

## ACADEMIC BOARD

**2:00 pm, Tuesday 16 April 2019**

Level 1 Auditorium, Ground Floor, Administration Building (F23)

**Members Present:** The Chair (Associate Professor Tony Masters); Dr Michael Spence (Vice-Chancellor); Professor Sally Andrews (Science); Anne Bell (Director of University Libraries); Professor Kathy Belov (Pro-Vice-Chancellor (Global Engagement)); Clare Birch (UG Student, Science); Associate Professor Jacqueline Bloomfield (Nursing); Associate Professor Wendy Davis (Chair, Academic Quality Committee); Dr Joanna Diong (Medical School); Dr Susie Dracopoulos (Dental School); Frank Fei (UG Student, Engineering & IT); Professor Alan Fekete (Engineering & IT); Dr Alan Freeman (Medical Sciences); Professor Ofer Gal (Science); Professor Stephen Garton (Provost & Deputy Vice-Chancellor); Professor Manuel Graeber (Medical Sciences); Associate Professor Thomas Grewal (Pharmacy); Dr Ali Hadigheh (Engineering & IT); Professor Jane Hanrahan (Chair, ASPC); Associate Professor Melissa Hardie (Chair, Undergraduate Studies Committee); Dr Christopher Hartney (Arts & Social Sciences); Jacky He (President, SRC); Jett Ciao Ho (UG Student, Science); Professor Duncan Ivison (Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Research)); Professor Lisa Jackson Pulver AM (Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Indigenous Strategy & Services)); Professor Annamarie Jagose (Dean, Arts & Social Sciences); Dr Claudia Keitel (Science); Dr Peter Kench (Health Sciences); Associate Professor Michael Kertesz (Chair, Graduate Studies Committee); Yeon Jae Kim (HDR Student, Medicine & Health); Weihong Liang (President, SUPRA); Associate Professor Sandra Loschke (Architecture, Design & Planning); Dr Arunima Malik (Science); Dr Slade Matthews (Medical School); Professor Tricia McCabe (Health Sciences); Professor Andrew McLachlan AM (Head of School and Dean, Pharmacy); Professor Phil McManus (Acting Dean, Science) (for Professor Iain Young); Professor Richard Miles (Pro-Vice-Chancellor (Education – Enterprise & Engagement)); Tanya Mitchell (Law); Associate Professor Nicole Mockler (Arts & Social Sciences); Dr Shanika Nanayakkara (Dental School); Associate Professor John O'Byrne (Science); Rengen Parlane (UG Student, Science); Professor Pip Pattison (Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Education)); Associate Professor Maurice Peat (Business); Sean Perry (Nominee, SRC); Joshua Preece (PG Student, Medicine & Health); Yasodara Puhule-Gamayalage (UG Student, Arts & Social Sciences); Associate Professor Patrice Rey (Science); Associate Professor Jennifer Rowley (Conservatorium); Adrienne Sach (Nominee, Faculty General Managers Committee); Dr Justin Scanlan (Health Science); Dr Timothy Schlub (for Annette Katelaris); Dr Rayner Thwaites (Law); Katherine Tu (UG Student, Medicine & Health); Associate Professor Marjorie Valix (Engineering & IT); Dr Gareth Vio (Engineering & IT); Professor Donna Waters (Head of School & Dean, Nursing); Dr Bianca Waud (Science); Associate Professor Tim Wilkinson (Engineering & IT); Gu Yu (HDR Student, Health Sciences); Professor Willy Zwaenepoel (Engineering & IT).

**Attendees:** Associate Professor Jennifer Barrett (Director, Culture Strategy); Dr Matthew Charet (Executive Officer); Dr Hayley Fisher (Academic Director, Post-Bachelor and Continuing Education) (for Item 9.1); Edwina Grose (Director, Student Operations); Kerrie Henderson (University Policy Manager); Karen Lai (SUPRA) (for Item 3.1); Associate Professor Peter McCallum (Acting Registrar and Academic Director, Education Policy & Quality); Dr Lisa McIntyre (Fellow of Senate); David Pacey (Secretary to Senate); Kate Small (Deputy Chief of Staff); Kate Stanton (Senior Manager, Copyright & Information Policy, University Library) (for Item 3.2); Liliana Tai (President, USU) (for Item 3.1); Sarah Vandeppeer (Program Manager (Student Life)); Georgina Wheadon (Education Portfolio).

**Apologies:** Associate Professor Judy Anderson (Arts & Social Sciences); Associate Professor Salvatore Babones (Arts & Social Sciences); Dr Amanda Budde-Sung (Business); Professor Wai Fong Chua AM (Interim Pro-Vice-Chancellor (Student Life)); Professor Deborah Cobb-Clark (Arts & Social Sciences); Dr Kimberly Coulton (Dental School); Associate Professor Steven Cumming (Health Sciences); Professor Maria Fiatarone Singh (Health Sciences); Dr Jinlong Gao (Dental School); Dr Ingrid Gelissen (Pharmacy); Professor Mark Gorrell (Medical School); Associate Professor Pablo Guillen Alvarez (Arts & Social Sciences); Leah Hill (Nominee, Faculty General Managers Committee); Dr Michelle Irving (Dentistry); Associate Professor Steven Kamper (Public Health); Patty Kamvounias (Business); Associate Professor Annette Katelaris (Medical School) (Dr Timothy Schlub attending instead); Dr Melanie Keep (Health Sciences); Dr Alan Maddox (Conservatorium); Associate Professor Susan McGrath-Champ (Business); Associate Professor Lenka Munoz (Medicine & Health); Jennifer Ong (Pharmacy); Associate Professor Rhonda Orr (Health Sciences); Associate Professor Juliette Overland (Business); Associate Professor Evangelos Pappas (Health Sciences); Dr James Parkinson (Science); Dr Fernanda Peñaloza (Arts & Social Sciences); Professor Anna Reid (Head of School & Dean, Conservatorium); Associate Professor Siegbert Schmid (Science); Dr Carl Schneider (Pharmacy); Professor

Cameron Stewart (Acting Head of School & Dean, Law); Chanum Torres (Nominee, SRC); Associate Professor Bronwyn Winter (Arts & Social Sciences); Nicholas Yuen (UG Student, Law); Dr Ülkü Yüksel (Business); Professor Iain Young (Dean, Science) (Professor Phil McManus attending instead).

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## MINUTES

☆ This symbol indicates items that have been starred for discussion at the meeting.

### ☆ 1 WELCOME AND APOLOGIES

The Chair welcomed Lisa McIntyre (Fellow of Senate), who was in attendance as an observer. Apologies were noted as received, with further apologies to be communicated to the Executive Officer.

### 2 PROCEDURAL MATTERS

#### ☆ 2.1 Starring of Items and adoption of unstarred items

Members were advised that no additional items had been starred. The Chair advised that the University Policy Manager had identified several minor referencing amendments needed for the course resolutions for Items 8.7, 8.10, 9.2, 9.5, 9.11, 9.13 and 9.14; subject to the incorporation of these amendments, all unstarred items were resolved as presented.

##### **Resolution AB2019/2-1**

*The Academic Board resolved as recommended with respect to all unstarred items.*

#### 2.2 Minutes of Previous Meeting

##### **Resolution AB2019/2-2**

*The Academic Board approved the minutes of the previous meeting held on 5 March 2019 as a true record.*

#### 2.3 Business Arising

There was no business arising.

#### 2.4 2019 Membership of the Academic Board

This proposal was approved as presented.

##### **Resolution AB2019/2-3**

*The Academic Board approved changes to membership of the Board and appointment of members to its committees, as presented.*

### ☆ 3 STRATEGIC ITEMS OF BUSINESS

#### 3.1 Student Code of Conduct

This item commenced with a pre-recorded video from the Interim Pro-Vice-Chancellor (Student Life), who was unable to be present in person, which established a rationale for the possible review of the Student Code of Conduct ("the Code") and set a framework in which the review might take place. This was followed by brief presentations from selected student representatives.

Karen Lai (SUPRA) observed that the Code is a statement of student rights, legal responsibilities and the expectations of the University and wider communities, but that it is not accessible at the moment as it is not written in plain English. She suggested that the Code might be more effectively named the 'Student Charter', which she asserted is a "more engaging" title. Ms Birch (elected undergraduate student member of the Academic Board from the Faculty of Science) recommended that the Code be revised to take a stronger stance, and be expressed as 'student rights' – including rights to quality of teaching, access, student

support, timely feedback, representation and protest – to establish focus on student learning, wellbeing and expression.

The President of the SRC suggested softening the current ‘must’ wording to reflect ‘responsibility for’, leaving it up to students to ensure that they are appropriately informed of student support services and appropriate standards of physical and digital conduct. The President of the USU informed members that a consultation process had been initiated with the broader student body via social media, and the limited response could be interpreted as reflecting limited familiarity with the current Code. Reflecting current discussion in the academic environment, members were presented with a model for freedom of speech and freedom of expression as both a right and a responsibility. Mechanisms for effective education on and dissemination of the Code also need to be developed, and the possibility of translation into other community languages (Mandarin and Hindi being prominent) was suggested as a means of ensuring that the Code reaches a wider audience.

During this presentation, additional comments were sought from members and attendees via an online tool, Mentimeter, as well as via small-group discussion.

The Chair brought this discussion to a close by thanking the participants and reminding members that the French Review into academic freedom – released earlier in the month – confirmed the importance of aspects of this discussion across the Higher Education sector.

**Resolution AB2019/2-4**

*The Academic Board discussed intended revisions to the current Code of Conduct for Students.*

**3.2 Open Access**

The Chair invited Kate Stanton (University Library) to present this item. Members were informed that there are cost, quality and policy drivers underlying the current international discussion regarding Open Access (OA) and the University is keen to reach an institutional view that aligns with its strategic drivers. The main forum for this discussion through 2019 will be the University Executive Research Committee. Noting that publication (including gold and hybrid OA publication) and journal subscription costs are increasing annually (in some cases, significantly), the University has no easy way to capture OA cost data and advocates for greater transparency and reporting across the sector. New OA models (such as Plan S) potentially limit the publications in which scholarly works can be published, and have received both support and pushback from academics and from hybrid journals. The Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Research) suggested that there is a tension between the moral position of free access to publications and academic autonomy to publish where we want.

Following the formal presentation, members were invited to engage in small groups with a number of questions relating to Open Access, with feedback provided directly to Ms Stanton.

**Resolution AB2019/2-5**

*The Academic Board discussed and provided feedback on the presentation on Open access to University research: cost, quality and policy drivers.*

☆ **4 REPORT OF THE CHAIR**

**4.1 General Report**

The Chair addressed members regarding several matters:

Academic Board Annual Report 2018:

The Annual Report is a factual catalogue of the activity of the Academic Board during 2018 and is the one named document that the Board is obliged to present to Senate. It is presented here, unstarred within the Report of the Academic Standards and Policy Committee, to record the Committee through which it has been considered and recommended to the Academic Board.

SAGE Submission:

The University’s submission for a Bronze Award under the Science Australia Gender Equity (SAGE) program was lodged on 2 April, and members were advised that the supporting

documentation is under embargo until late this year at the request of the SAGE National organisers. The Chair invited members to recognize those who contributed to the submission, including Associate Professor Jennifer Barrett (Director, Culture Strategy), Professor Jane Latimer (Chair of the SAGE Advisory Council), Professor Robyn Overall and Professor Trevor Hambley (inaugural co-Chair of the Self-Assessment Team), and especially Professor Renae Ryan and Annie Fenwicke (SAGE Project Manager), who have organised, supported and inspired everyone else both overtly and behind the scenes, not just to get to this point, but to embrace the vision of where we ultimately wish to be.

Report of the Independent Review of Freedom of Speech in Australian Higher Education Providers – the French Review:

The Chair reminded members that this report was released on 6 April and is discussed in detail in the Report of the Vice-Chancellor (Item 5 below). Members were informed that the Review includes a definition of academic freedom, and uses the University's Academic Board Rule as the exemplar of inclusion of the principles of academic freedom in governance instruments. The Chair congratulated members of the previous Academic Board for their forensic testing of the Rule when it was presented, as well as the University Policy Manager for her drafting of that Rule, all of which have led to a Rule which has survived the critical microscope of the French Review.

The Chair:

- (1) Asked the Academic Board to note the Review Report.
- (2) Invited the Culture Taskforce to recommence its consideration / updating of the Charter of Academic Freedom, as referred to the Taskforce by the Academic Board at its meeting of 29 August 2017. This consideration - on pause since the French Review was announced – can now recommence informed by the French Review Report and our institutional response thereto.
- (3) Asked that informed consideration of the French Review report and Model Code take place by the University Executive, Academic Board and Senate, commencing with a referral of the Review Report to the Academic Standards & Policy Committee to consider the wider ramifications of the Review Report and provide advice to the Academic Board for transmission to the University Executive and Senate.

Senate Elections:

The Chair reminded that elections are being held for Staff Fellows of Senate and encouraged members to consider the various candidates.

**Resolution AB2019/2-6**

*The Academic Board noted the General Report of the Chair.*

**4.2 Annual Delegations Amendments 2019**

The University Policy Manager informed members that any urgent changes to the Delegations of Authority should be communicated to the Policy Management Unit by the end of April, noting that examination of the delegations is currently underway within the Sydney Operating Model programme.

**Resolution AB2019/2-7**

*The Academic Board noted the approach to, and timetable for, annual amendments to the University of Sydney (Delegations of Authority – Administrative Functions) Rule 2016 (“Administrative Delegations”) and University of Sydney (Delegations of Authority – Academic Functions) Rule 2016 (“Academic Delegations”).*

**4.3 Student Members' Report**

The student members advised that they had nothing to report in addition to their presentation on the Student Code of Conduct review.

**Resolution AB2019/2-8**

*The Academic Board noted the report of the student members of the Academic Board.*

#### 4.4 Honours and Distinctions

Members noted the honours and distinctions circulated with the agenda, with the additional recognition of the induction of Professor Wai Fong Chua into the Australian Accounting Hall of Fame.

**Resolution AB2019/2-9**

*The Academic Board noted the report of the Chair of the Academic Board on honours and distinctions and congratulated the recipients.*

**Action 16/2019:** *Chair of Academic Board to write to recipients congratulating them on their honours and distinctions.*

#### ☆ 5 REPORT OF THE VICE-CHANCELLOR AND PRINCIPAL

The Vice-Chancellor reminded members that he had identified the 2019 priorities at the previous meeting, and had nothing to add to the written report circulated with the agenda.

**Resolution AB2019/2-10**

*The Academic Board received and noted the Vice-Chancellor's Report.*

#### ☆ 6 QUESTION TIME

Dr Hartney sought clarification as to why the Year in Preview 2019 report in the Vice-Chancellor's Report is marked as confidential and the Vice-Chancellor undertook to advise [**Secretary's Note:** Subsequent to the meeting, members were advised that "The Year in Preview report includes information about some internal and external stakeholders which was not deemed suitable for publication on the corporate website with the Board papers, but we encourage staff to share and discuss it with their colleagues at the University. The slides from the VC's town hall presentation about these priorities is available on Yammer, and a summary of the report will soon be available on the Strategy & planning pages on the Intranet."]

Professor Fekete observed that changes to the Academic Promotions Policy 2015 had been approved without discussion (see Item 7.1 below), and called for a holistic review of the policy. The Provost advised that this is not currently on the institutional agenda, as the policy has been significantly revised every year for four years to include the incorporation of fundamental changes that now need time to implement. He suggested that it would be appropriate to review the policy in a couple of years. In discussion, irregular application of the policy by Local Promotion Committees was highlighted as an area to be monitored, and feedback on this is welcome.

Professor Gal sought an update on the University's intentions in Westmead and Western Sydney, and the Vice-Chancellor advised that the University continues negotiations with the State Government, with an expectation that this process will be protracted until at least September; the negotiations are also hedged by strict confidentiality. Professor Gal also sought an update on safety concerns in the Anderson Stuart Building and was advised by the Provost that issues immediately needing to be rectified have been identified and alternative spaces are being sought for wet labs. General teaching spaces and administrative areas have been assessed for continued use.

Professor Fekete expressed concern that poorly-prepared students place additional pressure on academics. Members were informed that work on this is being undertaken by the Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Education) as part of the Student Experience project, and a discussion regarding admission levers and student recruitment is scheduled for the 8 May meeting of Senate.

#### 7 REPORT OF THE ACADEMIC STANDARDS AND POLICY COMMITTEE

**Resolution AB2019/2-11**

*The Academic Board noted the report from the meeting of the Academic Standards and Policy Committee held on 19 March, as presented.*

**7.1 Academic Promotions Policy 2015**

This proposal was endorsed as presented.

**Resolution AB2019/2-12**

*The Academic Board reviewed and endorsed the proposed changes to the Academic Promotions Policy 2015.*

**7.2 Academic Board Annual Report 2018**

The Board approved the Academic Board Annual Report 2018 and resolved that it be presented to Senate.

**Resolution AB2019/2-13**

*The Academic Board approved the Academic Board Annual Report 2018 and agreed to present it to Senate.*

**Action 17/2019:** *Chair of Academic Board to present the 2018 Academic Board Annual Report to Senate.*

**8 REPORT OF THE UNDERGRADUATE STUDIES COMMITTEE**

**Resolution AB2019/2-14**

*The Academic Board noted the report from the meeting of the Undergraduate Studies Committee held on 19 March 2019.*

**8.1 Arts & Social Sciences: Bachelor of Arts; Bachelor of Arts / Bachelor of Advanced Studies**

This proposal was approved as presented.

**Resolution AB2019/2-15**

*The Academic Board:*

- (1) approved the proposal from the Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences to amend the Bachelor of Arts and Bachelor of Arts / Bachelor of Advanced Studies; and*
- (2) approved the amendment of the course resolutions arising from the proposal, with effect from 1 January 2020.*

**Action 18/2019:** *Dean and Faculty General Manager, Faculty of Arts & Social Sciences, to note the Academic Board's approval of the proposal to amend the Bachelor of Arts and Bachelor of Arts / Bachelor of Advanced Studies and update course resolutions in CMS.*

**8.2 Arts & Social Sciences: Bachelor of Arts; Bachelor of Arts / Bachelor of Advanced Studies**

This proposal was approved as presented.

**Resolution AB2019/2-16**

*The Academic Board:*

- (1) approved the proposal from the Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences to amend the Bachelor of Arts and Bachelor of Arts / Bachelor of Advanced Studies; and*
- (2) approved the amendments to the course resolutions and the unit of study tables arising from the proposal, with effect from January 1, 2020.*

**Action 19/2019:** *Dean and Faculty General Manager, Faculty of Arts & Social Sciences, to note the Academic Board's approval of the proposal to amend the Bachelor of Arts and Bachelor of Arts / Bachelor of Advanced Studies and update course resolutions and unit of study tables in CMS.*

**8.3 Arts & Social Sciences: Bachelor of Arts; Bachelor of Arts / Bachelor of Advanced Studies**

This proposal was approved as presented.

**Resolution AB2019/2-17**

The Academic Board:

- (1) approved the proposal from the Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences to amend the Bachelor of Arts and Bachelor of Arts / Bachelor of Advanced Studies; and
- (2) approved the amendment of course resolutions and unit of study tables arising from the proposal,  
with effect from January 1, 2020.

**Action 20/2019:** Dean and Faculty General Manager, Faculty of Arts & Social Sciences, to note the Academic Board's approval of the proposal to amend the Bachelor of Arts and Bachelor of Arts / Bachelor of Advanced Studies and update course resolutions and unit of study tables in CMS.

**8.4 Conservatorium: Bachelor of Music**

This proposal was approved as presented.

**Resolution AB2019/2-18**

The Academic Board:

- (1) approved the proposal from the Conservatorium of Music to amend the Bachelor of Music and Bachelor of Music (Honours); and
- (2) approved the amendment of course resolutions arising from the proposal,  
with effect from 1 January 2020.

**Action 21/2019:** Head of School and Dean and School General Manager, Sydney Conservatorium of Music, to note the Academic Board's approval of the proposal to amend the Bachelor of Music and Bachelor of Music (Honours) and update course resolutions in CMS.

**8.5 Conservatorium: Bachelor of Music**

This proposal was approved as presented.

**Resolution AB2019/2-19**

The Academic Board:

- (1) approved the proposal from the Sydney Conservatorium of Music to amend the Bachelor of Music (Music Education); and
- (2) approved the amendment of course resolutions arising from the proposal,  
with effect from 1 January 2020.

**Action 22/2019:** Head of School and Dean and School General Manager, Sydney Conservatorium of Music, to note the Academic Board's approval of the proposal to amend the Bachelor of Music and update course resolutions in CMS.

**8.6 Conservatorium: Bachelor of Music**

This proposal was approved as presented.

**Resolution AB2019/2-20**

The Academic Board:

- (1) approved the proposal from the Sydney Conservatorium of Music to amend the Bachelor of Music; and
- (2) approved the amendment of course resolutions arising from the proposal,  
with effect from 1 January 2020.

**Action 23/2019:** Head of School and Dean and School General Manager, Sydney Conservatorium of Music, to note the Academic Board's approval of the proposal to amend the Bachelor of Music and update course resolutions in CMS.



**8.7 Conservatorium: Diploma of Music**

This proposal was approved as presented.

**Resolution AB2019/2-21**

*The Academic Board:*

- (1) *approved the proposal from the Sydney Conservatorium of Music to amend the Diploma of Music; and*
- (2) *approves the amendment of course resolutions arising from the proposal, with effect from 1 January 2020.*

**Action 24/2019:** *Head of School and Dean and School General Manager, Sydney Conservatorium of Music, to note the Academic Board's approval of the proposal to amend the Diploma of Music and update course resolutions in CMS.*

**8.8 Engineering: Bachelor of Engineering (Honours)**

This proposal was approved as presented.

**Resolution AB2019/2-22**

*The Academic Board:*

- (1) *approved the proposal from the Faculty of Engineering and Information Technologies to amend the Bachelor of Engineering (Honours); and*
- (2) *approved the amendment of unit of study tables arising from the proposal, with effect from 1 January, 2020.*

**Action 25/2019:** *Dean and Faculty General Manager, Faculty of Engineering and Information Technologies, to note the Academic Board's approval of the proposal to amend the Bachelor of Engineering (Honours) and update unit of study tables in CMS.*

**8.9 Science / Board of Interdisciplinary Studies: Bachelor of Science / Bachelor of Advanced Studies; Bachelor of Advanced Studies**

This proposal was approved as presented.

**Resolution AB2019/2-23**

*The Academic Board:*

- (1) *approved the proposal from the Faculty of Science to introduce the tables of units of study for the Honours pathways and the Advanced Coursework pathway for the Bachelor of Advanced Studies;*
- (2) *approved the tables of units of study for the Advanced Coursework pathway as recommendations for students in the areas of science that correspond to Science Table A; and*
- (3) *approved the implementation of these tables, with effect from 1 January 2020.*

**Action 26/2019:** *Dean and Faculty General Manager, Faculty of Science and Chair, Board of Interdisciplinary Studies, to note the Academic Board's approval of the proposal to amend the Bachelor of Science / Bachelor of Advanced Studies and Bachelor of Advanced Studies and update unit of study tables in CMS.*

**8.10 Education Portfolio / Board of Interdisciplinary Studies: Bachelor of Advanced Studies**

This proposal was approved as presented.

**Resolution AB2019/2-24**

*The Academic Board:*

- (1) *approved the proposal from the Education Portfolio and Board of Interdisciplinary Studies to amend the Bachelor of Advanced Studies; and*
- (2) *approved the amendment of the course resolutions arising from the proposal, with effect from 1 January 2020.*

**Action 27/2019:** *Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Education) and Chair, Board of Interdisciplinary Studies, to note the Academic Board's approval of the proposal to amend the Bachelor of Advanced Studies and update course resolutions in CMS.*



**8.11 Education Portfolio: Assessment Working Group Terms of Reference amendment**

This proposal was approved as presented.

**Resolution AB2019/2-25**

*The Academic Board approved the proposal from Education Strategy to amend the Assessment Working Group's Terms of Reference to establish the Assessment Advisory Committee.*

**Action 28/2019:** *Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Education) to note the Academic Board's approval of the proposal to amend the Terms of Reference for the Assessment Working Group and establish the Assessment Advisory Committee.*

**9 REPORT OF THE GRADUATE STUDIES COMMITTEE**

**Resolution AB2019/2-26**

*The Academic Board noted the report from the meeting of the Graduate Studies Committee held on 26 March 2019.*



**9.1 Education Portfolio / Board of Interdisciplinary Studies: Sydney Professional Certificate**

This proposal was approved as presented.

**Resolution AB2019/2-27**

*The Academic Board:*

- (1) approved the proposal from the Education Portfolio and Board of Interdisciplinary Studies to introduce the Sydney Professional Certificate;*
- (2) agreed to recommend that Senate approve the amendment of the Resolutions of Senate for the Board of Interdisciplinary Studies; and*
- (3) approved the introduction of course resolutions and unit of study tables arising from the proposal,*  
*with effect from 1 January 2020.*

**Action 29/2019:** *Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Education) and Chair, Board of Interdisciplinary Studies, to note the Academic Board's approval of the proposal to introduce the Sydney Professional Certificate and update course resolutions and unit of study tables in CMS.*

**Action 30/2019:** *Chair of Academic Board to recommend that Senate approve the amendment of the Resolutions of Senate for the Board of Interdisciplinary Studies.*

**9.2 Arts & Social Sciences: Master of Education**

This proposal was approved as presented.

**Resolution AB2019/2-28**

*The Academic Board:*

- (1) approved the proposal from the Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences to amend the Master of Education, Graduate Diploma in Educational Studies and Graduate Certificate in Educational Studies; and*
- (2) approved the amendment of course resolutions and unit of study tables arising from the proposal,*  
*with effect from January 1, 2020.*

**Action 31/2019:** *Dean and Faculty General Manager, Faculty of Arts & Social Sciences, to note the Academic Board's approval of the proposal to amend the Master of Education, Graduate Diploma in Educational Studies and Graduate Certificate in Educational Studies and update course resolutions and unit of study tables in CMS.*

**9.3 Health Sciences: Master of Exercise Physiology**

This proposal was approved as presented.

**Resolution AB2019/2-29**

The Academic Board:

- (1) approved the proposal from the Faculty of Health Sciences to amend the Master of Exercise Physiology;
- (2) agreed to recommend that Senate approve the amendment of Resolutions of Senate for the Faculty of Health Sciences arising from the proposal; and
- (3) approved the amendment of course resolutions and unit of study tables arising from the proposal,  
with effect from 1 January 2020.

**Action 32/2019:** Dean and Faculty General Manager, Faculty of Health Sciences, to note the Academic Board's approval of the proposal to amend the Master of Exercise Physiology and update course resolutions and unit of study tables in CMS.

**Action 33/2019:** Chair of Academic Board to recommend that Senate approve the amendment of the Resolutions of Senate for the Faculty of Health Sciences.

**9.4 Medicine & Health: Master of Surgery**

This proposal was approved as presented.

**Resolution AB2019/2-30**

The Academic Board:

- (1) approved the proposal from the Faculty of Medicine and Health to amend the Master of Surgery, Graduate Diploma in Surgery, Graduate Certificate in Surgery, Graduate Certificate in Surgical Sciences and Graduate Certificate in Advanced Clinical Skills (Surgical Anatomy);
- (2) agreed to recommend that Senate approve the amendment of the Resolutions of Senate for the Faculty of Medicine, noting that these award courses will be incorporated into the Resolutions of Senate for the Faculty of Medicine & Health (to be presented at a future meeting); and
- (3) approved the amendment of course resolutions and unit of study tables arising from the proposal,  
with effect from 1 January 2020.

**Action 34/2019:** Executive Dean and Faculty General Manager, Faculty of Medicine & Health, to note the Academic Board's approval of the proposal to amend the Master of Surgery, Graduate Diploma in Surgery, Graduate Certificate in Surgery, Graduate Certificate in Surgical Sciences and Graduate Certificate in Advanced Clinical Skills (Surgical Anatomy) and update course resolutions and unit of study tables in CMS.

**Action 35/2019:** Chair of Academic Board to recommend that Senate approve the amendment of the Resolutions of Senate for the Faculty of Medicine, noting that these award courses will be incorporated into the Resolutions of Senate for the Faculty of Medicine & Health, to be presented at a future meeting.

**9.5 Medicine & Health: Master of Advanced Surgery**

This proposal was approved as presented.

**Resolution AB2019/2-31**

The Academic Board:

- (1) approved the proposal from the Faculty of Medicine and Health to introduce the Master of Advanced Surgery, Graduate Diploma in Advanced Surgery and Graduate Certificate in Advanced Surgery;
- (2) agreed to recommend that Senate approve the amendment of the Resolutions of Senate for the Faculty of Medicine, noting that these award courses will be incorporated into the Resolutions of Senate for the Faculty of Medicine & Health (to be presented at a future meeting); and
- (3) approved the introduction of course resolutions and unit of study tables arising from the proposal,  
with effect from 1 January 2020.

**Action 36/2019:** Executive Dean and Faculty General Manager, Faculty of Medicine & Health, to note the Academic Board's approval of the proposal to introduce the Master of Advanced Surgery, Graduate Diploma in Advanced Surgery and Graduate Certificate in Advanced Surgery and update course resolutions and unit of study tables in CMS.

**Action 37/2019:** Chair of Academic Board to recommend that Senate approve the amendment of the Resolutions of Senate for the Faculty of Medicine, noting that these award courses will be incorporated into the Resolutions of Senate for the Faculty of Medicine & Health, to be presented at a future meeting.

**9.6 Medicine & Health: Master of Medicine (Genomic and Precision Medicine)**

This proposal was approved as presented.

**Resolution AB2019/2-32**

The Academic Board:

- (1) approved the proposal from the Faculty of Medicine and Health to amend the Master of Medicine;
- (2) agreed to recommend that Senate approve the amendment of the Resolutions of Senate for the Faculty of Medicine, noting that these award courses will be incorporated into the Resolutions of Senate for the Faculty of Medicine & Health (to be presented at a future meeting); and
- (3) approved the introduction of course resolutions and unit of study tables arising from the proposal, with effect from 1 January 2020.

**Action 38/2019:** Executive Dean and Faculty General Manager, Faculty of Medicine & Health, to note the Academic Board's approval of the proposal to amend the Master of Medicine and update course resolutions and unit of study tables in CMS.

**Action 39/2019:** Chair of Academic Board to recommend that Senate approve the amendment of the Resolutions of Senate for the Faculty of Medicine, noting that these award courses will be incorporated into the Resolutions of Senate for the Faculty of Medicine & Health, to be presented at a future meeting.

**9.7 Architecture, Design & Planning: Master of Design**

This proposal was approved as presented.

**Resolution AB2019/2-33**

The Academic Board:

- (1) approved the proposal from the School of Architecture, Design and Planning to amend the Master of Design (single specialisation), Master of Design (double specialisation) and Graduate Diploma in Design; and
- (2) approved the amendment of unit of study tables arising from the proposal, with effect from 1 January 2020.

**Action 40/2019:** Head of School and Dean and School General Manager, Sydney School of Architecture, Design & Planning, to note the Academic Board's approval of the proposal to amend the Master of Design (single specialisation), Master of Design (double specialisation) and Graduate Diploma in Design and update unit of study tables in CMS.

**9.8 Architecture, Design & Planning: Master of Urbanism**

This proposal was approved as presented.

**Resolution AB2019/2-34**

The Academic Board:

- (1) approved the proposal from the School of Architecture, Design and Planning to amend the Master of Urbanism and Graduate Diploma in Urbanism; and
- (2) approved the amendment of unit of study tables arising from the proposal, with effect from 1 January 2020.

**Action 41/2019:** Head of School and Dean and School General Manager, Sydney School of Architecture, Design & Planning, to note the Academic Board's approval of the proposal to amend the Master of Urbanism and Graduate Diploma in Urbanism and update unit of study tables in CMS.

**9.9 Arts & Social Sciences: Master of Contemporary Art**

This proposal was approved as presented.

**Resolution AB2019/2-35**

The Academic Board:

- (1) approved the proposal from the Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences to suspend new admissions to the Master of Contemporary Art and Graduate Diploma in Contemporary Art; and
- (2) agreed to recommend that Senate approve the amendment of the Resolutions of Senate for the Faculty of Arts & Social Sciences arising from the proposal, with effect from 1 January 2020.

**Action 42/2019:** Dean and Faculty General Manager, Faculty of Arts & Social Sciences, to note the Academic Board's approval of the proposal to suspend new admissions to the Master of Contemporary Art and Graduate Diploma in Contemporary Art.

**Action 43/2019:** Chair of Academic Board to recommend that Senate approve the amendment of the Resolutions of Senate for the Faculty of Arts & Social Sciences.

**9.10 Arts & Social Sciences: Master of International Studies**

This proposal was approved as presented.

**Resolution AB2019/2-36**

The Academic Board:

- (1) approved the proposal from the Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences to suspend new admissions to the Master of International Studies, Graduate Diploma of International Studies and Graduate Certificate of International Studies; and
- (2) agreed to recommend that Senate approve the amendment of the Resolutions of Senate for the Faculty of Arts & Social Sciences arising from the proposal, with effect from 1 January 2020.

**Action 44/2019:** Dean and Faculty General Manager, Faculty of Arts & Social Sciences, to note the Academic Board's approval of the proposal to suspend new admissions to the Master of International Studies, Graduate Diploma of International Studies and Graduate Certificate of International Studies.

**Action 45/2019:** Chair of Academic Board to recommend that Senate approve the amendment of the Resolutions of Senate for the Faculty of Arts & Social Sciences.

**9.11 Arts & Social Sciences: Master of Teaching**

This proposal was approved as presented.

**Resolution AB2019/2-37**

The Academic Board:

- (1) approved the proposal from the Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences to amend the Master of Teaching; and
- (2) approved the amendment of course resolutions and unit of study tables arising from the proposal, with effect from 1 January 2020.

**Action 46/2019:** Dean and Faculty General Manager, Faculty of Arts & Social Sciences, to note the Academic Board's approval of the proposal to amend the Master of Teaching and update course resolutions and unit of study tables in CMS.

**9.12 Engineering: Master of Engineering (Biomedical); Master of Professional Engineering (Biomedical); Master of Professional Engineering (Accelerated) (Biomedical)**

This proposal was approved as presented.

**Resolution AB2019/2-38**

The Academic Board:

- (1) approved the proposal from the Faculty of Engineering & Information Technologies to amend the Master of Professional Engineering, Master of Professional Engineering (Accelerated) and Master of Engineering Biomedical streams; and
- (2) approved the amendment of units of study tables arising from this proposal, with effect from 1 January, 2020.

**Action 47/2019:** Dean and Faculty General Manager, Faculty of Engineering & Information Technologies, to note the Academic Board's approval of the proposal to amend the Master of Professional Engineering, Master of Professional Engineering (Accelerated) and Master of Engineering Biomedical streams and update unit of study tables in CMS.

**9.13 Engineering: Master of Information Technology; Master of Information Technology Management**

This proposal was approved as presented.

**Resolution AB2019/2-39**

The Academic Board:

- (1) approved the proposal from the Faculty of Engineering & Information Technologies to amend the Master of Information Technology and the Master of Information Technology / Master of Information Technology Management; and
- (2) approved the amendment of course resolutions and unit of study tables arising from the proposal, with effect from 1 January, 2020.

**Action 48/2019:** Dean and Faculty General Manager, Faculty of Engineering & Information Technologies, to note the Academic Board's approval of the proposal to amend the Master of Information Technology and the Master of Information Technology / Master of Information Technology Management and update course resolutions and unit of study tables in CMS.

**9.14 Engineering: Graduate Diploma in Computing**

This proposal was approved as presented.

**Resolution AB2019/2-40**

The Academic Board:

- (1) approved the proposal from the Faculty of Engineering & Information Technologies to amend the Graduate Diploma in Computing; and
- (2) approved the amendment of course resolutions and unit of study tables arising from the proposal, with effect from 1 January, 2020.

**Action 49/2019:** Dean and Faculty General Manager, Faculty of Engineering & Information Technologies, to note the Academic Board's approval of the proposal to amend the Graduate Diploma in Computing and update course resolutions and unit of study tables in CMS.

**9.15 Conservatorium: Master of Music (Composition); Master of Music (Performance)**

This proposal was approved as presented.

**Resolution AB2019/2-41**

The Academic Board:

- (1) approved the proposal from the Sydney Conservatorium of Music to amend the Master of Music (Composition) and the Master of Music (Performance); and
- (2) approved the amendment of unit of study tables arising from the proposal, with effect from 1 January 2020.

**Action 50/2019:** Head of School and Dean and School General Manager, Sydney Conservatorium of Music, to note the Academic Board's approval of the proposal to amend the Master of Music (Composition) and the Master of Music (Performance) and update unit of study tables in CMS.



**9.16 Business: Master of Commerce**

This proposal was approved as presented.

**Resolution AB2019/2-42**

*The Academic Board:*

- (1) *approved the proposal from the Business School to amend the Master of Commerce and embedded courses; and*
- (2) *approve the amendment of course resolutions and unit of study tables arising from the proposal,*  
*with effect from 1 January 2020.*

**Action 51/2019:** *Dean and Faculty General Manager, University of Sydney Business School, to note the Academic Board's approval of the proposal to amend the Master of Commerce and embedded courses and update course resolutions and unit of study tables in CMS.*

**9.17 Business: Master of Management**

This proposal was approved as presented.

**Resolution AB2019/2-43**

*The Academic Board:*

- (1) *approved the proposal from the Business School to amend the Master of Management; and*
- (2) *approved the amendment of course resolutions and unit of study tables arising from the proposal,*  
*with effect from 1 January 2020.*

**Action 52/2019:** *Dean and Faculty General Manager, University of Sydney Business School, to note the Academic Board's approval of the proposal to amend the Master of Management and update course resolutions and unit of study tables in CMS.*

**9.18 Business: Master of Human Resource Management and Industrial Relations**

This proposal was approved as presented.

**Resolution AB2019/2-44**

*The Academic Board:*

- (1) *approved the proposal from the Business School to amend the Master of Human Resource Management and Industrial Relations and embedded courses; and*
- (2) *approved the amendment of course resolutions and unit of study tables arising from the proposal,*  
*with effect from 1 January 2020.*

**Action 53/2019:** *Dean and Faculty General Manager, University of Sydney Business School, to note the Academic Board's approval of the proposal to amend the Master of Human Resource Management and Industrial Relations and embedded courses and update course resolutions and unit of study tables in CMS.*

**9.19 Education Portfolio: Assessment Working Group Terms of Reference amendment**

See Item 8.11 above.

**9.20 Higher Degree by Research: Progress of HDR Coursework Implementation**

This discussion was noted as presented.

**Resolution AB2019/2-45**

*The Academic Board noted the Committee's discussion of an update on the implementation of coursework in Higher Degrees by Research.*

## 10 REPORT OF THE ACADEMIC QUALITY COMMITTEE

### **Resolution AB2019/2-46**

*The Academic Board noted the report from the meeting of the Academic Quality Committee held on 12 March 2019.*

#### 10.1 Academic Board Thematic Review: Review of student safety and wellbeing

This item was noted as presented.

### **Resolution AB2019/2-47**

*The Academic Board noted the Committee's review and endorsement in principle of the recommendations arising from the Academic Board Thematic Review of Student Safety and Wellbeing.*

#### 10.2 Establishing the Assessment Advisory Committee

This paper was noted as presented (see Item 8.11 above).

### **Resolution AB2019/2-48**

*The Academic Board noted the Committee's approval the proposed changes to the Assessment Working Group' Terms of Reference to become a permanent advisory committee to Academic Board and UE, and to be known as the Assessment Advisory Committee.*

#### 10.3 Developing a shared understanding of grading standards

This paper was noted as presented.

### **Resolution AB2019/2-49**

*The Academic Board noted the Committee's discussion about whether there was merit to the development a shared understanding of grading standards and referral to the Assessment Advisory Committee for further consideration.*

## 11 GENERAL BUSINESS

#### 11.1 Standing Committees for Curriculum Approvals

This paper was noted as presented.

### **Resolution AB2019/2-50**

*The Academic Board noted the list of nominated faculty and University school standing committees responsible for curriculum approvals in accordance with recent amendments to sections 3.8A and 6.8A of the University of Sydney (Governance of Faculties and University Schools) Rule 2016, as presented.*

#### 11.2 Medicine & Health: Resolutions of Senate

This proposal was approved as presented.

### **Resolution AB2019/2-51**

*The Academic Board approved the provision of a single Faculty of Medicine and Health PhD course and CRICOS code, noting that a request to create Resolutions of Senate for the Faculty of Medicine and Health to enable this change will be presented at a later meeting, with effect from the 1 January 2020 admissions round.*

**Action 54/2019:** *Dean and Faculty General Manager, Faculty of Medicine & Health, to note the Academic Board's approval of the provision of a single Faculty of Medicine & Health PhD course and CRICOS code, noting that a request to create Resolutions of Senate for the Faculty of Medicine & Health to enable this change will need to be presented at a later meeting.*

#### 11.3 Science: Resolutions of Senate

This proposal was approved as presented.



**Resolution AB2019/2-52**

*The Academic Board agreed to recommend that Senate approve the proposal from the Faculty of Science to amend the Resolutions of Senate for the Faculty of Science, as presented, with effect from 1 January 2020.*

**Action 55/2019:** *Dean and Faculty General Manager, Faculty of Science, to note the Academic Board's endorsement of the approval of the proposal to amend the Resolutions of Senate for the Faculty of Science and update the Resolutions of Senate in CMS.*

**Action 56/2019:** *Chair of Academic Board to recommend that Senate approve the amendment of the Resolutions of Senate for the Faculty of Science.*

**11.4 Arts & Social Sciences: Resolutions of Senate**

This proposal was approved as presented.

**Resolution AB2019/2-53**

*The Academic Board approved the provision of a single Faculty of Arts & Social Sciences PhD course and CRICOS code, with effect from the 1 January 2020 admissions round, and agreed to recommend that Senate approve the amendment of the Resolutions of Senate for the Faculty of Arts & Social Sciences.*

**Action 57/2019:** *Dean and Faculty General Manager, Faculty of Arts & Social Sciences, to note the Academic Board's endorsement of the approval of the proposal to amend the Resolutions of Senate for the Faculty of Arts & Social Sciences and update the Resolutions of Senate in CMS.*

**Action 58/2019:** *Chair of Academic Board to recommend that Senate approve the amendment of the Resolutions of Senate for the Faculty of Arts & Social Sciences.*

There being no other business, the meeting closed at 3:47pm.

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