**Minutes of the meeting of the Academic Board
held at 2.00pm on Wednesday 13 May 2015 in the Professorial Board Room**

There were present:	the Chair (Associate Professor P McCallum) presiding; the Provost (Professor S Garton) representing the Vice-Chancellor and Principal; the Chairs of the Standing Committees (Associate Professor J Barrett (for Associate Professor D Traini), Associate Professor S Cattle, Professor J Hanrahan and Associate Professor T Masters); Associate Professor T Ancev, Associate Professor J Anderson, Associate Professor S Barrie, Dr T Bell, Dr J Bloomfield, Professor B Buckley, Dr B Church, Ms T Clement, Associate Professor W Davis, Associate Professor J Glister, Professor M Graeber, Associate Professor T Grewal, Professor N Gurran, Professor T Hambley, Ms K Hartman-Warren, Professor M Hindson, Ms A Irish, Professor D Ivison, Dr P Knight, Associate Professor S van der Laan, Dr D Larkin, Dr J Ma, Ms D Mair, Dr S Matthew, Ms E May, Professor D Mayer, Associate Professor S McGrath-Champ, Professor E Mpofu, Associate Professor L Nicholson, Dr C Owens, Professor P Pattison, Professor J Redmond, Professor J Riley, Dr J Saleeba, Dr R Saunders, Associate Professor G White and Professor G Whitwell.
Present as observers:	Mr M Charet (University Secretariat), Mr D Pacey (Secretary to Senate), Ms A Rose (Faculty of Education and Social Work) and Ms L Rose (Office of the Provost).
In attendance:	Ms M Kemmis (Secretary to Academic Board).

The Chair welcomed Ms Kylee Hartman-Warren as the new President of SUPRA.

☆ **1.   Apologies**
Apologies have been received from: Professor M Adams, Ms E Arcioni, Dr R Bathgate, Mr K Blakeney, Dr R Bourne, Professor T Carlin, Associate Professor J Conomos, Ms C Fahd, Dr J Gao, Dr J Gullick, Professor S Houston, Mr S Isaac, Professor Y-H Jeon, Professor A Johnston, Professor P Leong, Professor D Lowe, Ms G Luck, Dr M MacKenzie, Dr M Millington, Professor C Peck, Professor I Ramzan, Professor K Refshauge, Professor C Rhodes, Professor B Robinson, Professor J Shields, Dr M Spence, Professor R Stancliffe, Associate Professor C Sutton-Brady, Dr C Taylor, Professor R Taylor, Professor G Tolhurst, Mr J Tong, Associate Professor D Traini, Professor C Wade, Professor D Waters, Dr P White, Associate Professor T Wilkinson and Professor P Young.

☆ **2.   Arrangement of agenda**
2.1   Starring of items
The following items were starred: 9.2.4, 11.2.2.5

2.2   Adoption of unstarred items

Resolution AB_3_67/15
That the Academic Board resolved as recommended with respect to all unstarred items.

3.   Minutes of previous meeting

Resolution AB_3_68/15
That the Academic Board adopted the minutes of the previous meeting held on 23 March 2015 as a true record.

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

☆ **5.   Presentation/Focus Topic**
Members noted that this item has been withdrawn.

☆ **6.   Report of the Chair**
The Chair provided a brief update on the following issues:
- A joint working party on learning and teaching policies has been established with the Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Education) with the aim of consolidating a range of existing policies into one document, and align existing policies with the new strategic plan;
- A second working party is developing a policy dealing with professional placements (a recent TEQSA audit of another university recommended that institution develop such a policy);
- A third working party is developing a policy from the existing guidelines on conducting annual progress reviews of higher degree by research candidates; and
- The Vice-Chancellor has established a taskforce on academic misconduct and plagiarism, and the Chair is leading a working party formed by that group.

Professor Pattison added that there is also a working group looking at analytics. The Chair advised that the policy documents developed by this group will come to the Academic Board in second semester.

6.1   Report on Senate Matters
6.1.1   Report of the Senate meeting held on 13 April 2015
The Academic Board noted this report. The Chair added that the Senate meeting on 11th May had focussed on the development of the new strategic plan.

Resolution AB_3_69/15
That the Academic Board note the report of the Chair of the Academic Board on academic matters considered by Senate at its meeting of 13 April 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_3_70/15
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   Academic Board Membership – Filling of vacancies
The Chair advised members that the Dean of the Faculty of Education and Social Work has nominated Ms Angela Rose to fill the vacancy of student member on the Academic Board. Members approved Ms Rose's nomination.

Resolution AB_3_71/15
That the Academic Board approve the nomination of Ms Angela Rose to membership of the Academic Board as the student representative of the Faculty of Education and Social Work for a period of membership expiring 31 December 2015, as set out in the report presented.

Action: Executive Officer to update the membership lists.

6.3.2 Academic Board Standing Committees: Nominations for Membership

The Chair advised members that the Dean of the Faculty of Law has nominated Professor Gail Mason to fill the vacancy resulting from Associate Professor Wayne Courtney's resignation from the Undergraduate Studies Committee. Members approved Professor Mason's nomination.

Resolution AB_3_72/15
That the Academic Board approve the nomination of Professor Gail Mason (as the representative of the Faculty of Law) on the Undergraduate Studies Committee, for a period of membership expiring 31 December 2015, as set out in the report presented.

Action: Executive Officer to update the membership lists.

6.3.3 Academic Board Report on Annual Activities 2014

The Chair advised members that this report is made each year to Senate on the preceding year's activities. He noted that the Academic Board had approved the deletion of 39 courses and the introduction of 35 courses, and the deletion of 14 policies and the introduction of 2 policies. He also highlighted the work of Associate Professor Masters in ensuring the University's courses are compliant with the AQF.

Resolution AB_3_73/15
That the Academic Board recommend that Senate accept the Academic Board's report on its activities for 2014.

Action: Chair of the Academic Board to recommend that Senate accept the Academic Board's report on its activities for 2014.

6.3.4 Higher Education Policy updates

The Chair expressed his thanks to Mr Payne and Dr Schwartz for providing these summaries of government policies, adding that their summary of the ICAC report on international education had been circulated earlier. He noted that the use of education agents has been flagged in a number of recent reports as an issue for the sector, and the Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Registrar) has advised that the University is moving towards more direct entry processes to address this. Members noted the reports.

Resolution AB_3_74/15
That the Academic Board note the reports from the Higher Education Policy unit on the Intergenerational Report 2015, as set out in the report presented.

6.3.5 Correspondence Register

Members noted the report.

Resolution AB_3_75/15
That the Academic Board note the register of correspondence, as set out in the report presented.

Ms Hartman-Warren commented on the Chair's advice concerning the working party formed by the Vice-Chancellor's taskforce on academic misconduct and plagiarism, and asked what student representation would be included. The Chair advised that there would be no student representatives on the task force as such, but focus group meetings and other consultations with students and student bodies would be undertaken. Ms Hartman-Warren recommended the inclusion of international students in any consultation.

⭐ **7.** **Report of the Vice-Chancellor and Principal**
    7.1 **Report on Senate Matters**
        7.1.1 **Report of the Senate meeting held on 13 April 2015**
            The Academic Board noted this report.

            Resolution AB_3_76/15
            That the Academic Board note the report of the Vice-Chancellor and Principal on matters considered by Senate at its meeting of 13 April 2015.

    7.2 **General report**
        Professor Garton advised that the Vice-Chancellor was unable to attend the meeting as he was attending the strategy seminar for the new Sydney Health Partners AHTRC. He spoke to members on the development of the strategic plan, noting that the presentations to divisions and faculties were going well. He also updated members on the 2015-2016 Federal Budget and recommended the summary prepared by Mr Payne (which had been circulated to members prior to the meeting). Major items affecting the higher education sector include:
- a further deduction of $5 million from the Higher Education Participation Program (however the savings from this measure will be redirected by the Government to the preservation of the Australian Institute of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Studies collection);
- further cuts to the education and training portfolio, totalling $131 million over five years;
- a cut of $262 million from the Sustainable Research Excellence program (noting that this will have the biggest impact on this University and other Go8 institutions), with $150 million from these savings going towards the National Collaborative Research Infrastructure Strategy;
- recovery of HECS repayments from overseas graduates, totalling $26 million;
- funding of $16.9 million to improve the quality of teachers and teacher education courses, and $4 million to establish the Australian Consensus (Lomborg) Centre;
- a range of cuts in other portfolio areas to Cooperative Research Centres, industry grant programs, and health workforce scholarships; and
- funding for the Australian synchrotron, the Medical Research Future Fund and a program to develop northern Australia as a centre for tropical health research.

        Professor Garton pointed out that the budget still assumes that fee deregulation will be introduced, despite the failure of previous bills to win Senate approval. He advised members that the Vice-Chancellor had expressed his disappointment that neither side is effectively addressing funding requirements for the sector and that he will be sending all-staff and all-student emails encouraging people to contact their local members of parliament to express their concerns on this matter.

        Resolution AB_3_77/15
        That the Academic Board note the report presented by the Provost.

        The Chair noted Professor Garton's comments regarding deregulation, adding that the Federal Government still supports the measure, plus its inclusion in the budget reduces overall spending. Ms Hartman-Warren asked how the government can justify not properly funding the sector while at the same time Austrade is encouraging the expansion of the international student market. Associate Professor Barrie pointed out that the government is also inviting universities to bid to host the Office for Learning and Teaching and asked whether Sydney would make a submission. Professor Pattison agreed the role of the office as a potential research centre could be interesting, but expressed concern at the potential work load associated with administering the Office's grants.

        Associate Professor Glister noted the formation of the taskforce on academic misconduct and plagiarism and asked how it would interact with the Academic Board. The Chair offered to circulate the terms of reference for the taskforce to members, and advised that the group would be looking a high level issues with a focus on compliance and the University's assessment systems. He added that he has been reviewing the last five years' worth of faculty reports on cases of academic

dishonesty, and the figures are reasonably consistent over that time. He also offered to circulate the high level data to members, and pointed out that the recent media and public concerns regarding plagiarism and academic dishonesty provide the University with an opportunity to ensure that its processes are sound and of the highest academic integrity.

The Chair also drew members' attention to the details of the China Strategy provided in the Vice-Chancellor's report, noting that the University is planning to establish a physical presence in China. Professor Garton added that the business case for the centre will go to SEG later in the month and then to Senate, but he emphasised that the centre is just one part of a much larger strategy to engage with China, which in turn will sit within the University's over-arching international strategy. The Chair added that the Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Indigenous Strategy and Services) has started a project to develop exchanges between indigenous Australian researchers and ethnic minority researchers in China under this strategy.

☆ **8. Question time**
No questions were raised.

9. Report of the Admissions Committee
☆ **9.1 Oral report of the Chair**
Professor Hanrahan noted that item 9.2.4 in the report has been starred, adding that the Academic Board had previously approved changes to the Coursework Policy to require students under 21 using a diploma for admission purposes to have at least attempted the HSC. Since approving that amendment the Board has been advised that further students have been enrolled into the Diploma of Tertiary Preparation without an HSC, leading to the current proposal for amended transitional arrangements.

Resolution AB_3_79/15
That the Academic Board note the report of the Chair of the Admissions Committee.

9.2 Report of the meeting held on 22 April 2015
9.2.1 Flexible Entry Criteria

Resolution AB_3_80/15
That the Academic Board approve the amendment of the flexible entry criteria for admission to the degrees of Bachelor of Education (Primary), Bachelor of Education (Secondary: Human Movement and Health Education), Bachelor of Education (Secondary: Mathematics)/BSc and Bachelor of Education (Secondary: Science)/BSc, 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 amendment of the flexible entry criteria for admission to the degrees of Bachelor of Education (Primary), Bachelor of Education (Secondary: Human Movement and Health Education), Bachelor of Education (Secondary: Mathematics)/BSc and Bachelor of Education (Secondary: Science)/BSc.

Executive Officer to amend the Academic Board's Standards and Guidelines webpages.

9.2.2 Assumed Knowledge and Special Entry Requirements

Resolution AB_3_81/15
That the Academic Board approve the amendment of the Assumed Knowledge and Special Entry Requirements referenced in clause 49 of the Coursework Policy 2014, with immediate effect, as set out in the report presented.

Action: Executive Officer to amend the Academic Board's Standards and Guidelines webpages.

9.2.3 Malaysian Unified Examination Certificate (UEC)

Resolution AB_3_82/15
That the Academic Board approve the recognition of the Malaysian Unified Examination Certificate (UEC) as an entry pathway to the University, with immediate effect, as set out in the report presented.

Action: Director of Admissions to note the Academic Board's recognition of the Malaysian Unified Examination Certificate (UEC) as an entry pathway to the University.

9.2.4 Diploma of Tertiary Preparation

The Chair acknowledged Professor Hanrahan's advice on this item under her report, and added that the key issue will be that students have attempted the HSC, not that they have an HSC or an ATAR. The proposed amendment to the Coursework Policy will introduce transitional arrangements for students who may have commenced the Diploma of Tertiary Preparation (DTP) between the start of the year and the Academic Board's previous meeting on 25 March 2015. The amendment will also allow deans the discretion to admit students outside of this transitional period but only following consultation with the Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Registrar), the Chair of the Academic Board and the Chair of the Admissions Committee. The draft amendment refers to AQF diplomas in general in keeping with the University's commitment to principles of equity, but he acknowledged that there is concern in the University community that DTP students are receiving an opportunity to apply for admission that is not available to others, adding that this needs to be balanced with the fact that these students made a decision to enrol in the DTP based on undertakings given to them by a unit of the University.

Ms Hartman-Warren advised that SUPRA is concerned about the perceived advantage given to these students, and would like to see an equity clause added. The Chair advised that the amendment approved at the Board's last meeting was in effect an equity clause and he stressed that these amendments are transitional. He added that a Board of Studies is being established to oversee the DTP and to ensure that is a genuine alternative pathway for admission.

Resolution AB_3_83/15
That the Academic Board approve the amendment of the Coursework Policy 2014, with immediate effect, as set out in the report presented.

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

9.2.5 Proceedings of the Committee

Resolution AB_3_84/15
That the Academic Board note the proceedings of the Admissions Committee meeting held on 22 April 2015, as set out in the report presented.

10. Report of the Undergraduate Studies Committee

10.1 Oral report of the Chair
Associate Professor Cattle advised he had nothing to add to the report but would speak to item 10.2.2.

Resolution AB_3_85/15
That the Academic Board note the report of the Chair of the Undergraduate Studies Committee.

10.2 Report of the meeting held on 29 April 2015
10.2.1 Proposals for new and amended undergraduate courses

10.2.1.1 Faculty of Architecture, Design and Planning: Faculty Resolutions

Resolution AB_3_86/15
That the Academic Board:
(1)   approve the proposal from the Faculty of Architecture, Design and Planning to amend its Faculty Resolutions; and
(2)   approve the amendment of the faculty resolutions arising from this proposal
with effect from 29 June 2015, 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 its Faculty Resolutions and amend the resolutions in CMS.

10.2.1.2 Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences: Diploma of Arts, Diploma of Languages, Diploma of Social Sciences

Resolution AB_3_87/15
That the Academic Board:
(1)   approve the proposal from the Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences to amend the Diploma of Arts, Diploma of Languages and Diploma of Social Sciences; and
(2)   approve the amendment to the course resolutions 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 Diploma of Arts, Diploma of Languages and Diploma of Social Sciences and amend the resolutions in CMS.

10.2.1.3 Faculty of Engineering and Information Technologies: Bachelor of Engineering Honours (Mechanical Stream)

Resolution AB_3_88/15
That the Academic Board:
(1)   approve the proposal from the Faculty of Engineering and Information Technologies to amend the Bachelor of Engineering Honours (Mechanical Stream); 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 Bachelor of Engineering Honours (Mechanical Stream).

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

Resolution AB_3_89/15
That the Academic Board:
(1)   approve the proposal from the Faculty of Nursing and Midwifery to amend the Bachelor of Nursing (Post-Registration); 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 Nursing and Midwifery, to note the Academic Board's approval of the proposal to amend the Bachelor of Nursing (Post-Registration).

10.2.2   2013 Honours Reports

Professor Cattle advised members that one of the Committee's terms of reference is the collection of annual reports from faculties on the award of honours and the University medal. Last year he arranged for faculties to receive data from SIBI regarding honours awards in 2012 and 2013, and faculties were asked to comment on this data. His summary of these reports was included in the Board's agenda papers, and he noted that the data shows a good level of consistency across the faculties. He would be making a comparison of this data with reports from previous years, and the Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Education) has suggested also benchmarking with other Go8 universities.

The Chair reminded members that schedule 2 of the Coursework Policy sets out the standards for the various class of honours. He also noted that while some faculties appear to have a high level of honours awards, they are often the faculties with very high admission requirements, e.g. the mean ATAR for admission to the Bachelor of Veterinary Science is 97, while that for combined Law is 99.23, so it is reasonable for such cohorts to have higher levels of honours awards.

Professor Cattle advised that the Committee did discuss in general the merit of honours awards versus the Bologna model of an undergraduate degree followed by a two year master degree. Some faculties highlighted the role of honours in providing a means for graduates to differentiate themselves in the jobs market, while other faculties support the use of honours as a research pathway. Professor Ivison suggested a broader debate on honours is needed, given the award is not well understood overseas and there is some confusion as to whether it is a capstone to the undergraduate degree or a research pathway. He acknowledged the history of the award at the University but urged a deeper consideration of what would be best for students and the University's goals. The Chair supported further discussion on this issue.

Resolution AB_3_90/15
That the Academic Board note the Committee's consideration of the 2013 faculty reports on the award of honours, as set out in the report presented.

10.2.3   Proceedings of the Committee

Resolution AB_3_91/15
That the Academic Board note the proceedings of the Admissions Committee meeting held on 22 April 2015, as set out in the report presented.

11.   Report of the Graduate Studies Committee
11.1   Oral report of the Chair
Associate Professor Masters advised he had nothing to add to the report.

11.2   Report of the meeting held on 29 April 2015
11.2.1   Proposals for new and amended postgraduate courses
11.2.1.1   University of Sydney Business School: Master of Logistics Management, Master of Logistics Management/Master of Transport Management, Graduate Diploma in Logistics Management, Graduate Certificate in Logistics Management

Resolution AB_3_93/15
That the Academic Board:
(1)   approve the proposal from the University of Sydney Business School to rename the Master of Logistics Management, Master of Logistics Management/Master

of Transport Management, Graduate Diploma in Logistics Management and Graduate Certificate in Logistics Management as the Master of Logistics and Supply Chain Management, Master of Logistics and Supply Chain Management/Master of Transport Management, Graduate Diploma in Logistics and Supply Chain Management and Graduate Certificate in Logistics and Supply Chain Management;

(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 University of Sydney Business School; 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 University of Sydney Business School to rename the Master of Logistics Management, Master of Logistics Management/Master of Transport Management, Graduate Diploma in Logistics Management and Graduate Certificate in Logistics Management as the Master of Logistics and Supply Chain Management, Master of Logistics and Supply Chain Management/Master of Transport Management, Graduate Diploma in Logistics and Supply Chain Management and Graduate Certificate in Logistics and Supply Chain Management and approve amendments to the Resolutions of Senate related to the Degrees, Diplomas and Certificate in the University of Sydney Business School.

The Dean and Faculty Manager, Faculty of University of Sydney Business School, to note the Academic Board's approval of the proposal to rename the Master of Logistics Management, Master of Logistics Management/Master of Transport Management, Graduate Diploma in Logistics Management and Graduate Certificate in Logistics Management as the Master of Logistics and Supply Chain Management, Master of Logistics and Supply Chain Management/Master of Transport Management, Graduate Diploma in Logistics and Supply Chain Management and Graduate Certificate in Logistics and Supply Chain Management and amend the resolutions in CMS.

11.2.1.2 Faculty of Engineering and Information Technologies: Master of Data Science, Graduate Certificate in Data Science

Resolution AB_3_94/15
That the Academic Board:
(1)   approve the proposal from the Faculty of Engineering and Information Technologies to introduce the Master of Data Science and Graduate Certificate in Data Science;

(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 Engineering and Information Technologies; and

(3)   approve the introduction 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 Engineering and Information Technologies to introduce the Master of Data

Science and Graduate Certificate in Data Science and approve amendments to the Resolutions of Senate related to the Degrees, Diplomas and Certificate in the Faculty of Engineering and Information Technologies.

The Dean and Faculty Manager, Faculty of Engineering and Information Technologies, to note the Academic Board's approval of the proposal to introduce the Master of Data Science and Graduate Certificate in Data Science and amend the resolutions in CMS.

11.2.2 Minor course amendment proposals

11.2.2.1 Faculty of Architecture, Design and Planning: Faculty Resolutions

Resolution AB_3_95/15

That the Academic Board:
(1)   approve the proposal from the Faculty of Architecture, Design and Planning to amend its Faculty Resolutions; and
(2)   approve the amendment of the faculty resolutions arising from this proposal

with effect from 29 June 2015, 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 its Faculty Resolutions and amend the resolutions in CMS.

11.2.2.2 Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences: Graduate Diploma in Economics

Resolution AB_3_96/15

That the Academic Board:
(1)   approve the proposal from the Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences to amend the Graduate Diploma in Economics; 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 Graduate Diploma in Economics and amend the resolutions in CMS.

11.2.2.3 Faculty of Engineering and Information Technologies
(1) Master of Professional Engineering (Chemical and Biomolecular)

Resolution AB_3_97/15

That the Academic Board:
(1)   approve the proposal from the Faculty of Engineering and Information Technologies to amend the table of units of study for the Master of Professional Engineering (Chemical and Biomolecular); 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 (Chemical and Biomolecular).

(2) Master of Project Management

Resolution AB_3_98/15
That the Academic Board:
(1) approve the proposal from the Faculty of Engineering and Information Technologies to amend the Master of Project Management; 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 Engineering and Information Technologies, to note the Academic Board's approval of the proposal to amend the Master of Project Management and amend the course resolutions in CMS.

11.2.2.4 Faculty of Law: Juris Doctor

Resolution AB_3_99/15
That the Academic Board:
(1) approve the proposal from the Faculty of Law to amend the Juris Doctor to introduce a dual degree pathway in partnership with other institutions; 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 Law, to note the Academic Board's approval of the proposal to amend the Juris Doctor to introduce a dual degree pathway in partnership with other institutions and amend the resolutions in CMS.

✩   **11.2.2.5 Faculty of Nursing and Midwifery**
(1) Master of Nursing (Graduate Entry)
Ms Hartman-Warren advised that one of the SUPRA council members, who is studying at Westmead Hospital, has raised concerns regarding the capacity of the teaching space at Westmead to handle additional students. The Provost pointed out that the Vice-Chancellor's report highlights the importance of Westmead as a key part of the University's future plans, and that the University is committed to infrastructure improvements at Westmead in collaboration with the state government. In addition to this course, there are several others the University would like to offer at Westmead and negotiations are under way with the state government, local health authorities and other bodies to make this happen. Dr Bloomfield advised that she is involved with this development and she assured Ms Hartman-Warren that the planned enrolment of students in 2016 will only proceed if specific infrastructure improvements and facilities are available, as the course could not be accredited at the new location without them. Professor Masters offered to refer Ms Hartman-Warren's concerns to the faculty for their advice. Members approved the proposal.

The Provost took the opportunity to advise members that the Faculty of Nursing and Midwifery has received a donation of $10.78 million within the past week.

Resolution AB_3_100/15
That the Academic Board:
(1) approve the proposal from the Faculty of Nursing and Midwifery to amend the Master of Nursing (Graduate Entry); 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 Nursing and Midwifery, to note the Academic Board's approval of the proposal to amend the Master of Nursing (Graduate Entry) and amend the resolutions in CMS.

(2) Academic Board approval for credit arrangement
Members approved this item without further discussion.

Resolution AB_3_101/15
That the Academic Board approve the request from the Faculty of Nursing and Midwifery to exceed the credit limits described in clause 44.3 of the Coursework Policy 2014, with effect from 1 January 2016, as set out in the report presented.

Action: The Dean and Faculty Manager, Faculty of Nursing and Midwifery, to note the Academic Board's approval of the request from the Faculty of Nursing and Midwifery to exceed the credit limits described in clause 44.3 of the Coursework Policy 2014.

11.2.2.6 Faculty of Veterinary Science
(1) Doctor of Veterinary Medicine

Resolution AB_3_102/15
That the Academic Board:
(1) approve the proposal from the Faculty of Veterinary Science to amend the table of units of study for the Doctor of Veterinary Medicine; 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 Veterinary Science, to note the Academic Board's approval of the proposal to amend the table of units of study for the Doctor of Veterinary Medicine.

(2) Master of Veterinary Studies / Master of Veterinary Clinical Studies

Resolution AB_3_103/15
That the Academic Board:
(1) approve the proposal from the Faculty of Veterinary Science to amend the Master of Veterinary Studies/Master of Veterinary Clinical 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 Veterinary Science, to note the Academic Board's approval of the

proposal to amend the Master of Veterinary Studies/Master of Veterinary Clinical Studies and amend the resolutions in CMS.

11.2.3 Proceedings of the Committee

Resolution AB_3_104/15
That the Academic Board note the proceedings of the Graduate Studies Committee meeting held on 29 April 2015, as set out in the report presented.

12. Report of the Academic Standards and Policy Committee

12.1 Oral report of the Chair

The Chair noted that Associate Professor Traini was unable to attend today's meeting, and that Associate Professor Barrett (who is Deputy Chair of the Academic Standards and Policy Committee) was attending in her place. As well as the item on proposed amendments to the Academic Governance Rule, he advised that the committee had considered faculty reports on cases of academic dishonesty dealt with in 2014, and that faculties have been asked to clarify these reports prior to the committee's next meeting.

Resolution AB_3_105/15
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 22 April 2015

12.2.1 *University of Sydney (Academic Governance)* Rule 2003 (as amended)

The Chair advised that the Committee recommends the following amendments to the Academic Governance Rule for approval by Senate:

- clarify and simplify the delegation from Senate to the Academic to approve new and amended courses (clause 4.3);
- update the list of ex officio members (clause 5.1.3);
- allow for additional pan-university student members (clause 5.1.5);
- clarify who can vote for the Chair of the Academic Board (clause 7.2.2);
- delete references to Assistant Pro Vice-Chancellors (clauses 7.4.4, 8.4.5 and 9.3.4);
- clarify the role and functions of the Deputy Chair (clause 8.1);
- insert a new clause clarifying the appointment of standing alternates and alternative members (clause 10.7); and
- clarify where notices of election may be published (clause 19.2).

He pointed out to members that the amendment to clause 5.1.5 would require the Board to delegate the conduct of these elections, or nominations, to SRC and SUPRA as there is currently no alternative and effective way to conduct these elections electronically. Members endorsed the amendments for approval by Senate.

Resolution AB_3_106/15
That the Academic Board recommend that Senate approve the proposed amendments to *University of Sydney (Academic Governance) Rule* 2003 (as amended) with immediate effect, as set out in the report presented.

Action: Chair to recommend that Senate approve the proposed amendments to *University of Sydney (Academic Governance) Rule* 2003 (as amended) with immediate effect.

12.2.2 Proceedings of the Committee

Resolution AB_3_107/15
That the Academic Board note the proceeding of the Academic Standards and Policy Committee meeting held on 22 April 2015, as set out in the report presented.

13.   General Business
13.1   New Appointments Scheme

Resolution AB_3_107/15
That the Academic Board note that the New Appointments Scheme policy has been rescinded.

The meeting finished at 3.10 pm

Signed as a correct record

Chair

Date