study arising from the proposal with effect from 1 January 2017.

**Higher Degree by Research**

4.20 **Thesis & Examination of HDR Policy and Procedures 2015 – Amendment of Policy**

Associate Professor Coleman spoke to this proposal and advised that this is the second iteration of the policy to be presented to the Committee, with the first focussing on the incorporation of Academic Honesty provisions as endorsed at the previous meeting. The key driver underlying the current proposal is to reduce the complexity of examination processes, and to simplify the communications between faculty and the HDR Examinations Sub-Committee. The aim is to improve the student experience by shortening examination times, and aligns with the Strategic Plan 2016-2020. The proposal calls for the appointment of a Chair of Examination – usually but not necessarily a Postgraduate Coordinator – to oversee each examination, and this person will consult within the faculty to obtain advice based on disciplinary expertise as necessary.

In discussion, Associate Professor Nelson advised that the HDR Examinations Awards Sub-Committee had not seen the current version of the proposal and asked that it be circulated to them for comment. She also sought clarification as to whether the intent was for the HDR Examinations Sub-Committee to oversee research masters examinations, and was advised that this is the case for University-awarded degrees but that faculties will retain oversight of faculty-controlled research.
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masters degrees. Confirmation of this was requested as it has substantial resourcing implications. The role in the examination process of the Head of School was discussed, and it was agreed that the faculty can determine the nexus of decisions. Associate Professor Coleman also advised that the anticipated procurement of a technological solution to facilitate examinations has yet to occur.

The proposal was endorsed as presented, pending any feedback received from the HDR Examinations Sub-Committee.

Resolution GSC16/6-27
That the Graduate Studies Committee recommend in principle that the Academic Board approve the amendment of the Thesis and Examination of Higher Degrees by Research Policy 2015 and Thesis and Examination of Higher Degree by Research Procedures 2015, with effect from 16 November 2016, subject to further consultation with the HDR Examinations Sub-Committee.

4.21 HDR Scholarship Allocation

Associate Professor Coleman spoke to this proposal and advised that it emerged from a SEG Research Training Committee working party that examined the distribution of HDR scholarships. He advised that the proposal is intended to speed up the processing of applications and enable the making of early offers to outstanding applicants, but that the basis for allocation of scholarships will remain under the remit of the HDR Scholarships Sub-Committee. It will also facilitate the alignment of HDR student recruitment with the Strategic Plan 2016-2020.

The first component of the proposal calls for the removal of the current fixed scholarship rounds, noting that these are out of sync with northern hemisphere study patterns. It will enable applicants to apply for scholarships at any time, and outstanding applicants (as determined against criteria set by the HDRSSC) will be offered a scholarship immediately. The Scholarships and Admissions Offices have been consulted and have agreed to a single application process for both scholarship and admission.

The second component of the proposal builds in a mechanism to allow for targeted recruitment of students based on strategic priorities, with 20% of scholarships to be allocated to students working on specific themes as demonstrated by the intended supervisor working in a research centre, in strategic areas identified in a Faculty Research Compact, or being an outstanding individual researcher of ERA Rank 5. Students aligned with a priority area will be given additional points in the allocation process to facilitate receipt of an award.

In discussion, the linking of scholarships to specific projects was highlighted as an area for concern, as research projects may change from the original intentions as the project progresses. Breakdowns in the student / supervisor relationship are also possible and need to be addressed. The possible reduction in the number of awards available to students who are classified as ‘excellent’ rather than ‘outstanding’ was also raised, as well as the availability of awards for research in non-priority areas.

Associate Professor Coleman advised that the University will be increasing the number of international scholarships to address increased international demand. Mechanisms of ensuring the accuracy of application processing was also flagged as a necessary component of the proposal, with permanent staff in the Scholarships Office to undertake what is currently seasonal work undertaken by casual staff.

Associate Professor Masters expressed concern that scholarships are moving from being enablers of research training to supporting research, noting that there are mechanisms for staff to obtain research support and that scholarships should not be used to provide this. It is therefore necessary to ensure that the supervision supplied by supervisors is of the highest quality. Associate Professor Coleman advised that there is no mechanism at the University at present to monitor supervisor quality, and suggested that a model can be developed in future. The desirability of including equity and diversity targets in preferential allocation was also expressed, although the Committee was advised that the current allocation process is blind to equity. Concern was also expressed that the proposed allocation process will imbalance allocations in favour of large groups and facilities. Suggested amendments to the proposal were made and Associate Professor Coleman undertook to update the proposal before submission to the Academic Board.

Associate Professor Masters sought confirmation that the HDRSCC had been appropriately consulted on the proposal, and was advised that the Chair of the HDRSSC was part of the working
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party that developed the proposal.

It was agreed that the proposal be endorsed in principle, subject to further consultation with the HDRSSC.

Resolution GSC16/6-28
The Graduate Studies Committee recommend that the Academic Board adopt the proposed allocation scheme for HDR scholarships, with effect from 1 January 2017, subject to further consultation with the HDR Scholarships Sub-Committee.

4.22 Student Awards Policy 2016
Ms Koureas spoke to this proposal and advised that it amalgamates a number of current Academic Board policies within a single document. An earlier version of the proposal was discussed at the 12 October meeting of the Academic Standards and Policy Committee (ASPC), which recommended that the proposal be circulated to the HDR Scholarships Sub-Committee (HDRSSC) for comment before being presented to the Graduate Studies Committee. An amended version of the proposal, incorporating feedback received from the ASPC and HDRSSC, was circulated to the Committee for consideration.

The proposal was endorsed as presented.

Resolution GSC16/6-29
That the Graduate Studies Committee recommend that the Academic Board approve the adoption of the Student Recognition Awards Policy 2016, with effect from 16 November 2016.

5 ITEMS FOR NOTING

6 OTHER BUSINESS

6.1 Any Other Business

There was no other business.

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A full copy of the Graduate Studies Committee papers is available at sydney.edu.au/secretariat/academic-board-committees/graduate-studies-committee.
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**RECOMMENDATION**

That the Graduate Studies Committee endorse the amendment of its Terms of Reference and recommend the adoption of the amended Terms of Reference to the Academic Board, with immediate effect.

**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

In order to retain their existing composition during the transitional period necessitated by the changes to the University’s organisational design in 2017, the Standing Committees of the Academic Board are asked to endorse the amendment of their terms of reference, as proposed.
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**Notes**
The Chair of the Graduate Studies Committee acts for the Academic Board in varying the requirements for a particular candidate in exceptional circumstances for higher doctorates and the degree of Doctor of Philosophy, in accordance with the Resolutions of the Senate: Delegations of Authority: Academic Functions.

**Constitution**

**Ex Officio Members**
- the Chair of the Committee
- the Chair of the Academic Board, or nominee
- the Chairs of Sub-Committees of the Graduate Studies Committee, if not already members
- the Director, Graduate Research, or nominee
- the President of the Sydney University Postgraduate Representative Association, or nominee

**Appointed Members**
The Academic Board shall appoint one member from each 2016 faculty faculty and one postgraduate coursework and one postgraduate research student member nominated by members of the Board.

**Deputy Chair**
The Committee may appoint one member, on the nomination of the Chair of the Committee, to act as Deputy Chair.

**Co-opted Members**
The Committee may co-opt up to four members. Co-opted members may be selected from the members of the Academic Board or the wider University community or may express interest directly to the Chair of the Committee, but must have an interest and/or experience in issues considered by the Committee. The term of office of members co-opted by the Committee shall be specified at the time of co-option and such members shall have all rights and privileges of other members.

**Assessors and Reviewers**
The Committee may invite and appoint assessors and reviewers to assist it with its functions, including, as appropriate, persons from outside the University.

**Observers**
Students and staff of the University may attend meetings as observers, and are allowed, with the permission of the Chair of the committee, to address the meeting on issues being considered by the committee.

**Frequency of meetings**
The Committee shall meet at least five (5) times a year.

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1. "2016 faculty" means "a faculty established by the Senate prior to 1 January 2017, as constituted on 31 December 2016."

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**Voting Rights**
Voting rights at meetings of the Committee are restricted to ex-officio members, appointed members and co-opted members.

**Quorum**
A quorum for a meeting of the Committee shall be seven (7) members.

**Sub-Committees**
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**RECOMMENDATION**

*That the Graduate Studies Committee note the report of the Chair.*

**THESIS EMBARGO**

Members are asked to note that the Chair has approved an embargo request for a period of 18 months for a Doctor of Philosophy candidate in the Faculty of Law.

On behalf of the Chair (who declared a conflict of interest), the Chair of Academic Board approved an embargo request for a period of 12 months for a Doctor of Philosophy candidate in the Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences. This period is in addition to a 6 month embargo request that had previously been approved by the Faculty.

**THESIS ERRATA**

Members are asked to note that the Chair has approved the lodgement of an errata notice to a thesis submitted by a candidate for the Doctor of Philosophy in the Faculty of Medicine.
RECOMMENDATION

That the Graduate Studies Committee note the report of the Academic Board meeting held on 2 November 2016.

REPORT OF ACADEMIC BOARD MEETING

Items related to the Graduate Studies Committee

The Academic Board:

- Noted the report from the meeting of the Graduate Studies Committee held on 19 October 2016 and:
- Approved the amendment of the Terms of Reference of the Graduate Studies Committee;
- Approved the proposal from the Faculty of Dentistry to introduce the Graduate Certificate in Oral Health Therapy; recommend that Senate endorse the Academic Board’s approval of the proposal and approved amendments to the Resolutions of Senate related to the Degrees, Diplomas and Certificates in the Faculty of Dentistry; and approved the introduction of Course Resolutions arising from this proposal, with effect from 1 January 2018;
- Approved the proposal from the Faculty of Pharmacy to introduce the Graduate Certificate in Evidence-Based Complementary Medicines; recommend that Senate endorse the Academic Board’s approval of the proposal and approved amendments to the Resolutions of Senate related to the Degrees, Diplomas and Certificates in the Faculty of Pharmacy; and approved the introduction of Course Resolutions arising from this proposal, with effect from 1 January 2018;
- note the Graduate Studies Committee’s endorsement of the curriculum reform proposal relating to programs with a postgraduate component, as presented in the Report of the Undergraduate Studies Committee;
- Approved the proposal from the Faculty of Architecture, Design and Planning to amend the Master of Architecture; and approved the amendment to the course resolutions arising from the proposal, with effect from 1 January 2017;
- Approved the proposal from the Faculty of Architecture, Design and Planning to amend the Graduate Certificate in Architectural Science (Building Services), Graduate Certificate in Architectural Science (Facilities Management) and Master of Architectural Science (Illumination Design); and approved the amendment to the tables of units of Study arising from the proposal, with effect from 1 January 2017;
- Approved the proposal from the Faculty of Architecture, Design and Planning to amend the Master of Interaction Design and Electronic Arts; and approved the amendment to the units of study table arising from the proposal, with effect from 1 January 2017;
- Approved the proposal from the Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences to amend the Graduate Certificate in Art Curating; and approved the amendment to the course resolutions arising from the proposal, with effect from 1 January 2017;
- Approved the proposal from the Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences to amend the Graduate Diploma in Art Curating; and approved the amendment to the course resolutions arising from the proposal, with effect from 1 January 2017;
- Approved changes to the Unit of Study tables for the Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences, with effect from 1 January 2017, as presented;
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- Approved the proposal from the Faculty of Dentistry to amend the Doctor of Clinical Dentistry; and approved the amendment to the course resolutions arising from the proposal, with effect from 1 January 2017;
- Approved the proposal from the Faculty of Dentistry to amend the Doctor of Dental Medicine; and approved the amendment to the course resolutions arising from the proposal, with effect from 1 January 2017;
- Approved the proposal from the Faculty of Engineering and Information Technologies to amend the Master of Engineering and Master of Professional Engineering; and approved the amendment of the tables of units of study arising from the proposal, with effect from 1 January 2017;
- Approved the proposal from the Faculty of Engineering and Information Technologies to amend the Master of Project Management, Graduate Certificate in Project Management and Graduate Diploma in Project Management; and approved the amendment to the Course Resolutions and the table of units of study arising from the proposal, with effect from 1 January 2017;
- Approved a proposal to add a mode of delivery for two units of study in the Faculty of Education & Social Work, as presented, with effect from 1 January 2017;
- Approved the proposal from the Faculty of Science to amend the Graduate Diploma in Psychology; and approved the amendment of course resolutions arising from the proposal, with effect from 1 January 2017;
- Approved the proposal from the Faculty of Science to amend the Master of Clinical Psychology and Master of Clinical Psychology/Doctor of Philosophy; and approved the amendment of course resolutions arising from the proposal, with effect from 1 January 2017;
- Approved the proposal from the Faculty of Science to amend the Master of Medical Physics and Graduate Diploma in Medical Physics; and approved the amendment of course resolutions arising from the proposal, with effect from 1 January 2017;
- Approved the proposal from the Faculty of Science to amend the Bachelor of Veterinary Biology / Doctor of Veterinary Medicine; and approved the amendment of course resolutions and the table of units of study arising from the proposal, with effect from 1 January 2017;
- Approved the amendment of the *Thesis and Examination of Higher Degrees by Research Policy 2015* and *Thesis and Examination of Higher Degree by Research Procedures 2015*, as amended, with effect from 16 November 2016;
- Adopt the proposed allocation scheme for HDR scholarships, with effect from 1 January 2017, subject to further consultation with the HDR Scholarships Sub-Committee; and
- Approved the adoption of the *Student Recognition Awards Policy 2016*, as amended, with effect from 16 November 2016.

Other matters
The Academic Board also:
- Received a focus topic presentation by the Vice-Principal (Strategy) on the implementation of the Strategic Plan 2016-2020;
- Noted changes to membership;
- Noted the verbal report from the Chair of the Academic Board on matters considered by Senate at its meeting of 31 October 2016;
- Noted the General Report of the Chair of the Board, including an update on the Academic Board review, preparations for the 2018 TEQSA Re-Accreditation Review, and the end-of-year celebrations and selection of a charitable cause for which donations will be sought;
- Noted the report of student members on Standardised Assignment Submission Procedures, Sydney College of the Arts, the Howard Doctorate, the Safer Communities Advisory Group, and student representation on the University Executive;
- Noted the Vice-Chancellor’s Report on matters considered by Senate at its meeting of 31 October 2016;
- Noted the General Report of the Vice-Chancellor;
- Approved the Faculty of Dentistry, Faculty of Education and Social Work and Sydney Conservatorium of Music Academic Calendars for 2017, with immediate effect;
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- Approved the amendment of the Resolutions of Senate for the Faculties of Engineering and Information Technologies and Science;
- Approved the amendment of the Faculty Resolutions for the Faculty of Science;
- Noted the University of Sydney (Organisational Design – Transitional Provisions) Rule 2016; and
- Endorsed for presentation to Senate the introduction of the University of Sydney (Governance of Faculties and University Schools) Rule 2016 and the University of Sydney (Delegations of Authority – Academic Functions) Rule 2016.

- Noted the report from the meeting of the Admissions Committee held on 12 October 2016 and:
  - Approved the proposal from the Faculty of Engineering & IT to amend the admission criteria for the Master of Project Leadership, Graduate Diploma in Project Leadership and Graduate Certificate in Project Leadership, and approved the amendment of the course resolutions arising from this proposal, with immediate effect;
  - Approved the proposal from the Faculty of Nursing and Midwifery to amend the admission criteria and progression requirements for the Bachelor of Arts/Master of Nursing, Bachelor of Health Sciences/Master of Nursing and Bachelor of Science/Master of Nursing, and approved the amendment of the course resolutions arising from this proposal, with immediate effect; and
  - Approved the proposal to amend Part 6 of the Coursework Policy 2014, with effect from 1 January 2017, as presented.

- Noted the report from the meeting of the Undergraduate Studies Committee held on 19 October 2016, and:
  - Approved the introduction, amendment or deletion of a number of single and combined degree programs as part of the curriculum reform proposal;
  - Approved the proposal from the University of Sydney Business School to amend the Bachelor of Commerce (and selected combined courses); and the amendment of the Course Resolutions arising from the proposal, with effect from 1 January 2017;
  - Approved the proposal from the Faculty of Engineering and Information Technologies to amend the Bachelor of Engineering Honours (Mechatronic stream); and the amendment of the table of Units of Study arising from the proposal, with effect from 1 January 2017;
  - Approved the proposal from the Faculty of Engineering and Information Technologies to amend the combined Bachelor of Engineering (Honours) and Bachelor of Medical Science and the combined Bachelor of Information Technology and Bachelor of Medical Science; and the amendment of the course resolutions arising from the proposal, with effect from 1 January 2017;
  - Approved the proposal from the Faculty of Engineering and Information Technologies to amend the Bachelor of Engineering (Honours); and the amendment of the table of Units of Study arising from the proposal, with effect from 1 January 2017;
  - Approved the proposal from the Faculty of Science to amend the Bachelor of Animal and Veterinary Bioscience; and the amendment of the table of Units of Study arising from the proposal, with effect from 1 January 2017;
  - Approved the proposal from the Faculty of Science to amend the Bachelor of Food and Agribusiness; the amendment of the course resolutions arising from the proposal; and the amendment of the table of Units of Study arising from the proposal, with effect from 1 January 2017;
  - Approved the proposal from the Faculty of Science to amend the Bachelor of Psychology; the amendment of the course resolutions arising from the proposal; and the amendment of the table of Units of Study arising from the proposal, with effect from 1 January 2017;
  - Approved the proposal from the Faculty of Science to amend the Bachelor of Science in Agriculture; and the amendment of the table of Units of Study arising from the proposal, with effect from 1 January 2017;
  - Approved the proposal from the Faculty of Science to amend the Bachelor of Science, Neuroscience major; and the amendment of the table of Units of Study arising from the proposal, with effect from 1 January 2017;
  - Approved the proposal from the Faculty of Science to amend the Bachelor of Science, Nutrition and Metabolism major; and the amendment of the table of Units of Study arising from the proposal, with effect from 1 January 2017;
  - Approved the proposal from the Faculty of Science to amend the Bachelor of Science, Psychology major, and the amendment of the table of Units of Study arising from the proposal, with effect from 1 January 2017;
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- Approved the amendment to the course resolutions and degree table for the Bachelor of Veterinary Science/Doctor of Veterinary Medicine, with effect from 1 January 2017;
- Approved the proposal from the Faculty of Science to amend the resolutions of the Faculty of Science, with effect from 1 January 2017;
- Approved the proposal from the Faculty of Science to amend the Bachelor of Science/Master of Nutrition and Dietetics; the amendment of the course resolutions arising from the proposal; and the amendment of the table of Units of Study arising from the proposal, with effect from 1 January 2017.
- Approved the proposal from the Faculty of Science to amend the Bachelor of Science; and the amendment of the table of Units of Study arising from the proposal, with effect from 1 January, 2017; and
- Approved the proposal from the Faculty of Arts and Social Science to amend a number of changes to tables of Units of Study, with effect from 1 January 2017.

- Noted the report from the meeting of the Academic Standards and Policy Committee held on 12 October 2016 and:
  - Approved the amendment of the Assessment Procedures 2011 to enable simplified end-of-semester examination arrangements, and adopt the amended procedures, with effect from 1 January 2017;
  - Approved the amendment of the Assessment Procedures 2011 to enable anonymous and de-identified marking, and adopt the amended procedures, with effect from 1 January 2017;
  - Approved the amendment of the Assessment Procedures 2011 and approved the adoption of Schedule 2 to standardise the way assessment is represented, and adopt the amended procedures, with effect from 1 January 2017;
  - Noted the Committee’s discussion of the Educational Integrity Trend Report, Semester 1, 2016; and
  - Noted the Committee’s discussion of Award Course Review data.
RECOMMENDATION

That the Graduate Studies Committee note the actions reported.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

1 Report of the HDR Examinations Sub-Committee meeting held on Tuesday, 25 October 2016, when there were present: the Chair of the HDR Examinations Sub-Committee (Associate Professor K Nelson) presiding, Professors I Krass, F Lovicu and Associate Professors J Atai and T Allender. Ms C Rolph in attendance.

Proceedings of the Sub-Committee

1.1 Doctor of Philosophy

(1) Cases referred to the Sub-Committee

The Sub-Committee considered the examiners’ reports and faculty recommendations with respect to 4 candidates. The Sub-Committee resolved:
- in three cases, that the degree be awarded subject to the making of emendations to the satisfaction of the Head of School or equivalent;
- in one case, that an additional examiner be appointed to examine the thesis.

(2) Action taken by the Chair

The Sub-Committee noted that the Chair had considered the examiners’ reports, the recommendations of the heads of department/school and the faculty board of postgraduate studies concerned and reports by the candidates’ supervisors, with respect to 9 candidates. The Chair determined:
- in seven cases, that the degree be awarded subject to the making of emendations to the satisfaction of the Head of School or equivalent;
- in one case, that an additional examiner-as-assessor be appointed to examine the thesis;
- in one case, that the degree not be awarded but that the candidate be permitted to revised and resubmit.

(3) Appointment of Examiners

The Sub-Committee noted that the Chair had endorsed the appointment of examiners for 67 candidates.

2 Cotutelles

The Sub-Committee noted that the Chair had considered the examination arrangements for 1 candidates. The Chair determined:
- in one case, the Chair approved the examination process set out as part of the cotutelle agreement.
REPORT OF THE HDR SCHOLARSHIPS SUB-COMMITTEE

To advise the Graduate Studies Committee of the outcomes of the recent Higher Degree by Research Scholarships Sub-Committee meetings.

RECOMMENDATION

That the Graduate Studies Committee note the following reports from the Higher Degree by Research Scholarships Sub-Committee (HDRSSC) meetings held on 20 September, 18 October and 28 October 2016;

REPORT OF HDR SCHOLARSHIPS SUB-COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Upon receiving input from faculty and PSU stakeholders on the current ranking process, the HDR Scholarships Sub-Committee met to review the ranking process and consider any difficulties in application of the ranking guidelines.

The Chair is currently drafting a Review Report for the sub-committee to consider prior to release to the GSC and Academic Board.

2016/05 FRIDAY 28 OCTOBER 2016

Determination of the International Postgraduate Research Scholarships (IPRS): round one 2017

The HDR Scholarships Sub-Committee resolved to determine the award of IPRS round one 2017.

Proceedings of the Sub-Committee

The Sub-Committee:

- discussed the rankings for the IPRS Round One 2017;
- noted the report on the previous scholarship rounds including the Australian Postgraduate Awards (APA) and University of Sydney Postgraduate Awards (UPA), Round Two 2016; and
- discussed the Scholarships Allocation Proposal received via GSC, with Associate Professor Ross Coleman in attendance for this item. The Sub-Committee confirmed that it would set the values for $p$, $r$ and $s$ and that this should be reflected in the proposal. The role of the HDRSSC and procedures was also discussed, and it was agreed that the HDRSSC would set its own procedures for confirming awards of scholarships to applicants scoring over $p$. It was also agreed that Mr Sun and Ms Pearce would bring a suggested allocation process to a future meeting for consideration. It was agreed that the proposed model, as amended, could progress to the Academic Board for approval.

Resolution HDRSSC 16/5-5

The HDRSSC agreed that the Scholarships Allocation Proposal would be amended as discussed and presented to the Academic Board for approval.

RPI: Work experience definition

Resolution HDRSSC 16/5-6

The HDRSSC agreed that only work experience undertaken after completion of a first degree would be recognised in the assessment of work experience in the ranking process.
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### RECOMMENDATION

That the Graduate Studies Committee recommend that Academic Board:

1. approve the proposal from the Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences to amend the Master of Cultural Studies; and
2. approve the amendment to the course resolutions arising from the proposal with effect from 1 January 2017.

### EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

To amend the resolutions in order to correct the credit point requirement for the Master of Cultural Studies.
MINOR COURSE AMENDMENT PROPOSAL

FACULTY/BOARD OF STUDIES: FACULTY OF ARTS AND SOCIAL SCIENCES

Contact Person: Emma Doyle/ Dr Anthea Taylor
Date: 30 May 2016

1. Name of award course
   Masters of Cultural Studies

2. Purpose of proposal
   To amend the resolutions in order to correct the credit point requirement.

3. Details of amendment

6 Requirements for award

(4) To qualify for the award of the Masters of Cultural Studies a candidate must complete 72 credit points, including:
   (a) 12 credit points of core units of study
   (b) a minimum of 24 credit points of core elective units of study; and
   (c) a maximum of 24 credit points from elective units of study. With the permission of the Degree Coordinator a maximum of 12 credit points of elective units can be taken from units of study outside those listed in the Cultural Studies subject area of the Postgraduate Unit of Study Table, including units of study offered by other faculties.
   (d) a minimum of 12 credit points of capstone units of study.

4. Transitional arrangements
   N/A.

5. Other relevant information

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**RECOMMENDATION**

That the Graduate Studies Committee recommend that Academic Board:
(1) approve the proposal from the Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences to amend the Graduate Diploma in Development Studies; and
(2) approve the amendment to the course resolutions arising from the proposal with effect from 1 January 2017.

**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

To amend the resolutions in order to correct the credit point requirement for the Graduate Diploma.
1. Name of award course
   Graduate Diploma in Development Studies

2. Purpose of proposal
   To amend the resolutions in order to correct the credit point requirement for the Graduate Diploma.

3. Details of amendment

6 Requirements for award

(3) To qualify for the award of the Graduate Diploma in Development Studies a candidate must complete 48
credit points, including:
(a) 12 24 credit points of core units of study; and
(b) 6 credit points from core elective units of study; and
(c) 12 18 credit points from elective units of study.

4. Transitional arrangements
   N/A.

5. Other relevant information

6. Signature of Dean
RECOMMENDATION

That the Graduate Studies Committee recommend that Academic Board:
(1) approve the proposal from the Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences to amend the Graduate Certificate of Human Rights; and
(2) approve the amendment to the course resolutions arising from the proposal with effect from 1 January 2017.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

To amend the resolutions in order to correct the credit point requirement for the Graduate Certificate.
MINOR COURSE AMENDMENT PROPOSAL

FACULTY/BOARD OF STUDIES: FACULTY OF ARTS AND SOCIAL SCIENCES

Contact Person: Emma Doyle/ Dr Dinesh Wadiwel
Date: 10 May 2016

1. Name of award course
   Graduate Certificate in Human Rights

2. Purpose of proposal
   To amend the resolutions in order to correct the credit point requirement for the Graduate Certificate.

3. Details of amendment

4. Transitional arrangements
   N/A.

5. Other relevant information

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**RECOMMENDATION**

That the Graduate Studies Committee recommend that Academic Board:
(1) approve the proposal from the Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences to amend the Graduate Diploma in International Security; and
(2) approve the amendment to the course resolutions arising from the proposal with effect from 1 January 2017.

**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

To amend the resolutions in order to correct the credit point requirement for the Graduate Diploma.
MINOR COURSE AMENDMENT PROPOSAL

FACULTY/BOARD OF STUDIES: FACULTY OF ARTS AND SOCIAL SCIENCES

Contact Person: Emma Doyle/ Dr Justin Hastings
Date: 31 May 2016

1. Name of award course
Graduate Diploma in International Security

2. Purpose of proposal
To amend the resolutions in order to correct the credit point requirement for the Graduate Diploma.

3. Details of amendment

6 Requirements for award

(3) To qualify for the award of the Graduate Diploma in International Security a candidate must complete 48 credit points, including:
(a) a minimum of 24 credit points of core units of study; and
(b) a minimum of 12 credit points of core elective units of study.
(c) a maximum of 12 credit points from elective units of study

4. Transitional arrangements
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**RECOMMENDATION**

That the Graduate Studies Committee recommend that Academic Board:

(1) approve the proposal from the Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences to amend the Graduate Diploma in International Security; and

(2) approve the amendment to the course resolutions arising from the proposal with effect from 1 January 2017.

**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

To amend the resolutions in order to correct the credit point requirement for the Graduate Diploma.
1. Name of award course
Graduate Diploma in International Studies

2. Purpose of proposal
To amend the resolutions in order to correct the credit point requirement for the Graduate Diploma.

3. Details of amendment

6 Requirements for award

(3) Candidates for the Graduate Diploma in International Studies are required to complete 48 credit points, including:
(a) a minimum of 12 credit points of core units of study; and
(b) a minimum maximum of 24 30 credit points from elective units of study.

4. Transitional arrangements
N/A.

5. Other relevant information

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RECOMMENDATION

That the Graduate Studies Committee recommend that Academic Board:

(1) approve the proposal from the Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences to amend the Master of Public Policy; and

(2) approve the amendment to the course resolutions arising from the proposal with effect from 1 January 2017.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

To amend the resolutions in order to correct the credit point requirement for the Master of Public Policy.
1. Name of award course
   Master of Public Policy

2. Purpose of proposal
   To amend the resolutions in order to correct the credit point requirement the Masters program

3. Details of amendment

6 Requirements for award

(4)
To qualify for the award of the Master of Public Policy a candidate must complete 96 credit points comprising:
(a) a minimum of 12 credit points of core unit of study as specified; and
(b) a minimum of 30 credit points of core elective units of study; and
(c) a maximum of 42–48 credit points from elective units of study which can include an optional minor as listed in the unit of study table. With the permission of the Degree Coordinator a maximum of 12 credit points can be taken as elective units from units of study outside those listed in the Public Policy subject area of the Postgraduate Unit of Study Table, including units of study offered by other faculties; and
(d) a minimum of 6 credit points from capstone units of study.

4. Transitional arrangements
   N/A.

5. Other relevant information

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**RECOMMENDATION**

That the Graduate Studies Committee recommend that Academic Board:
(1) approve the proposal from the Sydney Law School to amend the Juris Doctor; and
(2) approve the amendment to the course resolutions arising from the proposal with effect from 1 January 2017.

**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

The purpose of this proposal is to amend an error in the drafting of the Juris Doctor course resolutions to allow students to take a maximum of five elective units of study from the Part 2 elective table, rather than the current four elective units of study.
Minor Course Amendment Proposal

Faculty: Sydney Law School

Contact person: Associate Professor Jamie Glister
Associate Dean, Professional Law Programs

1. Name of award course
Juris Doctor

2. Purpose of proposal
To amend the Course Resolutions for the Juris Doctor to correct a long-standing drafting error in the Requirement for Award, to be effective from 1 January 2017.

During the development and course proposal of the Juris Doctor degree and the concurrent transition to plain-English degree resolutions in 2011, an error was made in relation to the maximum number of electives that students could take from the Part 2 Elective Table.

Students enrolled in the Juris Doctor are required to complete 42 credit points (seven units of study) of electives. There are three elective tables and students are required to complete a minimum of one elective from Part 1 and a minimum of one elective from Part 3. The intention was that the remaining units (which would number between none and five) would be taken from the Part 2 table.

The current resolution indicates that student can take a maximum of four units from the Part 2 table, whereas the intention was that students can take a maximum of five units.

3. Details of amendment

- Juris Doctor
  
  Clause 4 Requirements for award
  (2) To qualify for the award of the Juris Doctor a candidate must complete 144 credit points taken from the Faculty of Law Juris Doctor Table, including:
  (a) 102 credit points of compulsory units of study; and
  (b) 42 credit points of elective units of study comprising:
     (i) a minimum of one unit of study taken from Part 1, and
     (ii) a maximum of four five units of study taken from Electives Part 2, and
     (iii) a minimum of one unit of study taken from Part 3.

4. Transitional arrangements
No transitional arrangements apply as operationally the Faculty has allowed students to enrol in the maximum five electives from the Part 2 table and this has been written into the Sydney Student diets.

5. Other relevant information
None.

6. Signature of Dean

[Signature]

Professor Joellen Riley
Dean

Minor Course Amendment Proposal 2.11.2016
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Author: Natasha De Zilva, Team Leader, Professional Law Programs
Reviewer/Approver: Professor Joellen Riley, Dean, Sydney Law School
Paper title: Sydney Law School: Proposed changes to the Juris Doctor elective tables
Purpose: To add units of study to the Part 2 Elective Table of the Juris Doctor degrees

RECOMMENDATION

That the Graduate Studies Committee recommend that Academic Board:
(1) approve the proposal from the Sydney Law School to amend the Juris Doctor; and
(2) approve the amendment of the table of units of study arising from the proposal
with effect from 1 January 2017.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The purpose of this proposal is to add two new experiential elective units of study to the Juris Doctor Part 2 elective table.
Minor Course Amendment Proposal

Faculty: Sydney Law School
Contact person: Natasha De Zilva

1. Name of award course
   Bachelor of Laws
   Juris Doctor

2. Purpose of proposal
   Add units of study to the Elective Units of Study tables from 1 January 2017.
   These units will contribute to the embedding of new graduate qualities and a new curriculum
   framework in the Bachelor of Laws and Juris Doctor degrees as required under the University
   Strategic Plan 2016 – 2010. These experiential units seek to provide ‘real world’ educational
   challenges by enabling students to work on interdisciplinary projects, or at an industry
   placement. In doing so students are able to develop disciplinary depth, enhance cultural
   competence, work effectively in an interdisciplinary and professional setting, and strengthen
   communication and problem-solving skills.

3. Details of amendment
   Undergraduate
   Optional units of study
   • Bachelor of Laws
     Insert the following approved unit of study in correct alphabetical order in Part 1 of the Elective
     Units of Study Table:
     ▶ LAWS3XXX Interdisciplinary Project
     ▶ LAWS3XXX Redfern Legal Centre (RLC) Clinic

   Postgraduate
   Optional units of study
   • Juris Doctor
     Insert the following approved unit of study in correct alphabetical order in Part 2 of the Elective
     Units of Study Table:
     ▶ LAWS5XXX Interdisciplinary Project
     ▶ LAWS5XXX Redfern Legal Centre (RLC) Clinic

4. Transitional arrangements
   None required

5. Other relevant information
   Students from other parts of the university are able to undertake interdisciplinary group
   projects with the University’s industry and community partners by enrolling in INDP3000
   Interdisciplinary Project. As accreditation for the Bachelor of Laws and Juris Doctor requires
   three years of full-time law study, the creation of the LAWS Interdisciplinary Project unit of
   study will allow students undertaking a Bachelor of Laws/Juris Doctor course to participate in
   the same projects. Student will undertake an additional individual piece of law-specific
   assessment, and will then be able to receive credit towards their Bachelor of Laws/Juris
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6. Signature of Dean

   Professor Joellen Riley
   Dean

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