THE UNIVERSITY OF SYDNEY

UNDERGRADUATE STUDIES COMMITTEE

10:00am – 12:00pm, Tuesday 24 April 2018
Senate Room

Members Present: A/Prof Tony Masters, Chair of Academic Board; Dr Ross Anderson, Architecture, Design and Planning; Imogen Grant, President of the SRC; Dr Stephen Carter, Pharmacy; Dr Anthony Dracopoulos, Arts and Social Sciences; Edwina Grose, Deputy Registrar Nominee; A/Prof Tina Hinton, Sydney Medical School; Dr James Humberstone, Sydney Conservatorium of Music; A/Prof Marjorie Valix, Engineering and Information Technologies; A/Prof Nial Wheate, Nominee of Academic Board; Dr Kate Edwards, Health Sciences; and; Dr Lisa Conlon, Nursing and Midwifery;

Attendees: Dr Matthew Charet, Executive Officer to Academic Board; A/Prof Peter McCallum, Director, Education Strategy, DVC (Education); Georgina Wheadon, DVC Education Portfolio; Dr Kazjon Grace, Architecture, Design and Planning; Dr Kenneth Chung, Engineering and Information Technologies; A/Prof Chris Roberts, IPL; Timothy Heffernan, IPL; and Alyssa White, Committee Officer.

Apologies: Dr Melissa Hardie (Chair); Deren Bozdag, Student Representative; Prof Adam Bridgeman, Director, Educational Innovation; Dr Ülkü Yüksel, Business; Denzel Florez, Student Representative; A/Prof Jamie Glister, Sydney Law School; Dr Gary Muscatello, Science; Dr Fernanda Penaloza, Nominee of Academic Board; A/Prof Bronwyn Winter, Nominee of Academic Board.

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MINUTES

1   WELCOME AND APOLOGIES

The Chair of Academic Board welcomed members and attendees to the meeting.

Resolution UGSC2018/3-1
The Undergraduate Studies Committee resolved to note that apologies have been received from the members above and that they be excused for their absence.

2   PROCEDURAL MATTERS

2.1   Minutes of Previous Meeting

The Minutes of the meeting held on 27 March 2018 were accepted as a true record of the meeting.

Resolution UGSC2018/3-2
The Undergraduate Studies Committee resolved that the minutes of meeting 2018/2 on 27 March 2018 be confirmed as a true record.

2.2   Actions Arising

The Chair provided a verbal update on the actions of the Committee, it was noted without discussion.

Resolution UGSC2018/3-3
The Undergraduate Studies Committee noted the updates provided on outstanding actions from the previous meeting.

3   STANDING ITEMS

3.1   Report of the Chair

The Chair for the Undergraduate Studies Committee is currently travelling and will report to the next meeting. The Chair of Academic Board was noted as an appropriate Chair for the 24 April meeting.

4   ITEMS FOR ACTION

MAJOR COURSE PROPOSALS

No items were presented to the committee.

MINOR COURSE PROPOSALS

4.1   Dentistry: Bachelor of Oral Health

Dr Coulton presented the proposal to the Committee, she detailed the minor changes to ensure resolutions are in line with current practices within the degree.

The proposal was endorsed for 2019 implementation

Resolution UGSC2018/3-4
That the Undergraduate Studies Committee recommends that the Academic Board approve the proposal from the Faculty of Dentistry to amend the Bachelor of Oral Health and approve the amendment of course resolutions arising from this proposal, with immediate effect.

4.2   Sydney School of Architecture, Design and Planning: Bachelor of Design Computing/Bachelor of Advanced Studies Minor Course Amendment

Dr Grace presented the proposal to the Committee, he detailed the updates to the Bachelor of Design Computing degree table of units of study to include additional Architecture, Design and Planning electives, and to update the details of units of study offered by faculties outside of the School. The proposal also includes the removal of a unit no longer offered.

The Committee discussed and was supportive of the proposal pending confirmed approval from the Board of Interdisciplinary Studies meeting on 24 April 2018.

The proposal was endorsed for 2019 implementation

Resolution UGSC2018/3-5
That the Undergraduate Studies Committee recommend that, subject to approval from the Board of Interdisciplinary Studies, the Academic Board approve the proposal from the Sydney School of Architecture, Design and Planning to amend the Bachelor of Design Computing and the Bachelor of Design Computing/Bachelor of Advanced Studies and approve the amendment of the Units of Study table arising from this proposal, with effect from 1 January 2019.

4.3   Sydney School of Architecture, Design and Planning: Design Major, Bachelor of Advanced Studies Minor Course Amendment

Dr Grace presented the proposal to the Committee, he detailed the amendments to the Units of Study Table for the Design Major in the Bachelor of Advanced Studies to include DESN3000 Design Thinking for Health and Medicine; DESN3001 Health and Medicine Design Studio; and ARCH3108 Industry and Community Projects as 3000-level Selective units.

The Committee discussed and was supportive of the proposal pending confirmed approval from the Board of Interdisciplinary Studies meeting on 24 April 2018.

The proposal was endorsed for 2019 implementation

Resolution UGSC2018/3-6
That the Undergraduate Studies Committee recommend that, subject to approval from the Board of Interdisciplinary Studies, the Academic Board approve the proposal from the Sydney School of Architecture, Design and Planning to amend the Design Major for the Bachelor of Advanced Studies and approve the amendment of the Unit of Study table arising from this proposal, with effect from 1 January 2019.

4.4   Faculty of Nursing and Midwifery: Bachelor of Nursing Post-Registration (Singapore)

Dr Conlon presented the proposal to the Committee, she detailed the new enrolment pattern implemented in January 2017 to accommodate the increased mid-year student enrolment for part-time and full-time study pattern for the Bachelor of Nursing Post-Registration in Singapore.

The proposal was endorsed for Semester 2, 2018 implementation

Resolution UGSC2018/3-7
That the Undergraduate Studies Committee recommends that the Academic Board approve the proposal from the Faculty of Nursing to amend the Bachelor of Nursing Post-Registration (Singapore) enrolment pattern, with effect from Semester 2 2018;

4.5 Engineering and Information Technologies: Amendment of the Project Management Table S major resulting from changes to the Bachelor of Project Management

Associate Professor Valix and Dr Chung presented the proposal to the Committee, detailing the changes required. These changes are largely a consequence of an overarching review of the Bachelor of Project Management (BPM) degree including new unit development and name changes to reflect the focus of the units.

The Committee discussed and was supportive of the proposal pending confirmed approval from the Board of Interdisciplinary Studies meeting on 24 April 2018. It was noted that amendments to include the ICPU shell unit would also take place prior to submission to Academic Board.

The proposal was endorsed for 2019 implementation

Resolution UGSC2018/3-8
That the Undergraduate Studies Committee recommends that, subject to approval from the Board of Interdisciplinary Studies, the Academic Board approve the proposal from the Faculty of Engineering and Information Technologies to amend the Project Management Table S major and amend the Unit of Study table arising from this proposal, with effect from 1 January 2019.

4.6 Sydney Conservatorium of Music: SCM minor resolution update to Bachelor of Music

Dr Humberstone presented the proposal to the Committee, he detailed the need for amendments to the Bachelor of Music course resolutions to ensure transparency of options to be available to students within the Sydney Student system.

The proposal was endorsed for Semester 2, 2018 implementation.

Resolution UGSC2018/3-9
That the Undergraduate Studies Committee recommends that the Academic Board approve the proposal from the Sydney Conservatorium of Music to amend the Bachelor of Music and amend the course resolutions arising from this proposal, with effect from Semester 2 2018.

5 STRATEGIC ITEMS

No items were presented to the committee.

6 ITEMS FOR NOTING

6.1 IPL Hub: Interprofessional Learning in Health – IPL Coordination Hub

Associate Professor Roberts (Academic Lead – IPL) and Mr Heffernan (Program Manager – IPL Strategy) presented to the Committee on the developments in the implementation of the 2017 IPL strategy across the University. The Committee was provided with an outline of the steps currently being undertaken to ensure mandatory IPL is implemented in health from 2019 onwards.

The Committee was appreciative of the opportunity to provide comment at this stage in the process. There was discussion about IPL's usage as an ideal vehicle for contextualisation of Health Sciences learning and measuring of graduate outcomes.

The critical nature of these developments when interacting with Sydney Student was discussed and further discussion was heavily encouraged by the Committee to ensure the complexities of the use of the LMS or another software solution were well scoped and tested prior to full implementation.

Resolution UGSC2018/3-10
That the Undergraduate Studies Committee note the developments in the implementation of the 2017 IPL strategy.

6.2   Alternative Pathways Brochure

The Chair presented an update to the Committee including outlining the E12 program, an alternative entry pathway that allows applicants with low socio-economic backgrounds and/or circumstances of hardship (including financial and rural background) to gain admission to the University with an ATAR slightly below the standard cut-off.

There was discussion about the validity of ATAR as the governing entry requirement mechanism for the University and the Committee was assured that further research was underway on different pathway options for entry. The Committee will be informed as appropriate.

Resolution UGSC2018/3-11
That the Undergraduate Studies Committee note the provided information brochure on alternative pathways.

7   OTHER BUSINESS

The Meeting adjourned at 10:15 am.

Date of next meeting

10:00am-12:00pm, Tuesday 15 May, Senate Room, Quadrangle