UNDERGRADUATE STUDIES COMMITTEE

Meeting by Circulation, Tuesday 12 February 2019

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CC: Kate Callhau (EA to Chair, Academic Board); Dr Matthew Charet (EO to Academic Board); Laurie Monier (Education Strategy); (A/Prof Peter McCallum (Director, Education Strategy); Georgina Wheadon (Education Strategy).

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MINUTES

2 PROCEDURAL MATTERS

2.1 Minutes of Previous Meetings: 2018/8, 30 October 2018; 2018/9, 13 November 2018.

Professor Bronwyn Winter should have been noted as an apology for both meetings.

In the minutes of 13 November, a typo in Item 4.4 (on p16 of the agenda pack), "complemented" should be corrected to "complimented".

With the above correction having been made to both sets of minutes, the minutes of the meetings of 30 October 2018 and 13 November were accepted as true records of those meetings.

Resolution USC19/1-1
That the Undergraduate Studies Committee accept the minutes of the meetings held on 30 October 2018 and 13 November 2018 as true records of those meetings.

2.2 Actions Arising

2.2.1 Outcome of proposals endorsed by circulation: 10 December 2018

No response was offered concerning this item explicitly.

Resolution USC19/1-2
That the Undergraduate Studies Committee resolved to note the update on the outcome of proposals endorsed by circulation on 10 December 2018.

2.3 2019 Forward Plan

No response was offered concerning this item explicitly.

Resolution USC19/1-3

Respect is a core value of the Academic Board
That the Undergraduate Studies Committee resolved to note the Committee Forward Plan for 2019.

3 STANDING ITEMS

3.1 Report of the Chair
No report was submitted by the Chair for this meeting.

3.2 Report of the Academic Board
No response was offered concerning this item explicitly.

Resolution USC19/1-4
That the Undergraduate Studies Committee resolved to note the report of the Academic Board for its meeting held on 27 November 2018.

3.3 Report of the Board of Interdisciplinary Studies 2018
No response was offered concerning this item explicitly.

Resolution USC19/1-5
That the Undergraduate Studies Committee resolved to note the 2018 report of the Board of Interdisciplinary Studies.

4 ITEMS FOR ENDORSEMENT: Undergraduate Curriculum Learning Outcome Submissions

4.1 Board of Interdisciplinary Studies:

Bachelor of Advanced Studies Course Learning Outcomes
Feedback on the Learning Outcomes for the stand-alone Bachelor of Advanced Studies was offered by Associate Professor Bronwyn Winter, who noted that the learning outcomes would benefit by being made more specific to the Bachelor of Advanced Studies. They need to include the types of applications, methods or technologies are meant, and how the BAS graduates’ applications will therefore reflect their specific interdisciplinary training. As they are currently, being applicable to many of the University’s degrees, they are too broad, and should demonstrate what is unique about the degree in comparison to other Bachelor degrees.

Some wording matters and typos were noted:

- It should read ‘graduates of the BAS will be able to:’ (the numbered points will then make more sense).
- ‘Discipline’ should be singular in Learning Outcome 1.

No other response was offered on the Bachelor of Advanced Studies Learning Outcomes, and the proposal is therefore endorsed for submission to Academic Board.

Subsequent to the meeting by circulation, the Committee Officer forwarded this Feedback to the Deputy Vice Chancellor (Education).

Resolution USC19/1-6
That the Undergraduate Studies Committee endorse the proposal from the Education Portfolio to introduce the revised learning outcomes for the Bachelor of Advanced Studies, with effect from 1 January 2020.
5 STRATEGIC ITEMS

There were no strategic items for this agenda.

6 ITEMS FOR NOTING

There were no items for noting for this agenda.

Date of next meeting
10:00am-12:00pm, Tuesday 12 February 2019, F23 Level 5 Function Room

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