GRADUATE STUDIES COMMITTEE
10:00AM – 12:00PM, TUESDAY 6 NOVEMBER 2018

Acting Chair: Associate Professor Patrick Kelly
Committee Officer: Sally Hilton

NOTICE OF MEETING
Meeting 2018/06 of the Graduate Studies Committee will be held at 10:00am on Tuesday 6 November in the Function Room, Level 5, F23. The Agenda for the meeting is below.

Sally Hilton
Committee Officer

SUPPLEMENTARY AGENDA

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<td>Professor Pauline Ross, Associate Dean (Education) in the Faculty of Science</td>
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<td>Doctor of Veterinary Medicine and Bachelor of Veterinary Science/Doctor of Veterinary Medicine Resolutions</td>
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<td>Purpose</td>
<td>Amendments to the Course Resolutions for the Doctor of Veterinary Medicine and the Bachelor of Veterinary Biology/Doctor of Veterinary Medicine degrees to clarify the requirements for the award in terms of placement duration, and credit point value in each component of the course.</td>
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RECOMMENDATION

That the Graduate Studies Committee recommend that the Academic Board:
(1) approve the proposal from the Faculty of Science to amend the Course Resolutions for the Doctor of Veterinary Medicine and the Bachelor of Veterinary Biology/Doctor of Veterinary Medicine
(2) approve the amendment to the Course Resolutions arising from the proposal with effect from 1 January 2019.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Amendments to Course Resolutions for the Bachelor of Veterinary Biology/Doctor of Veterinary Medicine are to:
(1) emphasise the requirement to successfully complete all Units of Study in order to progress to the higher year within the BVB/DVM;
(2) clearly state that to qualify for the award of both degrees, a candidate must complete prescribed program of 288 credit points and the prescribed extramural placements;
(3) emphasise that candidates may exit with a Bachelor of Veterinary Biology after completion of prescribed program of 144 credit points, 96 credit points from the BVB unit of study table for year 1 and 2 and 48 credit points from the DVM unit of study table for year 1; and
(4) clarify that students from the integrated BVB/DVM who qualify to undertake BVB honours may elect to enrol in the honours program at any time after successful completion of year 3 of the integrated degree (DVM year 1 unit of study table), or after completion of both courses.

Amendments to Course Resolutions for the Doctor of Veterinary Medicine will:
(1) emphasise the requirement to successfully complete all Units of Study in order to progress to the higher year within the DVM; and
(2) correct the length and nature of the prescribed extramural placements.

IMPLEMENTATION

For implementation commencing 1 January 2019.
No Academic Model diets or tables need to be updated, only the resolutions in the Handbook.

ATTACHMENTS

(1) Minor Course Amendment Proposal
(2) Bachelor of Veterinary Science/Doctor of Veterinary Medicine resolutions
(3) Doctor of Veterinary Medicine
Minor Course Amendment Proposal

Faculty: Sydney School of Veterinary Science

Contact person: Dr. Bianca Waud

1. Name of award course
   Bachelor of Veterinary Biology/Doctor of Veterinary Medicine
   Doctor of Veterinary Medicine

2. Purpose of proposal
   This proposal seeks to amend the Course Resolutions for the Bachelor of Veterinary Biology/Doctor of Veterinary Medicine and the Doctor of Veterinary Medicine.

   To emphasise the requirement to successfully complete all Units of Studies in order progress to the higher year within both the BVB/DVM and DVM. The candidate is required to obtain at least a pass grade for each of the prescribed units of study to progress into the next year of the program.

   In order to be awarded with the degree of BVB/DVM, the candidate must complete prescribed program of 288 credit points, and the prescribed extramural placements including:
   a. 96 credit points from the BVB unit of study table year 1 and year 2
   b. 48 credit points from the DVM unit of study table for year 1
   c. 144 credit points from DVM unit of study table for year 2, 3 and 4
   d. 4 weeks of preparatory clinical placements and
   e. 8 weeks of farm placements and
   f. 2 days of abattoir placements.

   To emphasise the requirements for the honours degree. Outlining that students from the integrated BVB/DVM who qualify to undertake honours in the BVB may elect to enrol in the honours program at any time after successful completion of year 3 (DVM year 1 unit of study table). Students suspend their DVM studies to enrol in the relevant 4th year honours units of study, before returning to complete the combined course. Further, students will have the option to undertake the honours course after the completion of both courses.

   In order to be awarded with the degree of DVM, the candidate must complete prescribed program of 192 credit points, and the prescribed extramural placements including:
   g. 4 weeks of preparatory clinical placements and
   h. 8 weeks of farm placements and
   i. 2 days of abattoir placements.

   Currently the prescribed extramural placements listed in the course resolutions reflect the requirements of the BVSc (Vet) curriculum which is no longer offered.

   The proposed amendments are to provide clear and detailed guidance on the requirements for both, the BVB/DVM and the DVM.
   The proposed changes further reflect the correct duration of the extramural placements requirements of the new DVM and BVB/DVM curriculum.

3. Details of amendment
   The change is administrative only and does not involve changes to the degree structure or curriculum.

   Changes to Course Resolutions – see extract below.

4. Transitional arrangements
   N/A
The adjusted extramural placement requirement has been in effect since the introduction of the new DVM curriculum in 2015, consequently this amendment will not affect the progression of current DVM students.

5. Other relevant information


6. Signature of Dean

Prof Iain M Young
Dean, Faculty of Science
Bachelor of Veterinary Biology / Doctor of Veterinary Medicine

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Course resolutions

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2 Attendance pattern
1. The attendance pattern for Year 1 and Year 2 of the Bachelor of Veterinary Biology is full time or part-time according to candidate choice.
2. The attendance pattern for Year 3 to Year 6 is full-time only.

3 Admission to candidature
1. Admission to this course is on the basis of a secondary school leaving qualification such as the NSW Higher School Certificate (including national and international equivalents) and tertiary study. English language requirements must be met where these are not demonstrated by sufficient qualifications taught in English. Special admission pathways are open for educationally disadvantaged applicants, rural applicants and for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people. Applicants are ranked by merit and offers for available places are issued according to the ranking. Details of admission policies are found in the Coursework Rule. In addition, admission to this course requires the applicant to submit a Commitment to Veterinary Science Form. The results of this process will form part of the ranking of applicants.

4 Requirements for award
1. The units of study that may be taken for the course are set out in the Table of units of study for the Bachelor Veterinary Biology/Doctor of Veterinary Medicine.
2. To qualify for the award of both degrees, a candidate must successfully complete 288 credit points comprising:
   3. **a** 144 credit points from the Bachelor of Veterinary Biology unit of study Table for Years 1 and 2, and
   4. **b** 48 credit points from the Doctor of Veterinary Medicine unit of study Table for Year 1 that contributes to Year 3 of the Bachelor of Veterinary Biology degree; students may exit at this point with a Bachelor of Veterinary Biology degree, and
   5. **c** 144 credit points from the Doctor of Veterinary Medicine unit of study Table for Years 2, 3 and 4.
3. the prescribed extramural placements as outlined in the Doctor of Veterinary Medicine resolutions

5 Progression rules
Progression to Year 3 of the course is based on successful completion of Year 1 and Year 2 of the course and academic merit in Year 1 and Year 2 of the course.
1. All students who have successfully completed Year 1 and Year 2 with a Weighted Average Mark (WAM) of 65.0 or greater at the end of Year 2 will be eligible for progression to Year 3.
2. Students who have successfully completed Year 1 and Year 2 with a Year 1 plus Year 2 WAM of less than 65.0 will not be eligible for entry into Year 3 of the course.
3. Students who commenced prior to 1 January 2018 and who fail to achieve progression into Year 3 of the combined course will be transferred to the Bachelor of Science or the Bachelor of Animal and Veterinary Bioscience until 2019.
4. Students who commenced prior to 1 January, 2018 and who fail to achieve progression into Year 3 of the combined course will be transferred to the Bachelor of Science or the Bachelor of Science/Bachelor of Advanced Studies (AVBS) from 2020.
5. Students who commenced after 1 January 2018 and who fail to achieve progression into Year 3 of the combined course will be transferred into the Bachelor of Science (no stream), or the Bachelor of Science/Bachelor of Advanced Studies (AVBS stream) with credit for the units of study completed.
6. Students for the course may enrol in the units of study prescribed for Year 4 of candidature only after successful completion of Year 1, Year 2 and Year 3.
7. Students for the course may enrol in the units of study prescribed for Year 5 of candidature only after successful completion of Year 1, Year 2, Year 3 and Year 4.
8. Students for the course may enrol in the units of study prescribed for Year 6 of candidature only after successful completion of Year 1, Year 2, Year 3, Year 4 and Year 5.

6 Requirements for the Honours degree
1. Honours in the Bachelor of Veterinary Biology is available to meritorious candidates who complete an additional year of full time study, after the successful completion of Year 3. Students must complete the requirements for the honours course full-time over two consecutive semesters. If the Faculty is satisfied that a student is unable to attempt the honours course on a full time basis and if the Dean so recommends, permission may be granted to undertake honours part-time over four consecutive semesters.
2. Admission to the honours programme requires a Year 2 plus Year 3 WAM of at least greater than 65.0
3. Students who qualify to undertake honours in the Bachelor of Veterinary Biology may elect to enrol in the honours programme:
   a. at any stage after successful completion of Year 3, with the permission of the Faculty by suspending candidature from the Bachelor of Veterinary Biology/Doctor of Veterinary Medicine for one year at any stage after successful completion of Year 3 or Year 4 or Year...
5. with the permission of the Faculty, transferring to the Bachelor of Veterinary Biology (Honours) and enrolling in the units of study for this course, before returning to complete the combined course; or
   (i) suspending candidature from the Bachelor of Veterinary Biology/Doctor of Veterinary Medicine for one year;
   (ii) transferring to the Bachelor of Veterinary Biology (Honours)/Doctor of Veterinary Medicine for one year;
   (iii) enrolling and completing the units of study for this course;
   (iv) returning to complete the combined course; or
   (b) by undertaking the honours course after completion of both courses in the combined course.

7 Award of the degree

(1) The Bachelor of Veterinary Biology/Doctor of Veterinary Medicine is awarded as either Pass or Honours. The honours degree, Bachelor of Veterinary Biology Honours/Doctor of Veterinary Medicine, is awarded in classes ranging from First Class to Third Class.

(2) The grade of honours and the honours mark are determined by performance in the honours course.

(3) Honours is awarded in the following classes:

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Candidates for the award of the Honours degree who do not meet the requirements, and who have not already graduated, will be awarded the pass degree.

8 Course transfer

A candidate may abandon the combined programme and elect to complete a Bachelor of Science or Bachelor of Animal and Veterinary Bioscience in accordance with the resolutions governing that degree. Candidates who discontinue after Year 3 without completing the combined course, but have satisfactorily completed 144 credit points including all requirements for Year 1, Year 2 and Year 3 may exit with the Bachelor of Veterinary Biology. Completion of the Doctor of Veterinary Medicine in the future will require a new application for admission to that course and completion in accordance with the resolutions governing that course.

9 Reassessment

Students enrolled in a postgraduate unit of study prescribed for Year 3, Year 4, Year 5 or Year 6 of candidature of the Bachelor of Veterinary Biology/Doctor of Veterinary Medicine, who fail one unit of study only within a semester may be offered the opportunity for re-assessment for the failed unit of study.

(a) The scope of the re-assessment will encompass all topics and learning outcomes within the unit of study. The methods used for re-assessment may differ from those used in the original delivery of the unit.

(b) Re-assessment will only be offered to eligible students on the dates prescribed in the year schedule, and it is the student’s responsibility to be available to attend at these times.

(c) The maximum mark awarded for a unit of study in these circumstances will be Pass (50 - PS for units of study with Mark and Grade assessment type or SR for units of study with Grade only (Pass/Fail) assessment type).

(d) Students who have been awarded an Absent Fail grade for a unit of study will not be eligible for re-assessment for that unit of study.

10 Transitional Provisions

These provisions apply for candidates who commenced after 1 January 2015.
Doctor of Veterinary Medicine

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2 Attendance pattern

The attendance pattern for this course is full time.

3 Master's type

The master's degree in these resolutions is a professional master's course.

4 Admission to candidature

With approval from the Dean, available places will be offered to qualified applicants based on merit, according to the following admissions criteria:

(a) Admission to the degree requires a bachelor's degree from the University of Sydney, or equivalent qualification, and completion of one semester of study in general chemistry (physical and inorganic), organic chemistry, biology and biochemistry.

(b) Applicants must submit a veterinary science admission statement including relevant work experience and animal handling experience.

(c) English language requirements must be met where these are not demonstrated by sufficient qualifications taught in English.

(d) If some applicants are ranked equally according to the above criteria, the Faculty may further rank applicants according to the demonstration of their aptitude for the practice of veterinary medicine as assessed at an interview and make recommendations to the Dean for admission accordingly.

5 Requirements for award

(1) The units of study that may be taken for the course are set out in the table for the Doctor of Veterinary Medicine.

(2) To qualify for the Doctor of Veterinary Medicine a candidate must complete a prescribed program of 192 credit points, and:

(a) the prescribed extramural placements including:

(b) 46 weeks of preparatory clinical placements and:

(c) 42 weeks of farm placements and:

(d) 3 days of abattoir placements.

6 Progression rules

(1) Candidates for the degree may enrol in the units of study prescribed for Year 2 of candidature only after successful completion of Year 1.

(2) Candidates for the degree may enrol in the units of study prescribed for Year 3 of candidature only after successful completion of Year 1 and Year 2.

(3) Candidates for the degree may enrol in the units of study prescribed for the final year of candidature only after successful completion of Year 1, and Year 2 and Year 3.

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(d) Students who have been awarded an Absent Fail grade for a unit of study will not be eligible for re-assessment for that unit of study.

8 Award of the degree

The Doctor of Veterinary Medicine is awarded as a Pass degree only.