Minutes of the meeting of the Academic Board
held at 2.00pm on Wednesday 1 July 2015 in the Professorial Board Room

There were present: the Chair (Associate Professor P McCallum) presiding; the Vice-Chancellor and Principal (Dr M Spence); the Chairs of the Standing Committees (Associate Professor S Cattle and Associate Professor D Traini); Associate Professor S Barrie, Dr R Bathgate, Mr K Blakeney, Dr J Bloomfield, Dr R Bourne, Professor B Caine, Professor T Carlin, Dr B Church, Professor M Crock, Associate Professor W Davis, Dr J Gao, Professor S Garton, Associate Professor J Glister, Professor M Graeber, Associate Professor T Grewal, Professor S Houston, Mr S Isaac, Professor D Ivison, Dr N Jarkey, Mr C Jones, Dr D Larkin, Professor P Leong, Ms D Mair, Dr S Matthew, Ms E May, Professor D Mayer, Professor E Mpofu, Associate Professor L Nicholson, Dr C Owens, Professor C Peck, Professor I Ramzan, Professor J Redmond, Professor K Refshauge, Professor C Rhodes, Dr K Rooney, Ms A Rose, Dr R Saunders, Professor J Shields, Professor R Stancliffe, Associate Professor C Sutton-Brady, Professor D Waters, Associate Professor G White, Dr P White, Professor G Whitwell, Associate Professor T Wilkinson and Professor P Young.

Present as observers: Ms K Hartman-Warren (SUPRA), Professor C Jones (Faculty of Medicine), Mr D Pacey (Secretary to Senate), Ms L Rose (Office of the Provost).

In attendance: Ms M Kemmis (Secretary to Academic Board).

The Chair welcomed Professor Ivison in his new role as Acting Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Research), Professor Caine as the Acting Dean of the Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences, and Mr Christian Jones as the newly elected President of SUPRA. He thanked Ms Kylee Hartman-Warren for her work as the interim President of SUPRA.

1. Apologies

Apologies have been received from: Professor M Adams, Associate Professor J Anderson, Dr T Balle, Dr T Bell, Professor B Buckley, Ms T Clement, Dr S Colmar, Associate Professor D Easdown, Ms C Fahd, Associate Professor T Gerzina, Dr J Guillick, Professor N Gurran, Professor T Hambley, Professor J Hanrahan, Professor M Hindson, Ms A Irish, Professor Y-H Jeon, Dr P Knight, Associate Professor S van der Laan, Professor D Lowe, Dr J Ma, Dr M MacKenzie, Associate Professor T Masters, Associate Professor S McGrath-Champ, Professor P Pattison, Professor A Reid, Professor J Riley, Professor L Rivory, Professor B Robinson, Dr J Saleeba, Associate Professor P Seitsikas, Ms J Smith, Dr C Taylor, Professor C Wade and Dr R Wilson.

2. Arrangement of agenda

2.1 Starring of items

The following items were starred: 9.2.2, 10.2.2.9(4)

2.2 Adoption of unstarred items

Resolution AB_4_108/15
That the Academic Board resolved as recommended with respect to all unstarred items.
3. Minutes of previous meeting

Resolution AB_4_109/15
That the Academic Board adopted the minutes of the previous meeting held on 13 May 2015 as a true record.

4. Business arising from Minutes (not dealt with elsewhere in the Agenda)

5. Presentation: Admissions
The Chair introduced Professor Carlin to talk about the 2015 admissions round and the University’s admission strategies. Professor Carlin spoke briefly about the focus of the University’s admissions team on attracting the most meritorious and academically adept students from diverse geographic, cultural and social backgrounds before guiding the meeting through an overview of the University’s admissions results for 2015.

The Chair noted a reference in the presentation to flexible entry and advised that the Admissions Committee has discussed the University’s use of flexible entry in comparison to the bonus points used by many other institutions. Bonus points have not been used at this University as not all faculties are interested in offering them, and flexible entry can be used by faculties in a targeted way during the admissions season; however the Chair pointed out that bonus points provide a level of certainty to prospective students.

Mr Blakeney commented on the data for ATSI student preferences and enrolments, noting that the University does well at the very top of the ATAR range, but then tails off. He queried whether this might be a result of students with the top ATARs attending more privileged, rather than regional, schools. Professor Carlin advised that it was not possible to know this for sure but he agreed it was the most likely scenario. Mr Blakeney suggested that ATSI students are more attracted to universities with a strong commitment to student and staff cultural competencies, citing the mandatory 2nd year Koori Studies unit at Charles Sturt University as an example. He encouraged the University to do more in this area. Professor Carlin responded that the University is developing more strategies including bringing ATSI secondary students to the University to experience the campus. The Vice-Chancellor added that it was important to work on increasing the number of first preferences from ATSI students achieving ATARs between 75 and 94. Ms Hartman-Warren queried whether such students believed courses at the University of Sydney are more academically difficult than at other institutions and suggested promoting the university’s support services. Mr Blakeney agreed that students are sometimes intimidated by Sydney’s reputation as an institution and reiterated her suggestion that student support services should be promoted.

The Chair asked Professor Carlin to speak about the proposed Dux scheme. Professor Carlin advised that this scheme had grown out of discussions regarding diversity and opportunity, and the knowledge that there are schools in NSW who have never sent a student to this University. He offered to provide a follow up report on this scheme. Professor Shields pointed out that many of the students the University wants to attract via this scheme come from areas with significantly lower costs of living than in Sydney, adding that the University will need to provide them with additional support. Professor Houston advised that Ms Jordi Austin is working on this issue, noting that some other universities already offer generous first year scholarships to rural and remote students. Associate Professor Cattle added that this is a significant issue for the Faculty of Agriculture and Environment, with many rural students advising that the cost of living in Sydney is a major disincentive. Professor Carlin advised that the University is discussing similar issues with the Principal of Hurlstone Agricultural High School to strengthen the pathway from that school to the university’s agricultural degrees.

The Chair thanked Professor Carlin for his presentation.

Resolution AB_4_110/15
That the Academic Board note the presentation on admissions.
6. Report of the Chair

6.1 Report on Senate Matters

6.1.1 Report of the Senate meeting held on 1 June 2015

The Chair advised that Senate approved the recommended amendments to the University of Sydney (Academic Governance) Rule 2003 (as amended) at this meeting. The Academic Board noted this report.

Resolution AB_4_111/15
That the Academic Board note the report of the Chair of the Academic Board on academic matters considered by Senate at its meeting of 1 June 2015.

6.2 Honours and Distinctions

The Board noted and congratulated by acclamation the recipients of honours and distinctions, as set out in the agenda and the supplementary agenda.

Resolution AB_4_112/15
That the Academic Board note the report of the Chair of the Academic Board on the honours and distinctions and congratulate the recipients, as set out in the report presented.

Action: Chair of the Academic Board to write to recipients congratulating them on their honours and distinctions.

6.3 General Report

6.3.1 NSW/Territories Committee of Chairs

The Chair advised members that this committee had met at the Bathurst campus of Charles Sturt University on 26th June. The main issue discussed at the meeting was the additional requirements for teacher education proposed by both the State and Federal governments, including the proposed numeracy and literacy testing of education students. The Vice-Chancellor advised that he has encouraged the Go8 to lobby the Federal minister for this testing to be done prior to university admission and without cost to the students. The Chair added that the committee of chairs has also established a project on academic honesty in the digital age.

Resolution AB_4_113/15
That the Academic Board note the report of the Chair on the meeting of the NSW/Territories Committee of Chairs on 26th June 2015.

6.3.2 Policy Developments and Major Items for 2015

The Chair advised that this item is a follow-up to his comments at the previous meeting, adding that proposals from the Vice-Chancellor’s taskforce on academic dishonesty could be presented to the Board soon. In addition to the working parties listed, he advised that Professor Pattison has also established a working party on analytics.

Resolution AB_4_114/15
That the Academic Board note the report on policy developments and other major items being undertaken in 2015.

6.3.3 Correspondence Register

Members noted the report.

Resolution AB_4_115/15
That the Academic Board note the register of correspondence, as set out in the report presented.
7. Report of the Vice-Chancellor and Principal

7.1 Report on Senate Matters

7.1.1 Report of the Senate meeting held on 1 June 2015

The Academic Board noted this report.

Resolution AB_4_116/15
That the Academic Board note the report of the Vice-Chancellor and Principal on matters considered by Senate at its meeting of 1 June 2015.

7.2 General report

The Vice-Chancellor spoke with members on the following matters:

- Development of the 2016-2020 strategic plan: this remains the major item for the University, and the Vice-Chancellor thanked all of those who have engaged with the first discussion paper released on undergraduate education. A further five discussion papers are due in the next eight weeks on teaching and learning, investment in research, research and development, organisational design and culture;

- Integrated China Strategy: the strategy has been widely discussed by a range of groups and the business case has recently been approved. The University will establish a physical presence in Suzhou near Shanghai, which is the location of a major education park hosting institutions such as Oxford University, Cold Spring Harbor, the National University of Singapore and Monash University. This site will provide a base for student recruitment, alumni, graduations, off-shore teaching, research collaborations and other activities;

- The Medical Research Future Fund (MRFF): the University is lobbying for the government to clarify the relationship between the fund and the NHMRC, given both organisations will be funding medical research. On more general government matters, he added that the government is still expressing commitment for fee deregulation while the opposition has yet to fully clarify its higher education policies. He urged members to write to their local members in support of better funding arrangements for universities; in response to a question from the Chair regarding the political focus of the MRFF he advised that the government views the NHRMC as overly focussed on publication and citations and not on delivering improved health outcomes for the Australian populace;

- Student accommodation: in response to questions from Mr Blakeney and Ms Hartman-Warren, the Vice-Chancellor undertook to provide them with information regarding the weekly rent for subsidised accommodation in the new Queen Mary Building, noting that the standard rent for unsubsidised accommodation is $288 per week; he also advised that some of the ground floor rooms may be shared, but the majority are single; Professor Carlin advised that a decision has not been made as yet on providing access to subsidised accommodation to international students; the Vice-Chancellor explained that the Queen Mary and Abercrombie developments will help address not just the lack of accommodation for the University’s students, but also the lack of affordable accommodation; in response to a suggestion that profits from the two buildings could be used to reduce rental costs in future he advised that the University would be investing in more accommodation (with a goal of doubling the current number of rooms to a total of 6000 beds), and would also invest in establishing bursaries to cover accommodation costs for students.

Resolution AB_4_117/15
That the Academic Board note the report presented by the Provost.

8. Question time

No questions asked

9. Report of the Admissions Committee

9.1 Oral report of the Chair

In the absence of Professor Hanrahan, the Chair advised he had nothing further to add to this report.
9.2 Report of the meeting held on 10 June 2015

9.2.1 Amendment to the Coursework Policy 2014

Resolution AB_4_118/15
That the Academic Board approve the proposed amendment to the Coursework Policy 2014 with immediate effect, as set out in the report presented.

Action: Executive Officer to update the Coursework Policy 2014 on the Policy Register.

9.2.2 Overseas Foundation Programs

Associate Professor Glister asked for clarification of how students from these programs will be assessed, pointing out that most UK universities routinely take students from their own foundation programs but not necessarily those from programs run by other universities. Professor Carlin advised that students from these programs will have to meet University-level minimum standards with respect to their GPA and English language capabilities, and there would also be faculty-specific admission requirements. The Chair added that the University of Sydney is the only Go8 university currently not accepting students from foundation programs run by the Russell Group of universities. He added that the current board of studies for the University’s foundation program offered by Taylors College may be expanded to cover students from all the foundation programs offered by the Study Group. Members approved the proposal.

Resolution AB_4_119/15
That the Academic Board:

(1) approve the recognition for admission to the University of Foundation programs of at least one year’s duration offered by the Russell Group of universities in the United Kingdom and of Foundation programs of at least one year’s duration offered by Study Group International, excluding distance education and online programs; and

(2) approve the inclusion of the Advanced International Certificate of Education, University of Cambridge, within the new category of foundation programs from the United Kingdom with immediate effect, as set out in the report presented.

Action: Director of Admissions to note the Academic Board’s recognition of Foundation programs offered by the Russell Group of universities in the United Kingdom and by Student Group International and the Advanced International Certificate of Education offered by the University of Cambridge.

9.2.3 UAC Schedules

Resolution AB_4_120/15
That the Academic Board adopt the UAC Schedules for the International Baccalaureate (IB), German Abitur and Swedish Upper Secondary School Leaving Certificate and reject the Schedule for the Jordanian General Secondary Education Certificate Examination, as set out in the reports presented.

Action: Director of Admissions to note the Academic Board’s adoption of the UAC Schedules for the International Baccalaureate (IB), German Abitur and Swedish Upper Secondary School Leaving Certificate and rejection of the Schedule for the Jordanian General Secondary Education Certificate Examination.
9.2.4 Proceedings of the Committee

Resolution AB_4_121/15
That the Academic Board note the proceedings of the Admissions Committee meeting held on 10 June 2015, as set out in the report presented.

10. Report of the Undergraduate Studies Committee

10.1 Oral report of the Chair
Professor Cattle advised that the Committee had dealt with a much greater number of minor amendment proposals than usual due to faculties wanting to meet Sydney Student deadlines for 2016.

Resolution AB_4_122/15
That the Academic Board note the report of the Chair of the Undergraduate Studies Committee.

10.2 Report of the meeting held on 17 June 2015

10.2.1 Proposals for new and amended undergraduate courses

10.2.1.1 Faculty of Education and Social Work: Bachelor of Education (Secondary: Human Movement and Health Education)

Resolution AB_4_123/15
That the Academic Board:
(1) approve the proposal from the Faculty of Education and Social Work to amend the current Bachelor of Education (Secondary: Human Movement and Health Education) and to rename it the Bachelor of Education (Health and Physical Education)
(2) recommend that Senate endorse the Academic Board's approval of the proposal and approve amendments to the Resolutions of Senate related to the Degrees, Diplomas and Certificate in the Faculty of Education and Social Work; and
(3) approve the amendment of the course resolutions arising from this proposal with effect from 1 January 2017, as set out in the report presented.

Action:
Chair to recommend that Senate note the Academic Board’s approval of the proposal from the Faculty of Education and Social Work to amend the current Bachelor of Education (Secondary: Human Movement and Health Education) and to rename it the Bachelor of Education (Health and Physical Education) and approve amendments to the Resolutions of Senate related to the Degrees, Diplomas and Certificate in the Faculty of Education and Social Work.

The Dean and Faculty Manager, Faculty of Education and Social Work, to note the Academic Board’s approval of the proposal to amend the current Bachelor of Education (Secondary: Human Movement and Health Education) and to rename it the Bachelor of Education (Health and Physical Education) and amend the resolutions in CMS.

10.2.2 Minor course amendment proposals

10.2.2.1 Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences

(1) Bachelor of International and Global Studies

Resolution AB_4_124/15
That the Academic Board:
(1) approve the proposal from the Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences to amend the Bachelor of International and Global Studies; and

(2) approve the amendment of the course resolutions arising from this proposal with effect from 1 January 2016, as set out in the report presented.

Action: The Dean and Faculty Manager, Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences, to note the Academic Board’s approval of the proposal to amend the Bachelor of International and Global Studies and amend the resolutions in CMS.

(2) Amendment of Majors

Resolution AB_4_125/15
That the Academic Board:

(1) approve the proposal from the Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences to amend the list of majors in its Faculty Resolutions; and

(2) approve the amendment of the Faculty resolutions arising from this proposal with effect from 1 January 2016, as set out in the report presented.

Action: The Dean and Faculty Manager, Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences, to note the Academic Board’s approval of the proposal to amend the list of majors in its Faculty Resolutions and amend the resolutions in CMS.

(3) Bachelor of Arts/Bachelor of Social Work

Resolution AB_4_126/15
That the Academic Board:

(1) approve the proposal from the Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences to amend the Bachelor of Arts/Bachelor of Social Work; and

(2) approve the amendment of the course resolutions arising from this proposal with effect from 1 January 2016, as set out in the report presented.

Action: The Dean and Faculty Manager, Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences, to note the Academic Board’s approval of the proposal to amend the Bachelor of Arts/Bachelor of Social Work and amend the resolutions in CMS.

10.2.2.2 Faculty of Education and Social Work: Bachelor of Social Work

Resolution AB_4_127/15
That the Academic Board:

(1) approve the proposal from the Faculty of Education and Social Work to amend the Bachelor of Social Work; and

(2) approve the amendment of the course resolutions arising from this proposal with effect from 1 January 2016, as set out in the report presented.

Action: The Dean and Faculty Manager, Faculty of Education and Social Work, to note the Academic Board’s approval of the proposal to amend the Bachelor of Social Work and amend the resolutions in CMS.
10.2.2.3 Faculty of Architecture, Design and Planning

(1) Bachelor of Architecture and Environments (Honours)

Resolution AB_4_128/15
That the Academic Board:
(1) approve the proposal from the Faculty of Architecture, Design and Planning to amend the Bachelor of Architecture and Environments (Honours); and
(2) approve the amendment of the course resolutions and the table of units of study arising from this proposal with effect from 1 January 2016, as set out in the report presented.

Action: The Dean and Faculty Manager, Faculty of Architecture, Design and Planning, to note the Academic Board’s approval of the proposal to amend the Bachelor of Architecture and Environments (Honours) and amend the resolutions in CMS.

(2) Bachelor of Design Computing

Resolution AB_4_129/15
That the Academic Board:
(1) approve the proposal from the Faculty of Architecture, Design and Planning to amend the Bachelor of Design Computing; and
(2) approve the amendment of the course resolutions arising from this proposal with effect from 1 January 2016, as set out in the report presented.

Action: The Dean and Faculty Manager, Faculty of Architecture, Design and Planning, to note the Academic Board’s approval of the proposal to amend the Bachelor of Design Computing and amend the resolutions in CMS.

10.2.2.4 Sydney Conservatorium of Music

(1) Bachelor of Music, Bachelor of Music (Composition), Bachelor of Music (Music Education), Bachelor of Music (Performance), Bachelor of Music Studies/Bachelor of Arts, Bachelor of Music Studies/Doctor of Medicine

Resolution AB_4_130/15
That the Academic Board:
(1) approve the proposal from the Sydney Conservatorium of Music to amend the Bachelor of Music, Bachelor of Music (Composition), Bachelor of Music (Music Education), Bachelor of Music (Performance), Bachelor of Music Studies/Bachelor of Arts and Bachelor of Music Studies/Doctor of Medicine; and
(2) approve the amendment of the course resolutions arising from this proposal with effect from 1 January 2016, as set out in the report presented.

Action: The Dean and Faculty Manager, Sydney Conservatorium of Music, to note the Academic Board’s approval of the proposal to amend the Bachelor of Music, Bachelor of Music (Composition), Bachelor of Music (Music Education), Bachelor of Music (Performance), Bachelor of Music Studies/Bachelor of Arts and Bachelor of Music Studies/Doctor of Medicine
(2) Bachelor of Music Studies, Bachelor of Music Studies/Bachelor of Arts, Bachelor of Music Studies/Doctor of Medicine, Bachelor of Music (Music Education)

Resolution AB_4_131/15

That the Academic Board:

(1) approve the proposal from the Sydney Conservatorium of Music to amend the Bachelor of Music Studies, Bachelor of Music Studies/Bachelor of Arts, Bachelor of Music Studies/Doctor of Medicine and Bachelor of Music (Music Education); and

(2) approve the amendment of the course resolutions arising from this proposal with effect from 1 January 2016, as set out in the report presented.

Action: The Dean and Faculty Manager, Sydney Conservatorium of Music, to note the Academic Board’s approval of the proposal to amend the Bachelor of Music Studies, Bachelor of Music Studies/Bachelor of Arts, Bachelor of Music Studies/Doctor of Medicine and Bachelor of Music (Music Education) and amend the resolutions in CMS.

(3) Bachelor of Music (Composition), Bachelor of Music (Performance), Bachelor of Music Studies

Resolution AB_4_132/15

That the Academic Board:

(1) approve the proposal from the Sydney Conservatorium of Music to amend the Bachelor of Music (Composition), Bachelor of Music (Performance) and Bachelor of Music Studies; and

(2) approve the amendment of the course resolutions arising from this proposal with effect from 1 January 2016, as set out in the report presented.

Action: The Dean and Faculty Manager, Sydney Conservatorium of Music, to note the Academic Board’s approval of the proposal to amend the Bachelor of Music (Composition), Bachelor of Music (Performance) and Bachelor of Music Studies and amend the resolutions in CMS.

10.2.2.5 Faculty of Engineering and Information Technologies: Bachelor of Engineering Honours (Aeronautical), Bachelor of Engineering Honours (Mechanical), Bachelor of Engineering Honours (Mechatronic)

Resolution AB_4_133/15

That the Academic Board:

(1) approve the proposal from the Faculty of Engineering and IT to amend the Bachelor of Engineering Honours (Aeronautical), Bachelor of Engineering Honours (Mechanical) and Bachelor of Engineering Honours (Mechatronic); and

(2) approve the amendment of the tables of units of study arising from this proposal with effect from 1 January 2016, as set out in the report presented.
Action: The Dean and Faculty Manager, Faculty of Engineering and Information Technologies, to note the Academic Board’s approval of the proposal to amend the tables of units of study for the Bachelor of Engineering Honours (Aeronautical), Bachelor of Engineering Honours (Mechanical) and Bachelor of Engineering Honours (Mechatronic).

10.2.2.6 Faculty of Health Sciences

(1) Bachelor of Applied Science (Occupational Therapy)

Resolution AB_4_134/15
That the Academic Board:
(1) approve the proposal from the Faculty of Health Sciences to amend the Bachelor of Applied Science (Occupational Therapy); and
(2) approve the amendment to the table of units of study arising from this proposal with effect from 1 January 2016, as set out in the report presented.

Action: The Dean and Faculty Manager, Faculty of Health Sciences, to note the Academic Board’s approval of the proposal to amend the Bachelor of Applied Science (Occupational Therapy).

(2) Bachelor of Applied Science (Diagnostic Radiography)
Pass and Honours

Resolution AB_4_135/15
That the Academic Board:
(1) approve the proposal from the Faculty of Health Sciences to amend the Bachelor of Applied Science (Diagnostic Radiography); and
(2) approve the amendment to the course resolutions and table of units of study arising from this proposal with effect from 1 January 2016, as set out in the report presented.

Action: The Dean and Faculty Manager, Faculty of Health Sciences, to note the Academic Board’s approval of the proposal to amend the Bachelor of Applied Science (Diagnostic Radiography) Pass and Honours and amend the resolutions in CMS.

(3) Bachelor of Health Sciences

Resolution AB_4_136/15
That the Academic Board:
(1) approve the proposal from the Faculty of Health Sciences to amend the Bachelor of Health Sciences; and
(2) approve the amendment to the table of units of study arising from this proposal with effect from 1 January 2016, as set out in the report presented.

Action: The Dean and Faculty Manager, Faculty of Health Sciences, to note the Academic Board’s approval of the proposal to amend the table of units of study for the Bachelor of Health Sciences.
10.2.2.7 Faculty of Medicine (plus Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences, Sydney Conservatorium of Music, University of Sydney Business School and Faculty of Science): Bachelor of Commerce/Doctor of Medicine, Bachelor of Economics/Doctor of Medicine, Bachelor of Music Studies/Doctor of Medicine, Bachelor of Science (Advanced)/Doctor of Medicine, Bachelor of Medical Science/Doctor of Medicine

Resolution AB_4_137/15
That the Academic Board:
(1) approve the proposal from the Faculty of Medicine and other faculties to amend the minimum time stated in the progression rules for the Bachelor of Commerce/Doctor of Medicine, Bachelor of Economics/Doctor of Medicine, Bachelor of Music Studies/Doctor of Medicine, Bachelor of Science (Advanced)/Doctor of Medicine and Bachelor of Medical Science/Doctor of Medicine; and

(2) approve the amendment to the course resolutions arising from this proposal

with effect from 1 January 2016, as set out in the report presented.

Action: The Deans and Faculty Managers, Faculty of Medicine, Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences, Sydney Conservatorium of Music, University of Sydney Business School and Faculty of Science, to note the Academic Board’s approval of the proposal to amend the minimum time stated in the progression rules for the Bachelor of Commerce/Doctor of Medicine, Bachelor of Economics/Doctor of Medicine, Bachelor of Music Studies/Doctor of Medicine, Bachelor of Science (Advanced)/Doctor of Medicine and Bachelor of Medical Science/Doctor of Medicine and amend the resolutions in CMS.

10.2.2.8 Faculty of Pharmacy: Bachelor of Pharmacy

Resolution AB_4_138/15
That the Academic Board:
(1) approve the proposal from the Faculty of Pharmacy to amend the Bachelor of Pharmacy; and

(2) approve the amendments to the tables of units of study arising from the proposal

with effect from 1 January 2016, as set out in the report presented.

Action: The Dean and Faculty Manager, Faculty of Pharmacy, to note the Academic Board’s approval of the proposal to amend the tables of units of study for the Bachelor of Pharmacy.

10.2.2.9 Faculty of Science
(1) Bachelor of Science (Advanced)/Doctor of Dental Medicine

Resolution AB_4_139/15
That the Academic Board:
(1) approve the proposal from the Faculty of Science to amend the Bachelor of Science (Advanced)/Doctor of Dental Medicine; and

(2) approve the amendment of the course resolutions arising from this proposal

with effect from 1 January 2016, as set out in the report presented.

Action: The Dean and Faculty Manager, Faculty of Science, to note the Academic Board’s approval of the proposal to amend
(2) Bachelor of Liberal Arts and Science

Resolution AB_4_140/15
That the Academic Board:
(1) approve the proposal from the Faculty of Science to amend the Bachelor of Liberal Arts and Science; and
(2) approve the amendment of the course resolutions arising from this proposal with effect from 1 January 2016, as set out in the report presented.

Action: The Dean and Faculty Manager, Faculty of Science, to note the Academic Board’s approval of the proposal to amend the Bachelor of Liberal Arts and Science and amend the resolutions in CMS.

(3) Bachelor of Science/Bachelor of Arts

Resolution AB_4_141/15
That the Academic Board:
(1) approve the proposal from the Faculty of Science to amend the Bachelor of Science/ Bachelor of Arts; and
(2) approve the amendment of the course resolutions arising from this proposal with effect from 1 January 2016, as set out in the report presented.

Action: The Dean and Faculty Manager, Faculty of Science, to note the Academic Board’s approval of the proposal to amend the Bachelor of Science/ Bachelor of Arts and amend the resolutions in CMS.

(4) Bachelor of Science/Master of Nutrition and Dietetics, Bachelor of Science (Advanced)/Master of Nutrition and Dietetics, Bachelor of Science (Advanced Mathematics)/Master of Nutrition and Dietetics

Mr Blakeney referred to the progression requirements for these courses which require students to maintain a credit average. He asked if there was a process students who do not maintain this average could use, other than special consideration, to look at extenuating circumstances. The Chair advised that shifting students from these courses to the Bachelor of Science is dealt with as a transfer, but that students do have the right to appeal these decisions. He assured Mr Blakeney that any such appeal is dealt with case by case. Members approved the proposal to amend the courses.

Resolution AB_4_142/15
That the Academic Board:
(1) approve the proposal from the Faculty of Science to amend the Bachelor of Science/Master of Nutrition and Dietetics, Bachelor of Science (Advanced)/Master of Nutrition and Dietetics and Bachelor of Science (Advanced Mathematics)/Master of Nutrition and Dietetics; and
(2) approve the amendment of the course resolutions arising from this proposal with effect from 1 January 2016, as set out in the report presented.
Action: The Dean and Faculty Manager, Faculty of Science, to note the Academic Board’s approval of the proposal to amend the Bachelor of Science/Master of Nutrition and Dietetics, Bachelor of Science (Advanced)/Master of Nutrition and Dietetics and Bachelor of Science (Advanced Mathematics)/Master of Nutrition and Dietetics and amend the resolutions in CMS.

10.2.2.10 Faculty of Veterinary Science

(1) Bachelor of Science (Veterinary)

Resolution AB_4_143/15
That the Academic Board:
(1) approve the proposal from the Veterinary Science to amend the Bachelor of Science (Veterinary); and
(2) approve the amendment of the course resolutions arising from this proposal
with effect from 1 January 2016, as set out in the report presented.

Action: The Dean and Faculty Manager, Faculty of Veterinary Science, to note the Academic Board’s approval of the proposal to amend the Bachelor of Science (Veterinary) and amend the resolutions in CMS.

(2) Bachelor of Animal and Veterinary Bioscience, Bachelor of Veterinary Biology/Doctor of Veterinary Medicine

Resolution AB_4_144/15
That the Academic Board:
(1) approve the proposal from the Veterinary Science to amend the Bachelor of Animal and Veterinary Bioscience and the Bachelor of Veterinary Biology/Doctor of Veterinary Medicine; and
(2) approve the amendment of the course resolutions and table of units of study arising from this proposal
with effect from 1 January 2016, as set out in the report presented.

Action: The Dean and Faculty Manager, Faculty of Veterinary Science, to note the Academic Board’s approval of the proposal to amend the Bachelor of Animal and Veterinary Bioscience and the Bachelor of Veterinary Biology/Doctor of Veterinary Medicine and amend the resolutions in CMS.

(3) Bachelor of Veterinary Biology/Doctor of Veterinary Medicine

Resolution AB_4_145/15
That the Academic Board:
(1) approve the proposal from the Veterinary Science to amend the Bachelor of Veterinary Biology/Doctor of Veterinary Medicine; and
(2) approve the amendment of the Faculty resolutions and course resolutions arising from this proposal
with effect from 1 January 2016, as set out in the report presented.

Action: The Dean and Faculty Manager, Faculty of Veterinary Science, to note the Academic Board’s approval of the proposal to amend the Bachelor of Veterinary Biology/Doctor of Doctor of Veterinary Medicine and amend the resolutions in CMS.
10.2.3 Proceedings of the Committee

Resolution AB_4_146/15
That the Academic Board note the proceedings of the Admissions Committee meeting held on 17 June 2015, as set out in the report presented.

11. Report of the Graduate Studies Committee

11.1 Oral report of the Chair
In the absence of Associate Professor Masters the Chair advised that the Committee had, like the Undergraduate Studies Committee, dealt with a large number of minor amendment proposals. He particularly pointed out the revised ranking guidelines for postgraduate scholarships, and put on record his thanks to Associate Professor Coleman and Professor Carroll for their work on this issue.

Resolution AB_4_147/15
That the Academic Board note the report of the Chair of the Graduate Studies Committee.

11.2 Report of the meeting held on 17 June 2015

11.2.1 Proposals for new and amended postgraduate courses

11.2.1.1 Faculty of Medicine

(1) Master of Medicine, Master of Science in Medicine, Master of Medicine (Advanced), Master of Science in Medicine (Advanced), Graduate Diploma in Medicine, Graduate Diploma in Science in Medicine, Graduate Certificate in Medicine, Graduate Certificate in Science in Medicine

Resolution AB_4_148/15
That the Academic Board:
(1) approve the proposal from the Faculty of Medicine to amend the Master of Medicine and Master of Science in Medicine to introduce new streams in Clinical Neurophysiology, Maternal Fetal and Reproductive Medicine and the existing Sleep Medicine stream from the Master of Medicine (Sleep Medicine) and the Master of Medicine in Science (Sleep Medicine);
(2) recommend that Senate endorse the Academic Board’s approval of the proposal and approve amendments to the Resolutions of Senate related to the Degrees, Diplomas and Certificate in the Faculty of Medicine; and
(3) approve the amendment of the course resolutions arising from this proposal with effect from 1 January 2016, as set out in the report presented.

Action: Chair to recommend that Senate note the Academic Board’s approval of the proposal from the Faculty of Medicine to amend the Master of Medicine and Master of Science in Medicine to introduce new streams in Clinical Neurophysiology, Maternal Fetal and Reproductive Medicine and the existing Sleep Medicine stream from the Master of Medicine (Sleep Medicine) and the Master of Medicine in Science (Sleep Medicine) and approve amendments to the Resolutions of Senate related to the Degrees, Diplomas and Certificate in the Faculty of Medicine.

The Dean and Faculty Manager, Faculty of Medicine, to note the Academic Board’s approval of the proposal to amend the Master of Medicine and Master of Science in Medicine to introduce new streams in Clinical Neurophysiology, Maternal Fetal and Reproductive Medicine and the existing Sleep Medicine stream from the Master of Medicine (Sleep Medicine) and the Master of Medicine in Science (Sleep Medicine) and approve amendments to the Resolutions of Senate related to the Degrees, Diplomas and Certificate in the Faculty of Medicine.
Neurophysiology, Maternal Fetal and Reproductive Medicine and the existing Sleep Medicine stream from the Master of Medicine (Sleep Medicine) and the Master of Medicine in Science (Sleep Medicine) and amend the resolutions in CMS.

(2) Master of Surgery, Graduate Certificate in Surgery

Resolution AB_4_149/15
That the Academic Board:

(1) approve the proposal from the Faculty of Medicine to amend the Master of Surgery (Stream) to introduce a Graduate Certificate in Surgery (Stream);

(2) recommend that Senate endorse the Academic Board’s approval of the proposal and approve amendments to the Resolutions of Senate related to the Degrees, Diplomas and Certificate in the Faculty of Medicine; and

(3) approve the amendment of the course resolutions arising from this proposal with effect from 1 January 2016, as set out in the report presented.

Action: Chair to recommend that Senate note the Academic Board’s approval of the proposal from the Faculty of Medicine to amend the Master of Surgery (Stream) to introduce a Graduate Certificate in Surgery (Stream) and approve amendments to the Resolutions of Senate related to the Degrees, Diplomas and Certificate in the Faculty of Medicine.

The Dean and Faculty Manager, Faculty of Medicine, to note the Academic Board’s approval of the proposal to amend the Master of Surgery (Stream) to introduce a Graduate Certificate in Surgery (Stream) and amend the resolutions in CMS.

11.2.2 Minor course amendment proposals

11.2.2.1 Faculty of Architecture, Design and Planning: Master of Architectural Science, Graduate Diploma in Architectural Science, Graduate Certificate in Architectural Science

Resolution AB_4_150/15
That the Academic Board:

(1) approve the proposal from the Faculty of Architecture, Design and Planning to amend the Master of Architectural Science, Graduate Diploma in Architectural Science and Graduate Certificate in Architectural Science; and

(2) approve the amendment of the course resolutions arising from this proposal with effect from 1 January 2016, as set out in the report presented.

Action: The Dean and Faculty Manager, Faculty of Architecture, Design and Planning, to note the Academic Board’s approval of the proposal to amend the Master of Architectural Science, Graduate Diploma in Architectural Science and Graduate Certificate in Architectural Science and amend the resolutions in CMS.
11.2.2.2 Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences

(1) Master of Health Communication, Graduate Diploma in Health Communication, Graduate Certificate in Health Communication

Resolution AB_4_151/15
That the Academic Board:

(1) approve the proposal from the Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences to amend the Master of Health Communication, Graduate Diploma in Health Communication and Graduate Certificate in Health Communication; and

(2) approve the amendment of the table of units of study arising from this proposal with effect from 1 January 2016, as set out in the report presented.

Action: The Dean and Faculty Manager, Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences, to note the Academic Board’s approval of the proposal to amend the table of units of study for the Master of Health Communication, Graduate Diploma in Health Communication and Graduate Certificate in Health Communication.

(2) Master of Museum and Heritage Studies, Graduate Diploma in Museum and Heritage Studies, Graduate Certificate in Museum and Heritage Studies

Resolution AB_4_152/15
That the Academic Board:

(1) approve the proposal from the Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences to amend the Master of Museum and Heritage Studies, Graduate Diploma in Museum and Heritage Studies and Graduate Certificate in Museum and Heritage Studies; and

(2) approve the amendment of the course resolutions arising from this proposal with effect from 1 January 2016, as set out in the report presented.

Action: The Dean and Faculty Manager, Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences, to note the Academic Board’s approval of the proposal to amend the Master of Museum and Heritage Studies, Graduate Diploma in Heritage Studies and Graduate Certificate in Heritage Studies and amend the resolutions in CMS.

(3) Master of Peace and Conflict Studies, Graduate Diploma in Peace and Conflict Studies, Graduate Certificate in Peace and Conflict Studies

Resolution AB_4_153/15
That the Academic Board:

(1) approve the proposal from the Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences to amend the Master of Peace and Conflict Studies, Graduate Diploma in Peace and Conflict Studies and Graduate Certificate in Peace and Conflict Studies; and

(2) approve the amendment of the course resolutions and the table of units of study arising from this proposal with immediate effect, as set out in the report presented.

Action: The Dean and Faculty Manager, Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences, to note the Academic Board’s approval of the proposal to amend the Master of Peace and Conflict Studies, Graduate Diploma in Peace and Conflict Studies and Graduate Certificate in Peace and Conflict Studies.
11.2.2.3 University of Sydney Business School: Master of Commerce, Graduate Diploma in Commerce, Graduate Certificate in Commerce

Resolution AB_4_154/15
That the Academic Board:
(1) approve the proposal from the University of Sydney Business School to amend the Master of Commerce, Graduate Diploma in Commerce and Graduate Certificate in Commerce; and
(2) approve the amendment of the course resolutions arising from this proposal with effect from 1 January 2016, as set out in the report presented.

Action: The Dean and Faculty Manager, University of Sydney Business School, to note the Academic Board’s approval of the proposal to amend the Master of Commerce, Graduate Diploma in Commerce and Graduate Certificate in Commerce and amend the resolutions in CMS.

11.2.2.4 Faculty of Engineering and Information Technologies
(1) Master of Engineering, Graduate Diploma in Engineering, Graduate Certificate in Engineering

Resolution AB_4_155/15
That the Academic Board:
(1) approve the proposal from the Faculty of Engineering and Information Technologies to amend the Master of Engineering, Graduate Diploma in Engineering and Graduate Certificate in Engineering; and
(2) approve the amendment of the course resolutions arising from this proposal with effect from 1 January 2016, as set out in the report presented.

Action: The Dean and Faculty Manager, Faculty of Engineering and Information Technologies, to note the Academic Board’s approval of the proposal to amend the Master of Engineering, Graduate Diploma in Engineering and Graduate Certificate in Engineering and amend the resolutions in CMS.

(2) Master of Professional Engineering (Software)

Resolution AB_4_156/15
That the Academic Board:
(1) approve the proposal from the Faculty of Engineering and Information Technologies to amend the Master of Professional Engineering (Software); and
(2) approve the amendment of the table of units of study arising from this proposal with effect from 1 January 2016, as set out in the report presented.

Action: The Dean and Faculty Manager, Faculty of Engineering and Information Technologies, to note the Academic Board’s approval of the proposal to amend the table of units of study for the Master of Professional Engineering (Software).
(3) Master of Project Management, Graduate Diploma in Project Management, Graduate Certificate in Project Management

Resolution AB_4_157/15
That the Academic Board:
(1) approve the proposal from the Faculty of Engineering and Information Technologies to amend the Master of Project Management, Graduate Diploma in Project Management and Graduate Certificate in Project Management; and
(2) approve the amendment of the table of units of study arising from this proposal with effect from 1 January 2016, as set out in the report presented.

Action: The Dean and Faculty Manager, Faculty of Engineering and Information Technologies, to note the Academic Board’s approval of the proposal to amend the table of units of study for the Master of Project Management, Graduate Diploma in Project Management and Graduate Certificate in Project Management.

11.2.2.5 Faculty of Health Sciences
(1) Master of Health Science (Developmental Disability)

Resolution AB_4_158/15
That the Academic Board:
(1) approve the proposal from the Faculty of Health Sciences to amend the Master of Health Science (Developmental Disability); and
(2) approve the amendment to the table of capstone units of study arising from this proposal with effect from 1 January 2016, as set out in the report presented.

Action: The Dean and Faculty Manager, Faculty of Health Sciences, to note the Academic Board’s approval of the proposal to amend the table of capstone units of study for the Master of Health Science (Developmental Disability).

(2) Master of Medical Imaging Science, Graduate Diploma in Medical Imaging Science

Resolution AB_4_159/15
That the Academic Board:
(1) approve the proposal from the Faculty of Health Sciences to amend the Master of Medical Imaging Science; and
(2) approve the amendment of the table of units of study and specialisations arising from this proposal with effect from 1 January 2016, as set out in the report presented.

Action: The Dean and Faculty Manager, Faculty of Health Sciences, to note the Academic Board’s approval of the proposal to amend the table of units of study for the Master of Medical Imaging Science.

(3) Master of Physiotherapy

Resolution AB_4_160/15
That the Academic Board:
(1) approve the proposal from the Faculty of Health Sciences to amend the Master of Physiotherapy; and
(2) approve the amendment of the table of units of study arising from this proposal with effect from 1 January 2016, as set out in the report presented.

**Action:** The Dean and Faculty Manager, Faculty of Health Sciences, to note the Academic Board’s approval of the proposal to amend the table of units of study for the Master of Physiotherapy.

11.2.2.6 Faculty of Medicine: Master of Medicine, Master of Science in Medicine, Master of Medicine (Advanced), Master of Science in Medicine (Advanced), Graduate Diploma in Medicine, Graduate Diploma in Science in Medicine, Graduate Certificate in Medicine, Graduate Certificate in Science in Medicine

**Resolution AB_4_161/15**

That the Academic Board:

(1) approve the proposal from the Faculty of Medicine to amend the Master of Medicine and Master of Science in Medicine; and

(2) approve the amendment of the course resolutions arising from this proposal with effect from 1 January 2016, as set out in the report presented.

**Action:** The Dean and Faculty Manager, Faculty of Medicine, to note the Academic Board’s approval of the proposal to amend the Master of Medicine and Master of Science in Medicine and amend the resolutions in CMS.

11.2.2.7 Faculty of Pharmacy

(1) Master of Pharmacy

**Resolution AB_4_162/15**

That the Academic Board:

(1) approve the proposal from the Faculty of Pharmacy to amend the Master of Pharmacy; and

(2) approve the amendment of the course resolutions arising from this proposal with effect from 1 January 2016, as set out in the report presented.

**Action:** The Dean and Faculty Manager, Faculty of Pharmacy, to note the Academic Board’s approval of the proposal to amend the Master of Pharmacy and amend the resolutions in CMS.

(2) Graduate Certificate in Pharmacy Practice

**Resolution AB_4_163/15**

That the Academic Board:

(1) approve the proposal from the Faculty of Pharmacy to amend the Graduate Certificate in Pharmacy Practice; and

(2) approve the amendment of the table of units of study arising from this proposal with effect from 1 January 2016, as set out in the report presented.

**Action:** The Dean and Faculty Manager, Faculty of Pharmacy, to note the Academic Board’s approval of the proposal to amend the table of units of study for the Graduate Certificate in Pharmacy Practice.
11.2.2.8 Faculty of Science: Master of Science (Research)

Resolution AB_4_164/15
That the Academic Board:
(1) approve the proposal from the Faculty of Science to amend the Master of Science (Research); and
(2) approve the amendment of the course resolutions arising from this proposal
with effect from 1 January 2016, as set out in the report presented.

Action: The Dean and Faculty Manager, Faculty of Science, to note the Academic Board’s approval of the proposal to amend the Master of Science (Research) and amend the resolutions in CMS.

11.2.2.9 Sydney Conservatorium of Music: Master of Music (Musicology)

Resolution AB_4_165/15
That the Academic Board:
(1) approve the proposal from the Sydney Conservatorium of Music to amend the Master of Music (Musicology); and
(2) approve the amendment of the course resolutions arising from this proposal
with effect from 1 January 2016, as set out in the report presented.

Action: The Dean and Faculty Manager, Sydney Conservatorium of Music, to note the Academic Board’s approval of the proposal to amend the Master of Music (Musicology) and amend the resolutions in CMS.

11.2.3 Revised Guidelines for the Award of Postgraduate Research Scholarships

Resolution AB_4_166/15
That the Academic Board approve the revised guidelines for the award of postgraduate research scholarships with immediate effect, as set out in the report presented.

Action: Manager, Scholarships and Financial Support Service, to note the Academic Board’s approval of the revised guidelines for the award of postgraduate research scholarships.

11.2.4 Proceedings of the Committee

Resolution AB_4_167/15
That the Academic Board note the proceedings of the Graduate Studies Committee meeting held on 17 June 2015, as set out in the report presented.

12. Report of the Academic Standards and Policy Committee

12.1 Oral report of the Chair
Associate Professor Traini advised she had nothing to add to the report but was happy to take questions. The Chair added that this committee had sought additional advice from faculties regarding the 2014 reports on cases of academic dishonesty, adding that one of the anticipated outcomes of the Vice-Chancellor’s taskforce on academic dishonesty would be a streamlined annual report.

Resolution AB_4_168/15
That the Academic Board note the report of the Chair of the Academic Standards and Policy Committee.
12.2 Report of the meeting held on 10 June 2015

12.2.1 Proceedings of the Committee

Resolution AB_4_169/15
That the Academic Board note the proceeding of the Academic Standards and Policy Committee meeting held on 10 June 2015, as set out in the report presented.

13. General Business

The meeting finished at 3:30 pm

Signed as a correct record

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Chair

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Date