CONFIRMED MINUTES

1 WELCOME AND APOLOGIES

The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting, and noted the apologies listed above.

Resolution GSC2019/4-1
The Graduate Studies Committee resolved to accept the apologies as recorded.

2 PROCEDURAL MATTERS

2.1 Minutes of Previous Meeting

The minutes of the previous meeting held on 30 April 2019 were accepted without comment.

Resolution GSC2019/4-2
The Graduate Studies Committee resolved that the minutes of meeting 2019/03, held on 30 April 2019, be confirmed as a true record of that meeting.

2.2 Actions Arising

The Chair reminded members that at the previous meeting, a number of proposals had either been endorsed subject to further amendment or referred to faculty for revision, and that these proposals had either been amended prior to submission to the Academic Board or were on today's agenda.

Resolution GSC2019/4-3
The Graduate Studies Committee resolved to note the updates provided on actions arising from the previous meeting.

Respect is a core value of the Academic Board
3 STANDING ITEMS

3.1 Report of the Chair

The Chair had nothing to add to the written report.

Resolution GSC2019/4-4
The Graduate Studies Committee resolved to note the report of the Chair.

3.2 Report of the Academic Board

Further to the written report circulated with the agenda, the Chair of Academic Board informed members that a discussion on academic risk is scheduled for next week’s meeting of the Academic Standards & Policy Committee. A draft framework has been built in consultation with the Risk Office, and feedback has been requested to further flesh out the framework. Feedback is also welcome on draft Standing Orders, which have arisen as an outcome of the 2016/2017 review of the Academic Board which had been delayed through the process of TEQSA re-accreditation and consideration of the French Review of freedom of speech in the university sector. The Standing Orders are intended to apply to the Academic Board in the first instance, with committees able to opt-in if they desire.

Resolution GSC2019/4-5
The Graduate Studies Committee noted the report of the Academic Board meeting held on 4 June 2019.

3.3 Report of the Admissions Sub-Committee

The Chair drew the attention of members to the proposal endorsed by the Admissions Sub-Committee, noting its inclusion as Item 4.8 below.

Resolution GSC2019/4-6
The Graduate Studies Committee noted the report of the meeting of the Admissions Sub-Committee held on 28 May 2019, as presented. [Secretary’s note: See also Item 4.8 below].

3.4 Report of the Board of Interdisciplinary Studies

Resolution GSC2019/4-7
The Graduate Studies Committee noted the report from the Board of Interdisciplinary Studies on its meeting of 29 May 2019.

3.5 Report of HDR Scholarships Sub-Committee

Professor McCrystal advised that she had nothing to add to the written report.

Resolution GSC2019/4-8
The Graduate Studies Committee noted the report of the Higher Degree by Research Scholarships Subcommittee (HDRSSC) of its meetings held on 3 May and 7 June 2019.

4 ITEMS FOR ACTION

Major Course Proposals

4.1 Health Sciences: Doctor of Health Science, Master of Health Informatics, Master of Health Sciences (Medical Radiation Sciences), Master of Molecular Imaging, Master of Nuclear Medicine, Master of Orthoptics, Master of Radiation Therapy, Graduate Diploma of Health Sciences (Medical Radiation Sciences), Graduate Certificate of Health Sciences (Medical Radiation Sciences) course deletions

Associate Professor Lynette MacKenzie spoke to this proposal and advised that it has arisen from a review of existing offerings prior to the merger of Health Sciences with the Faculty of Medicine & Health in 2020. Noting that the named award courses have not had any students enrolled since 2017, the Committee endorsed the proposal as presented.

Resolution GSC2019/4-9
The Graduate Studies Committee recommended that the Academic Board:
(1) endorse the proposal from the Faculty of Health Sciences to delete the Doctor of Health Science, Master of Health Informatics, Master of Health Sciences (Medical Radiation Sciences), Master of Molecular Imaging, Master of Nuclear Medicine, Master of Orthoptics, Master of Radiation Therapy, Graduate Diploma of Health Sciences (Medical Radiation Sciences) course deletions.
Sciences) and Graduate Certificate of Health Sciences (Medical Radiation Sciences) from the Resolutions of Senate for the Faculty of Health Sciences; and
(2) recommend that Senate approve the amendment of the Resolutions of Senate for the Faculty of Health Sciences, with effect from 1 January 2020.

Minor Course Proposals

4.2 Arts & Social Sciences: Master of Economic Analysis

Dr Shaw spoke to a revised proposal to co-badge core units of study which are also available in the Master of Economics, to remove the prerequisite requirements for those instances of the units taken within the Master of Economic Analysis (for which prerequisites are built into the admission requirements). This will enable self-enrolment by the students and remove the necessity of manual intervention to enable students to undertake these core units of study. It was noted that an earlier version of this proposal had been presented to the previous meeting and had been referred back to the faculty for further refinement, which has now been undertaken.

Noting that the unit of study table for the Master of Economics will need to be updated to reflect the prerequisites for the current units of study, this proposal was endorsed for presentation to the Academic Board.

Resolution GSC2019/4-10

The Graduate Studies Committee recommended that the Academic Board:
(1) approve the proposal from the Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences to amend the Master of Economic Analysis and embedded award courses; and
(2) approve the amendment of unit of study tables arising from the proposal, with effect from January 1, 2020.

4.3 Arts & Social Sciences: Master of Education

Dr Shaw spoke to a revised proposal to amend the Master of Education, which had been presented to the previous meeting and had been referred back to the faculty for further refinement. This proposal seeks to clarify the relationship between streams and specialisations and updates current reference to specialisations as streams with distinctive entry pathways.

In discussion, a discrepancy was noted between the transitional arrangements presented in different parts of the proposal, and it was agreed that the course resolutions be updated to include only the first clause of the transitional arrangements [Secretary’s note: It was also agreed to update all course resolutions presented at today’s meeting in the same manner]. Clarification was sought regarding reference in the unit of study table to core units of study being “developed and delivered” at either Taronga or the University, with a preference expressed to amend this to “delivered” in both instances.

Subject to these amendments, the proposal was endorsed for presentation to the Academic Board.

Resolution GSC2019/4-11

The Graduate Studies Committee recommended that the Academic Board:
(1) approve the proposal from the Faculty of Arts & Social Sciences to amend the Master of Education and embedded award courses, as amended; and
(2) approve the amendment of course resolutions arising from the proposal, with effect from 1 January 2020.

4.4 Business: Master of Human Resource Management and Industrial Relations

In the absence of a representative from Business, the Acting Registrar and Academic Director, Education Policy and Quality, informed members that the proposal to amend the volume of work experience recognition within this award course was compliant with Part 11 of the Coursework Policy 2014. The Chair of Academic Board asked that the cover note be amended to advise that the basis for the proposal was to ensure that students are better equipped to undertake the award course, rather than emphasising any marketing benefits that might arise from the proposal.

Subject to this amendment, the proposal was endorsed for presentation to the Academic Board.
Resolution GSC2019/4-12
The Graduate Studies Committee recommended that the Academic Board:
(1) approve the proposal from the University of Sydney Business School to amend the Master of Human Resource Management and Industrial Relations, as amended; and
(2) approve the amendment of course resolutions arising from the proposal, with effect from 1 January 2020.

4.5 Business: Master of International Business

In the absence of a representative from Business, the Chair of Academic Board asked that this proposal be amended to include further detail regarding the criteria that have to be satisfied at interview. The proposal was referred back to the faculty for further development.

Resolution GSC2019/4-13
The Graduate Studies Committee agreed that the proposal from the University of Sydney Business School to amend the Master of International Business be referred back to the faculty for further development, for resubmission to a future meeting.

4.6 Law: Juris Doctor

Dr Walton spoke to this proposal, advising that it represented a minor adjustment to better reflect current practice. In discussion, it was agreed that the Law School be asked to change clause 5(e) of the course resolutions to read: “The proposed cross-institutional unit must be offered within another Juris Doctor or Master of Laws program at a law school approved by Sydney Law School”. Subject to this amendment, the proposal was endorsed for presentation to the Academic Board.

Resolution GSC2019/4-14
The Graduate Studies Committee recommended that the Academic Board:
(1) approve the proposal from Sydney Law School to amend the Juris Doctor, as amended; and
(2) approve the amendment of course resolutions arising from this proposal, with effect from 1 January 2020.

4.7 Medicine & Health: Master of Medicine and Master of Science in Medicine

Associate Professor Katelaris spoke to this proposal, advising that it had been withdrawn from consideration at the previous meeting and has been revised for re-presentation.

Subject to the amendment of the word ‘compulsory’ to ‘core’ in the unit of study tables, this proposal was endorsed for presentation to the Academic Board.

Resolution GSC2019/4-15
The Graduate Studies Committee recommended that Academic Board:
(1) approve the proposal from the Faculty of Medicine & Health to amend the Master of Medicine and Master of Science in Medicine, as amended; and
(2) approve the amendment of unit of study tables arising from the proposal, with effect from 1 January 2020.

4.8 Medicine & Health: Master of Nursing (Nurse Practitioner)

Dr McCloughen spoke to this proposal, informing members that it has arisen due to changes in professional accreditation standards which necessitate the amendment of admission criteria and practicum requirements in the course resolutions.

In discussion, the Committee asked that the spelling of ‘supernumerary’ in clause 5(3) of the course resolutions be corrected, and that the table of units of study be updated to reflect the required 300 hours of advanced clinical practice, rather than the 150 currently indicated.

Subject to these amendments, the proposal was endorsed for presentation to the Academic Board.

Resolution GSC2019/4-16
The Graduate Studies Committee recommended that the Academic Board:
(1) approve the proposal from the Faculty of Medicine & Health (Sydney Nursing School) to amend the Master of Nursing (Nurse Practitioner), as amended; and
(2) approve the amendment of course resolutions and unit of study tables arising from the proposal, with effect from 1 January 2020.
4.9 **Medicine & Health: Postgraduate award courses**

The Chair briefly spoke to this proposal, asking whether the phrase “relevant delegated authority” is problematic, and it was agreed to consult the University Policy Manager for advice on this matter and whether it might be helpful to include the Delegations of Authority in the preamble to the course resolutions. The Executive Officer to Academic Board confirmed that local provisions for individual faculties are currently being reviewed to present a single-faculty position, so references to these provisions may need to be updated as appropriate once this work has been completed.

With the exception of the Master of Philosophy course resolutions (which are to be held over to the next meeting), the proposal was endorsed for presentation to the Academic Board.

**Resolution GSC2019/4-17**

The Graduate Studies Committee recommended that the Academic Board:

1. approve the proposal from the Faculty of Medicine & Health and Faculty of Health Sciences to amend the Master of Pharmacy, Graduate Certificate in Pharmacy, Graduate Certificate in Evidence-based Complementary Medicines, Master of Nursing (Nurse Practitioner), Master of Advanced Nursing Practice, Master of Emergency Nursing, Master of Intensive Care Nursing, Master of Mental Health Nursing, Master of Nursing, Master of Primary Health Care Nursing, Master of Advanced Surgery, Master of Surgery, Master of Medicine / Master of Science in Medicine (including new and variation units of study), Master of Clinical Trials Research, Doctor of Dental Medicine, Doctor of Clinical Dentistry, Master of Diagnostic Radiography, Master of Exercise Physiology, Master of Medical Imaging Science, Master of Occupational Therapy, Master of Physiotherapy, Master of Rehabilitation Counselling, Master of Speech Language Pathology and Master of Applied Science;
2. approve the amendment of course resolutions arising from this proposal; and
3. approve the consequent amendment of the Resolutions of Faculty for the Faculty of Medicine and Health, with effect from 1 January 2020.

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**Higher Degree by Research**

4.10 **Arts and Social Sciences: Master of Arts (Research), Master of Education (Research), Master of Fine Arts, Master of Philosophy, Master of Philosophy (Education) and Master of Philosophy (Social Work)**

It was agreed that this item be held over to the following meeting.

4.11 **Business: HDR coursework**

It was agreed that this item be held over to the following meeting.

4.12 **Health Sciences: Master of Applied Science**

It was agreed that this item be held over to the following meeting.

4.13 **Law: Doctor of Juridical Studies, Master of Criminology by Research and Master of Laws by Research 2020**

It was agreed that this item be held over to the following meeting.

4.14 **Law: Doctor of Juridical Studies, Master of Criminology by Research and Master of Laws by Research 2021**

It was agreed that this item be held over to the following meeting.

4.15 **Medicine & Health: Master of Global Health / Master of Philosophy, Master of Public Health / Master of Philosophy**

Professor Tim Driscoll spoke to this proposal, informing members that subsequent to its approval at the 5 March 2019 meeting of the Academic Board, the Academic Model Team has asked for an administrative amendment to be made to the research component of the combined degree, to better enable candidature management.

The proposal was endorsed for presentation to the Academic Board.

**Resolution GSC2019/4-18**

The Graduate Studies Committee recommended that the Academic Board:
(1) approve the proposal from the Faculty of Medicine & Health to amend the Master of Global Health / Master of Philosophy and Master of Public Health / Master of Philosophy combined award courses; and

(2) approve the amendment of unit of study tables arising from this proposal, with effect from 1 January 2020.

4.16 **Medicine & Health: Master of Health Policy / Master of Philosophy**

Professor Tim Driscoll spoke to this proposal with Item 4.15 above.

The proposal was endorsed for presentation to the Academic Board.

**Resolution GSC2019/4-19**

The Graduate Studies Committee recommended that the Academic Board:

(1) approve the proposal from the Faculty of Medicine & Health to amend the Master of Health Policy / Master of Philosophy combined award course; and

(2) approve the amendment of unit of study tables arising from this proposal, with effect from 1 January 2020.

4.17 **Education Portfolio: Linking Degree Codes to Table R**

The Director, Graduate Research, advised members that this proposal enables the creation of new course codes to enable access to Table R within specified award courses.

Noting that discussion of the mechanics of the PhD (Board of Interdisciplinary Studies) are not germane to the current proposal and can be discussed at a later date, the Committee endorsed this proposal as presented.

**Resolution GSC2019/4-20**

The Graduate Studies Committee:

(1) endorsed the creation of new HDR degree codes for all faculties and University schools, ensuring that these degree codes are linked to Table R;

(2) once the new degree codes have been created, agreed to permit the Director, Student Operations, to close existing degree codes for applications for admission to research degrees from 2021; and

(3) noted that the Director, Graduate Research, will lead a communications campaign to ensure current and prospective applicants are fully informed of the coursework programme.

4.18 **Education Portfolio: Units for inclusion in Table R (coursework units for HDR students)**

The Director, Graduate Research, informed members that this proposal provides the guidelines and content for a single unit of study collection (Table R) that is intended to be made available to all HDR students. As previously discussed by the Committee and as agreed by the Academic Board, the inclusion of units of study in this table is to be managed via the Committee, after the units of study are first approved by the relevant faculty board or Board of Interdisciplinary Studies as appropriate. While enrolment in coursework will not be compulsory for students until 2021 (thus allowing modification of offerings before full implementation), visibility of indicative units of study is desired for 2020 to enable potential students to see the range of subjects that they might undertake. Students can also elect to undertake specific subjects in 2020 to augment their research training if they wish.

In discussion, members were advised that faculties may restrict HDR students to undertaking specific units of study (for example, by making their completion a Faculty progression milestone), but it is intended that any student may undertake any unit of study that might assist them in their research. At full implementation, it will also be possible for students to undertake up to 48 credit points of Table R units of study. Review of the assessment requirements for units included in Table R was also recommended, with the expressed intention of undertaking such a review via the Academic Quality Committee three years after implementation. Removal of current prerequisite requirements for some units of study will be explored through 2020, as will the current separation between units offered by the Faculties of Medicine & Health and Health Sciences.

The Committee approved the adoption of the guidelines as presented, as well as providing in-principle approval of the units of study recommended for inclusion in Table R, as presented, noting that further work will be undertaken on these inclusions before full implementation in 2021.
Resolution GSC2019/4-21
The Graduate Studies Committee:
(1) approved the guidelines for determining the inclusion of HDR coursework units of study in Table R; and
(2) provided in-principle approval for the inclusion of the recommended units of study, as presented,
with effect from 1 January 2021.

4.19 Improving HDR Supervision at the University of Sydney
The Director, Graduate Research, invited distribution of this document among faculty networks and asked that feedback be provided directly to him or returned for discussion at the next meeting.

Resolution GSC2019/4-22
The Graduate Studies Committee:
(1) discussed the paper Improving HDR Supervision at the University of Sydney; and
(2) noted the proposal from the DVC Education Portfolio to review the Supervision of Higher Degree by Research Students Policy 2013.

5 ITEMS FOR NOTING

5.1 Business: Master of Management (CEMS)
The Committee noted this paper as provided.

Resolution GSC2019/4-23
The Graduate Studies Committee noted the decision taken by the Business School to withdraw the proposal to amend the Master of Management (CEMS) with effect from 2020, pending a review of the course scheduled to commence mid-2020.

6 OTHER BUSINESS
There being no other business, the meeting closed at 11.57 am.

7 NEXT MEETING
Tuesday 6 August
10:00am – 12:00pm
Level 5 Function Room, F23 Administration Building