

ACADEMIC BOARD

2:00 pm, Wednesday 2 November 2016

Professorial Boardroom, Quadrangle (A14)

Members Present: The Chair (Associate Professor Tony Masters); the Chairs of the Standing Committees (Associate Professor Wendy Davis (Architecture, Design & Planning); Professor Jane Hanrahan (Pharmacy); Associate Professor Tim Wilkinson (Engineering & Information Technologies)); the Vice-Chancellor (Dr Michael Spence); Helen Agus (Science); Associate Professor Tim Allender (Education & Social Work); Dr Douglass Auld (Engineering & Information Technologies); Anne Bell (Director of University Libraries); Associate Professor Tina Bell (Agriculture & Environment); Dr Jacqueline Bloomfield (Nursing & Midwifery); Professor Adam Bridgeman (Director, Educational Innovation); Associate Professor Tom Buckley (Nursing & Midwifery); Professor Barbara Caine (Dean, Arts & Social Sciences); Professor Tyrone Carlin (Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Registrar)); Luciano Carment (Nominee, SRC); Associate Professor Ross Coleman (Director, Graduate Research); Dean Cross (Student, Sydney College of the Arts); Dr Penelope Crossley (Law); Dr Jen Scott Curwood (Education & Social Work); Dr Frances Di Lauro (Arts & Social Sciences); Associate Professor David Easdown (Science); Professor Alan Fekete (Engineering & Information Technologies); Leyla Fouani (Student, Faculty of Medicine); Professor Robyn Gallagher (Faculty of Nursing & Midwifery); Dr Jinlong Gao (Dentistry); Professor Stephen Garton (Provost and Deputy Vice-Chancellor); Associate Professor Tania Gerzina (Dentistry); Associate Professor James Glister (Law); Professor Manuel Graeber (Medicine); Thomas Greenwell (President, SUPRA); Max Hall (Student, Arts & Social Sciences); Professor Trevor Hambley (Dean, Science); Dr Anne Honey (Health Sciences); Professor Duncan Ivison (Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Research)); Dr Nerida Jarkey (Arts & Social Sciences); Patty Kamvounias (Business School); Associate Professor Annette Katelaris (Medicine); Dr Eric Knight (Business School); Associate Professor Chengwang Lei (Engineering & Information Technologies); Dr Sandra Loschke (Architecture, Design & Planning); Professor David Lowe (Engineering & Information Technologies); Dr Alan Maddox (Sydney Conservatorium of Music); Professor Diane Mayer (Dean, Education & Social Work); Associate Professor Susan McGrath-Champ (Business School); Associate Professor Kristen McKenzie (Arts & Social Sciences); Alexandra Nixon (SUPRA); Associate Professor John O'Byrne (Science); Dr Rhonda Orr (Health Sciences); Jaime Painter (Student, Engineering & Information Technologies); Associate Professor Susan Park (Arts & Social Sciences); Professor Pip Pattison (Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Education)); Associate Professor Maurice Peat (Business School); Professor Chris Peck (Dean, Dentistry); Professor John Redmond (Dean, Architecture, Design & Planning); Professor Kathy Refshauge (Dean, Health Sciences); Professor Joellen Riley (Dean, Law); Angela Rose (Student, Education & Social Work); Dr Jenny Saleeba (Science); Professor Balwant Singh (Agriculture & Environment); Chloe Smith (President, SRC); Oliver Smith (Sydney College of the Arts); Dr Ilektra Spandagou (Education & Social Work); Dr Rebecca Suter (Arts & Social Sciences); Justin Trendall (Sydney College of the Arts); Subeta Vimalarajah (Nominee, SRC); Professor Donna Waters (Dean, Nursing & Midwifery); Dr Peter White (Veterinary Science); Professor Greg Whitwell (Dean, Business School).

Attendees: Jill Baker (Academic Board Review Panel); Maegan Baker (Senior Policy & Project Officer, Education Strategy); Associate Professor Jennifer Barrett (Director, Culture Strategy); Dr Matthew Charet (Executive Officer); Dr Glenys Eddy (Committee Officer); Kerrie Henderson (University Policy Manager); Myrophora Koureas (Policy Analyst, SAS Program); Associate Professor Peter McCallum (Director, Educational Strategy); Rebecca Murray (Vice-Principal, Strategy) (for Item 3); David Pacey (Secretary to Senate); Lynda Rose (Associate Director Operations, Office of the Provost); Dr Jacqueline Rule (Governance Lead, Office of the Provost); Dr Leah Schwartz (Program Manager, Education Strategy); Georgina Wheadon (Senior Policy & Project Officer, Education Strategy); Ben Wilson (Manager, Staff Communications).

Apologies: Associate Professor Judy Anderson (Education & Social Work); Raz Badiyan (Student, Pharmacy); Associate Professor Thomas Balle (Pharmacy); Professor Patrick Brennan (Health Sciences); Michael Butler (Student, Law); Dr Jeanell Carrigan (Sydney Conservatorium of Music); Associate Professor Alex Chaves (Veterinary Science); Associate Professor Rachel Codd (Medicine); Dr Emily Crawford (Law); Associate Professor Ann Elias (Sydney College of the Arts); Professor David Emery (Veterinary Science); Associate Professor Thomas Grewal (Pharmacy); Professor Nicole Gurrin (Architecture, Design & Planning); Professor Inam Haq (Medicine); Professor Archie Johnston (Dean, Engineering & Information Technologies); Lily Matchett (Nominee, SUPRA); Professor Alex McBratney (Dean, Agriculture & Environment); Lucy Michalewska (Dentistry); Professor Iqbal Ramzan (Dean, Pharmacy); Professor Anna Reid (Acting Dean, Sydney Conservatorium of Music); Associate Professor Jennifer Rowley (Sydney Conservatorium of Music); Dr Carl

Schneider (Pharmacy); Professor Roger Stancliffe (Health Sciences); Professor Rosanne Taylor (Dean, Veterinary Science); Associate Professor Marjorie Valix (Engineering & Information Technologies).

MINUTES

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

☆ 1 WELCOME AND APOLOGIES

The Chair welcomed members and noted the apologies received, asking that any further apologies be communicated to the Executive Officer. Members were asked to farewell the outgoing SRC Executive and Ms Smith, Mr Carment and Ms Vimalarajah were thanked for their invaluable contribution to the Board during their time in office.

The Chair also recognised the presence of Dr Michael Bowen, Faculty of Science, who had been recognised at the previous meeting for being awarded the 2016 Eureka Prize for Outstanding Early Career Researcher for his research on discovering and developing innovative treatments for serious brain disorders. Dr Bowen was unable to attend the previous meeting and so members were invited to extend their congratulations on his award, which they did by acclamation.

2 PROCEDURAL MATTERS

☆ 2.1 Starring of agenda and adoption of unstarred items

The following items were starred: 2.2; 7.5; 11.2; 11.3.

Resolution AB2016/7-1

That the Academic Board resolve as recommended with respect to all unstarred items.

☆ 2.2 Minutes of Meeting 6/2016, 14 September 2016

Dr Saleeba requested an addition to the minutes relating to Item 4.2 General Report of the Chair, to capture the outcome that Deans were asked to enact the desired culture in meetings in their faculty. Subsequent to the meeting, Dr Saleeba and the Chair agreed to the following addition to the Minutes:

“Regarding Item 3, the Chair asked the assistance of the deans in enacting desirable cultural in all meetings conducted in their faculty and none of the Deans present expressed dissent with the request.”

Resolution AB2016/7-2

That the Academic Board adopt the minutes of the previous meeting held on 14 September 2016, as amended, as a true record.

2.3 Membership of the Academic Board

Resolution AB2016/7-3

That the Academic Board approve the appointment or co-option of academic staff to the Academic Board.

☆ 3 STRATEGIC ITEMS OF BUSINESS

3.1 Focus Topic: Implementation of the Strategic Plan 2016-2020

Rebecca Murray, Vice-Principal (Strategy), provided members with an update on the implementation of the Strategic Plan 2016-2020. She reminded members that the process for developing the current plan was very different to the previous, building as it did on the foundational improvements initiated during the 2011-2015 plan. The focus of the current Strategic Plan has been on developing research, education, organisational design and culture through a collaborative and participatory process. Adopting an approach of deep transformation, targets have been set in research investment and curriculum reform, with a bold statement on behaviour and collaboration,

as well as refining organisational structure and support for these initiatives. Implementation to date has been underpinned by a \$200M investment in core business outside physical and IT infrastructure, such as curriculum transformation. Primary focuses in the implementation have been transparency and integration, and the Board was thanked for its contribution thus far through discussion of proposals such as the curriculum reform proposal on today's agenda. The establishment of the joint University Executive/Academic Board Culture Taskforce was also highlighted as an area in which the Board will continue to influence the implementation of the Strategic Plan.

In discussion, it was observed that reporting thus far has focussed on activities, not outcomes, and Ms Murray informed members that KPIs were currently being developed to enable tracking of the impact of the strategy and also to provide better predictive ability. The difficulty of separating the influence of the strategy from natural improvement in the chosen focus areas was also raised. The Chair and Vice-Chancellor both thanked Ms Murray for her leadership of the project.

Resolution AB2016/7-4

That the Academic Board note the focus topic presentation by the Vice-Principal (Strategy).

☆ 4 **REPORT OF THE CHAIR**

4.1 Report on Senate Matters

The Chair advised that Senate had met on Monday 31 October at Westmead and that a written report would be presented to the 7 December meeting of the Board.

Resolution AB2016/7-5

That the Academic Board note the verbal report from the Chair of the Academic Board on matters considered by Senate at its meeting of 31 October 2016.

4.2 General Report

In addition to the written report, the Chair called for suggestions for a charitable organisation, for which a collection would be undertaken at the end-of-year celebrations following the December Board meeting. Suggestions are to be forwarded to the Executive Officer.

Resolution AB2016/7-6

That the Academic Board note the General Report of the Chair.

4.3 Student Members' Report

In addition to the written report, Mr Greenwell raised the matter of student representation on the committees of the University Executive. SUPRA and the SRC had written to the Vice-Chancellor and expressed dissatisfaction with the response they received. The Vice-Chancellor advised that this is still a "live conversation" and that discussion was continuing with the presidents of the student organisations to agree on a mechanism to obtain a broader variety of student voices in discussions at a University level. The Vice-Chancellor invited further communication on the matter and requested that the issue also be raised at the upcoming meeting of the Student Consultative Committee.

Resolution AB2016/7-7

That the Academic Board note the report of the student members of the Academic Board.

4.4 Honours and Distinctions

The honours and distinctions were noted as presented.

Resolution AB2016/7-8

That the Academic Board note the report of the Chair of the Academic Board on the honours and distinctions and congratulate the recipients.

Action:

The Chair, Academic Board to write to recipients congratulating them on their honours and distinctions.

☆ 5 REPORT OF THE VICE-CHANCELLOR

5.1 Report on Senate Matters

The Vice-Chancellor provided a verbal update on the following matters discussed at Senate on 31 October 2016:

Centre in China: The University will be opening a new Centre in China in Suzhou in November, in response to a need for the University to have a physical presence in China. The Centre is located in a large educational and industrial area, and the University is well-located to enable further collaboration.

Chau Chak Wing Museum: Senate approved the business case for the development of a new University museum, funded by a number of substantial donations. The University has the largest collection of classical antiquities in the Southern hemisphere, as well as significant Australian art, ethnographic and entomological collections, which will be made available for use in research and education and to the public. In discussion, members were advised that the existing University collections will be housed in the new facility, but that their distinctiveness will be retained.

Westmead: Senate approved funding for infrastructure investment at Westmead, with discussion ongoing with the Children's Hospital and the local area health district to take advantage of this "rare opportunity for collaboration". There have been two phases of development thus far: the first has involved working with staff at Westmead and has resulted in a number of staff-led 'quick-wins' through various initiatives, and the second phase will involve further scoping through 2017 of the University's focus at Westmead.

Resolution AB2016/7-9

That the Academic Board note the report from the Vice-Chancellor and Principal on matters considered by Senate at its 31 October 2016 meeting.

5.2 General Report

The Vice-Chancellor provided a verbal update on several items.

Innovation Week: The Vice-Chancellor congratulated the Deputy Vice-Chancellors (Education) and (Research) for this event and for the implementation of the inaugural peer-nominated Vice-Chancellor's Awards for Excellence. The event was a testament to the quality and depth of work undertaken across the University, and the wide commitment to the University's mission.

Women in Diversity: Staff have completed the Women in Diversity, Level B and professional mentoring pilot programs, which are currently being evaluated by participants. Informal feedback to date has been positive.

National agenda: Discussion of alternatives to full-fee deregulation for Commonwealth Supported students continues, with the University heavily engaged in the review process. In advance of the release of the Higher Education Standards Panel's report on admissions transparency on 16 November, the University launched a website to enhance the information available publicly about its admissions requirements for all courses. The government is also investigating the establishment of a "national efficiency price" for each discipline, with the intention of better matching 'base funding' to actual costs of delivery, reduce the need for cross-subsidisation between disciplines, and drive efficiencies between providers. The government seeks to establish real delivery costs for courses but concern has been expressed regarding the lack of definitional clarity and the lack of a normative "product" against which delivery can be assessed. The University is one of around 15 providers participating in costing study that is being undertaken by Deloitte Access Economics for the Department of Education and Training. Minister Simon Birmingham remains committed to releasing details of a revised package of funding and regulatory reforms early in 2017.

Resolution AB2016/7-10

That the Academic Board note the General Report from the Vice-Chancellor and Principal.

☆ 6 **QUESTION TIME**

Professor Fekete sought clarification as to how recruitment quality could be affected by a proposal (currently raised in the Talent Acquisition Program) that would remove the requirement for section panels in the academic appointment process. The Provost advised that this change only affects grant-funded postdoctoral positions and facilitates quick and easy decision-making for grant holders; it does not affect substantive appointments. A working party is currently developing scenarios for recruitment, as part of the joint University Executive/Academic Board Culture Taskforce.

The Vice-Chancellor was asked to provide further information regarding flexible working arrangements, as discussed at the previous meeting. Members were informed that a report will shortly be circulated.

7 **REPORTS FROM FACULTIES**

7.1 **Faculty of Dentistry: 2017 Academic Calendar**

This proposal was approved as presented.

Resolution AB2016/7-11

That the Academic Board approve the request from the Faculty of Dentistry to amend its Academic Calendar for 2017 with immediate effect, as set out in the report presented.

Action

Dean and Faculty Manager, Faculty of Dentistry, to note the Academic Board's approval of the proposed 2017 Academic Calendar.

7.2 **Faculty of Education and Social Work: 2017 Academic Calendar**

This proposal was approved as presented.

Resolution AB2016/7-12

That the Academic Board approve the request from the Faculty of Education and Social Work to amend its Academic Calendar for 2017 with immediate effect, as set out in the report presented.

Action

Dean and Faculty Manager, Faculty of Education and Social Work, to note the Academic Board's approval of the proposed 2017 Academic Calendar.

7.3 **Sydney Conservatorium of Music: 2017 Academic Calendar**

This proposal was approved as presented.

Resolution AB2016/7-13

That the Academic Board approve the request from the Sydney Conservatorium of Music to amend its Academic Calendar for 2017 with immediate effect, as set out in the report presented.

Action

Dean and Faculty Manager, Sydney Conservatorium of Music, to note the Academic Board's approval of the proposed 2017 Academic Calendar.

7.4 **Faculty of Engineering and Information Technologies: Amendment of Senate Resolutions**

This proposal was approved as presented.

Resolution AB2016/7-14

That the Academic Board note the correction to the Faculty of Engineering and Information Technologies Senate Resolutions to include the Bachelor of Engineering Honours / Bachelor of Music Studies.

Action

Dean and Faculty Manager, Faculty of Engineering and Information Technologies, to note the Academic Board's approval of the proposal to amend the Senate Resolutions for the Faculty of Engineering and Information Technologies and update the Senate Resolutions in CMS.

Action

Chair, Academic Board, to recommend that Senate endorse the Academic Board's approval of the proposal to amend the Senate Resolutions for the Faculty of Engineering and Information Technologies.



7.5 Faculty of Science: Amendment of Faculty Resolutions

Ms Smith starred this item for discussion and sought clarification as to the value assigned to DF Discontinued Fail grades in the calculation of Weighted Average Marks (WAM). Differences in the value are found across the University for local calculations (as distinct from the single, official University WAM), and the effect of this was highlighted for investigation. Ms Agus invited further consultation on the matter and it was agreed that the Board would be advised if this consultation necessitated a change to the current proposal.

The proposal was approved as presented.

Resolution AB2016/7-15

That the Academic Board approve the amendments to the Faculty of Science Faculty Resolutions for 2017.

Action

Dean and Faculty Manager, Faculty of Science, to note the Academic Board's approval of the proposal to amend the Faculty Resolutions for the Faculty of Science and update the Faculty Resolutions in CMS.

Action

President, SRC, to advise the Faculty of Science as to concerns relating to the calculation of the WAM presented in the Faculty Resolutions. Following this advice, the Dean and Faculty Manager, Faculty of Science, to investigate the impact of DF = 0 in the calculation of the SCIWAM and advise the Board for noting by circulation (assisted by the Executive Officer).

7.6 Faculty of Science: Amendment of Senate Resolutions

This proposal was approved as presented.

Resolution AB2016/7-16

That the Academic Board endorse amendments to the Faculty of Science Senate Resolutions for 2017.

Action

Dean and Faculty Manager, Faculty of Science, to note the Academic Board's approval of the proposal to amend the Senate Resolutions for the Faculty of Science and update the Senate Resolutions in CMS.

Action

Chair, Academic Board, to recommend that Senate endorse the Academic Board's approval of the proposal to amend the Senate Resolutions for the Faculty of Science.



7.7 University of Sydney (Organisational Design – Transitional Provisions) Rule 2016 – New Policy

The Provost informed members that these provisions provide a framework to maintain the legitimacy of Academic Board representation through the organisational design transition period, and to implement uniform nomenclature regarding faculties and schools to allow systems to be updated. Communications with deans and others affected by the transition are also planned. The Academic Board noted that this proposal would be presented for approval to the 12 December meeting of Senate.

Resolution AB2016/7-17

That the Academic Board note the University of Sydney (Organisational Design – Transitional Provisions) Rule 2016.

☆ **7.8 University of Sydney (Governance of Faculties and University Schools) Rule 2016 – New Policy**

The Provost advised that this proposal has arisen from a desire to regularise membership and composition across faculties and to eliminate individual definitions as to who is considered a member of faculty. A decision was made to cascade the Academic Board model for Faculty Boards with appointment of members by election, and professional staff are to be included. Distinction is also made between membership of a faculty and membership of a Faculty Board.

In discussion, Mr Greenwell raised the matter of student representation, suggesting that faculties themselves be allowed to determine the maximum number of students it would like to appoint. The Provost observed that there are limits on the number of staff positions, and so it is reasonable to also set limits on student representation. It was recommended that no cap be set for student membership of a faculty, but that a maximum number be set for student members of a Faculty Board. Student membership of schools remained to be looked at.

There was extensive discussion of the inclusion of professional staff as members of faculty and as equal participants in the University Schools. Further discussion of this was requested and it was agreed that the Provost, Chair of Academic Board and the Deans of the University Schools would work through these matters prior to presentation of the proposal to Senate. The proposal implicitly includes the current Health faculties, which will be incorporated under the new framework as outstanding issues with the Health faculties are resolved. It was also suggested that the proposed implementation dates may need to be adjusted before the Rule is presented to Senate.

Pending satisfactory resolution of the matter of University School representation, the Academic Board endorsed the proposal for presentation to Senate.

[**Note:** Subsequent to the meeting, the Provost, Chair of Academic Board and the Deans of the University Schools have agreed on a solution to address the concerns raised at the meeting, and the proposal will now proceed to Senate.]

Resolution AB2016/7-18

That the Academic Board recommend the University of Sydney (Governance of Faculties and University Schools) Rule 2016, as amended, to Senate for adoption.

Action

Provost and Deputy Vice-Chancellor, to liaise with the Deans of the University Schools and the Chair of Academic Board regarding the composition of the School.

Action

Chair, Academic Board, to recommend that Senate endorse the Academic Board's approval of the proposal to introduce the University of Sydney (Governance of Faculties and University Schools) Rule 2016, as amended.

☆ **7.9 University of Sydney (Delegations of Authority – Academic Functions) Rule 2016 – New Policy**

The Provost advised that the administrative delegations are updated annually, but that it had been somewhat longer since the academic delegations had been similarly refreshed. The delegations have been recast in light of the new organisational design, and will be further refined as the structure of the Health disciplines is developed during 2017. The amended delegations also address compliance issues with the current delegations. Clarification was sought regarding the definitions of Head of School and Dean (University School) and Deputy Head of School in Part 2, clause 12 before presentation of the Rule to the December meeting of Senate.

Resolution AB2016/7-19

That the Academic Board recommend the University of Sydney (Delegations of Authority – Academic Functions) Rule 2016, as amended, to Senate for adoption.

Action

Chair, Academic Board, to recommend that Senate endorse the Academic Board's approval of the proposal to introduce the University of Sydney (Delegations of Authority – Academic Functions) Rule 2016, as amended.

8 REPORT OF THE ADMISSIONS COMMITTEE

Report of the Chair

8.1 **Faculty of Engineering & IT: Master of Project Leadership, Graduate Diploma in Project Leadership and Graduate Certificate in Project Leadership**

This proposal was approved as presented.

Resolution AB2016/7-20

That the Academic Board approve the proposal from the Faculty of Engineering & IT to amend the admission criteria for the Master of Project Leadership, Graduate Diploma in Project Leadership and Graduate Certificate in Project Leadership, and approve the amendment of the course resolutions arising from this proposal, with immediate effect, as set out in the report presented.

Action

Dean and Faculty Manager, Faculty of Engineering and Information Technologies, to note the Academic Board's approval of the proposal from the Faculty of Engineering & IT to amend the admission criteria for the Master of Project Leadership, Graduate Diploma in Project Leadership and Graduate Certificate in Project Leadership, and update the Course Resolutions in CMS.

8.2 **Faculty of Nursing and Midwifery: Bachelor of Arts / Master of Nursing, Bachelor of Health Sciences / Master of Nursing and Bachelor of Science / Master of Nursing**

This proposal was approved as presented.

Resolution AB2016/7-21

That the Academic Board approve the proposal from the Faculty of Nursing and Midwifery to amend the admission criteria and progression requirements for the Bachelor of Arts/Master of Nursing, Bachelor of Health Sciences/Master of Nursing and Bachelor of Science/Master of Nursing, and approve the amendment of the course resolutions arising from this proposal, with immediate effect, as presented.

Action

Dean and Faculty Manager, Faculty of Nursing and Midwifery, to note the Academic Board's approval of the proposal from the Faculty of Nursing and Midwifery to amend the Bachelor of Arts / Master of Nursing, Bachelor of Health Sciences / Master of Nursing and Bachelor of Science / Master of Nursing, and update the Course Resolutions in CMS.

8.3 **Faculty of Pharmacy: Amendment of Coursework Policy 2014**

This proposal was approved as presented.

Resolution AB2016/7-22

That the Academic Board approve the proposal to amend Part 6 of the Coursework Policy 2014, with effect from 1 January 2017, as presented.

Action

Dean and Faculty Manager, Faculty of Pharmacy, to note the Academic Board's approval of the proposal to amend section 33 of the Coursework Policy 2014.

Action

Executive Officer to promulgate the changes to the Coursework Policy 2014 with the Policy Unit.

9 REPORT OF THE UNDERGRADUATE STUDIES COMMITTEE

Report of the Chair

Associate Professor Davis provided a verbal summary of the Committee's discussion of the curriculum reform proposal (Item 9.1), and advised that the Committee had identified three significant issues: the "Named Scientist" stream in the Bachelor of Science and related degrees; the requirement for completion of two majors; and communications with students regarding overlapping units of study within majors. She further advised that all of these issues have been satisfactorily resolved.



9.1 2016-2020 Curriculum Reform

This item was considered in combination with the addendum circulated as Item 9.18 in the updated agenda pack. The Board was also asked to note the inclusion of double degrees in the list of degrees to be deleted arising from the proposal; these were omitted from the original recommendation to Committee and to the Board but were presented in the body of the proposal, as endorsed by the Committee.

Associate Professor McCallum invited questions, and confirmed that multi-lingual translation has been included in the proposal. A languages program is also being developed within the Dalryell stream, and this is anticipated for presentation to the next meeting. Ms Smith sought clarification as to whether fees would be charged for completion of zero credit point OLE units of study [no], and how built-in placements would be funded and managed, as well as how they will contribute to the degree. The Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Education) advised that an administrative unit has been established within her portfolio to oversee the management of placements, and their work will progress through 2017 with the extension of the current Placement Policy to cover third party agreements. It was confirmed that students will not be expected to source their own placements. Mr Hall observed that equity pathways for entry are not explicit but should be included in the recruitment strategy; Professor Pattison confirmed the University's commitment to equity, and advised that all current pathways will be preserved.

The Chair thanked all those involved in developing the proposal, highlighting especially the work of Professor Pattison, Associate Professor McCallum, Dr Schwartz and Ms Wheadon. The Board expressed by acclamation its appreciation for the collective effort involved.

This proposal was approved as presented.

Resolution AB2016/7-23

That the Academic Board approve the introduction of the Bachelor of Arts/Bachelor of Advanced Studies, Bachelor of Commerce/Bachelor of Advanced Studies, Bachelor of Science/Bachelor of Advanced Studies, Bachelor of Advanced Studies, Bachelor of Design Computing/Bachelor of Advanced Studies, Bachelor of Economics/Bachelor of Advanced Studies, Bachelor of Computing (exit only), Bachelor of Advanced Computing, Bachelor of Advanced Computing/Bachelor of Science, Bachelor of Advanced Computing/Bachelor of Commerce and Bachelor of Arts and Doctor of Medicine; approve the amendment of the Bachelor of Arts, Bachelor of Commerce, Bachelor of Science, Bachelor of Economics, Bachelor of Arts and Bachelor of Laws, Bachelor of Commerce and Bachelor of Laws, Bachelor of Science and Bachelor of Laws, Bachelor of Economics and Bachelor of Laws, Bachelor of Arts/Bachelor of Social Work, Bachelor of Education (Secondary: Humanities and Social Sciences)/Bachelor of Arts, Bachelor of Education (Secondary: Mathematics)/Bachelor of Science, Bachelor of Education (Secondary: Science)/Bachelor of Science, Bachelor of Engineering Honours and Bachelor of Arts, Bachelor of Engineering Honours and Bachelor of Commerce, Bachelor of Engineering Honours and Bachelor of Science, Bachelor of Arts and Master of Nursing, Bachelor of Science and Master of Nursing, Bachelor of Science and Master of Nutrition and Dietetics, Bachelor Science and Doctor of Medicine and Bachelor of Science and Doctor of Dental Medicine; approve the deletion of the Bachelor of Science in Agriculture, Bachelor of Food and Agribusiness, Bachelor of Environmental Systems, Bachelor of Arts (Asian Studies), Bachelor of Arts (Languages), Bachelor of Arts (Media and Communications), Bachelor of International and Global Studies, Bachelor of Political, Economic and Social Sciences, Bachelor of Health Sciences, Bachelor of Medical Science, Bachelor of Science (Advanced), Bachelor of Science (Advanced Mathematics), Bachelor of Animal and Veterinary Bioscience, Bachelor of Music Studies, and Bachelor of Commerce (Liberal Studies), Bachelor of Arts and Bachelor of Economics, Bachelor of Arts (Media and Communications) and Bachelor of Laws, Bachelor of Design in Architecture and Bachelor of Laws, Bachelor of International and Global Studies and Bachelor of Laws, Bachelor of Music Studies and Bachelor of Arts, Bachelor of Project Management and Bachelor of Arts, Bachelor of Science and Bachelor of Arts, Bachelor of Engineering Honours and Bachelor of Medical Science, Bachelor of Health Sciences and Master of Nursing, Bachelor of Commerce and Bachelor of Arts, Bachelor of Commerce and Bachelor of Science, Bachelor of Engineering (Honours) and Bachelor of Music Studies, Bachelor of Economics and Doctor of Medicine, Bachelor of Commerce and Doctor of Medicine, Bachelor of Medical Science and Doctor of Medicine, Bachelor of Music Studies and Doctor of Medicine, Bachelor of Science (Advanced) and Doctor of Medicine, Bachelor of Science (Advanced) and Doctor of Dental Medicine, Bachelor of Computer Science and Technology,

Bachelor of Computer Science and Technology (Advanced), Bachelor of Information Technology, Bachelor of Information Technology and Bachelor of Arts, Bachelor of Information Technology and Bachelor of Commerce, Bachelor of Information Technology and Bachelor of Laws, Bachelor of Information Technology and Bachelor of Medical Science, Bachelor of Information Technology and Bachelor of Science, Bachelor of Political, Economic and Social Sciences and Bachelor of Laws, Bachelor of Science (Veterinary), with effect from 1 January 2018; recommend that Senate endorse the Academic Board's approval of the proposal and approve amendments to the Resolutions of Senate, as appropriate; and approve the introduction, amendment or deletion, as appropriate, of Course Resolutions arising from this proposal, with effect from 1 January 2018, noting that admissions will not commence in the Bachelor of Advanced Studies as a single degree until 2020.

Action

Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Education) and Deans to note the Academic Board's approval of the proposal to approve the introduction of the Bachelor of Arts/Bachelor of Advanced Studies, Bachelor of Commerce/Bachelor of Advanced Studies, Bachelor of Science/Bachelor of Advanced Studies, Bachelor of Advanced Studies, Bachelor of Design Computing/Bachelor of Advanced Studies, Bachelor of Economics/Bachelor of Advanced Studies, Bachelor of Computing (exit only), Bachelor of Advanced Computing, Bachelor of Advanced Computing/Bachelor of Science, Bachelor of Advanced Computing/Bachelor of Commerce and Bachelor of Arts and Doctor of Medicine; approve the amendment of the Bachelor of Arts, Bachelor of Commerce, Bachelor of Science, Bachelor of Economics, Bachelor of Arts and Bachelor of Laws, Bachelor of Commerce and Bachelor of Laws, Bachelor of Science and Bachelor of Laws, Bachelor of Economics and Bachelor of Laws, Bachelor of Arts/Bachelor of Social Work, Bachelor of Education (Secondary: Humanities and Social Sciences)/Bachelor of Arts, Bachelor of Education (Secondary: Mathematics)/Bachelor of Science, Bachelor of Education (Secondary: Science)/Bachelor of Science, Bachelor of Engineering Honours and Bachelor of Arts, Bachelor of Engineering Honours and Bachelor of Commerce, Bachelor of Engineering Honours and Bachelor of Science, Bachelor of Arts and Master of Nursing, Bachelor of Science and Master of Nursing, Bachelor of Science and Master of Nutrition and Dietetics, Bachelor Science and Doctor of Medicine and Bachelor of Science and Doctor of Dental Medicine; approve the deletion of the Bachelor of Science in Agriculture, Bachelor of Food and Agribusiness, Bachelor of Environmental Systems, Bachelor of Arts (Asian Studies), Bachelor of Arts (Languages), Bachelor of Arts (Media and Communications), Bachelor of International and Global Studies, Bachelor of Political, Economic and Social Sciences, Bachelor of Health Sciences, Bachelor of Medical Science, Bachelor of Science (Advanced), Bachelor of Science (Advanced Mathematics), Bachelor of Animal and Veterinary Bioscience, Bachelor of Music Studies, and Bachelor of Commerce (Liberal Studies), Bachelor of Arts and Bachelor of Economics, Bachelor of Arts (Media and Communications) and Bachelor of Laws, Bachelor of Design in Architecture and Bachelor of Laws, Bachelor of International and Global Studies and Bachelor of Laws, Bachelor of Music Studies and Bachelor of Arts, Bachelor of Project Management and Bachelor of Arts, Bachelor of Science and Bachelor of Arts, Bachelor of Engineering Honours and Bachelor of Medical Science, Bachelor of Health Sciences and Master of Nursing, Bachelor of Commerce and Bachelor of Arts, Bachelor of Commerce and Bachelor of Science, Bachelor of Engineering (Honours) and Bachelor of Music Studies, Bachelor of Economics and Doctor of Medicine, Bachelor of Commerce and Doctor of Medicine, Bachelor of Medical Science and Doctor of Medicine, Bachelor of Music Studies and Doctor of Medicine, Bachelor of Science (Advanced) and Doctor of Medicine, Bachelor of Science (Advanced) and Doctor of Dental Medicine, Bachelor of Computer Science and Technology, Bachelor of Computer Science and Technology (Advanced), Bachelor of Information Technology, Bachelor of Information Technology and Bachelor of Arts, Bachelor of Information Technology and Bachelor of Commerce, Bachelor of Information Technology and Bachelor of Laws, Bachelor of Information Technology and Bachelor of Medical Science, Bachelor of Information Technology and Bachelor of Science, Bachelor of Political, Economic and Social Sciences and Bachelor of Laws, Bachelor of Science (Veterinary), with effect from 1 January 2018 and introduce, amend or delete the Resolutions of Senate and Course Resolutions in CMS, as appropriate.

Action

Chair, Academic Board, to recommend that Senate:

- (1) endorse the Academic Board's approval of the proposal to introduce the Bachelor of Arts/Bachelor of Advanced Studies, Bachelor of Commerce/Bachelor of Advanced Studies, Bachelor of Science/Bachelor of Advanced Studies, Bachelor of Advanced Studies, Bachelor*

- of Design Computing/Bachelor of Advanced Studies, Bachelor of Economics/Bachelor of Advanced Studies, Bachelor of Computing (exit only), Bachelor of Advanced Computing, Bachelor of Advanced Computing/Bachelor of Science, Bachelor of Advanced Computing/Bachelor of Commerce and Bachelor of Arts and Doctor of Medicine;*
- (2) *endorse the Academic Board's approval of the proposal to amend the Bachelor of Arts, Bachelor of Commerce, Bachelor of Science, Bachelor of Economics, Bachelor of Arts and Bachelor of Laws, Bachelor of Commerce and Bachelor of Laws, Bachelor of Science and Bachelor of Laws, Bachelor of Economics and Bachelor of Laws, Bachelor of Arts/Bachelor of Social Work, Bachelor of Education (Secondary: Humanities and Social Sciences)/Bachelor of Arts, Bachelor of Education (Secondary: Mathematics)/Bachelor of Science, Bachelor of Education (Secondary: Science)/Bachelor of Science, Bachelor of Engineering Honours and Bachelor of Arts, Bachelor of Engineering Honours and Bachelor of Commerce, Bachelor of Engineering Honours and Bachelor of Science, Bachelor of Arts and Master of Nursing, Bachelor of Science and Master of Nursing, Bachelor of Science and Master of Nutrition and Dietetics, Bachelor Science and Doctor of Medicine and Bachelor of Science and Doctor of Dental Medicine;*
- (3) *endorse the Academic Board's approval of the proposal to delete the Bachelor of Science in Agriculture, Bachelor of Food and Agribusiness, Bachelor of Environmental Systems, Bachelor of Arts (Asian Studies), Bachelor of Arts (Languages), Bachelor of Arts (Media and Communications), Bachelor of International and Global Studies, Bachelor of Political, Economic and Social Sciences, Bachelor of Health Sciences, Bachelor of Medical Science, Bachelor of Science (Advanced), Bachelor of Science (Advanced Mathematics), Bachelor of Animal and Veterinary Bioscience, Bachelor of Music Studies, and Bachelor of Commerce (Liberal Studies), Bachelor of Arts and Bachelor of Economics, Bachelor of Arts (Media and Communications) and Bachelor of Laws, Bachelor of Design in Architecture and Bachelor of Laws, Bachelor of International and Global Studies and Bachelor of Laws, Bachelor of Music Studies and Bachelor of Arts, Bachelor of Project Management and Bachelor of Arts, Bachelor of Science and Bachelor of Arts, Bachelor of Engineering Honours and Bachelor of Medical Science, Bachelor of Health Sciences and Master of Nursing, Bachelor of Commerce and Bachelor of Arts, Bachelor of Commerce and Bachelor of Science, Bachelor of Engineering (Honours) and Bachelor of Music Studies, Bachelor of Economics and Doctor of Medicine, Bachelor of Commerce and Doctor of Medicine, Bachelor of Medical Science and Doctor of Medicine, Bachelor of Music Studies and Doctor of Medicine, Bachelor of Science (Advanced) and Doctor of Medicine, Bachelor of Science (Advanced) and Doctor of Dental Medicine, Bachelor of Computer Science and Technology, Bachelor of Computer Science and Technology (Advanced), Bachelor of Information Technology, Bachelor of Information Technology and Bachelor of Arts, Bachelor of Information Technology and Bachelor of Commerce, Bachelor of Information Technology and Bachelor of Laws, Bachelor of Information Technology and Bachelor of Medical Science, Bachelor of Information Technology and Bachelor of Science, Bachelor of Political, Economic and Social Sciences and Bachelor of Laws, Bachelor of Science (Veterinary);*
- (4) *endorse the Academic Board's approval of the proposal and approve amendments to the Resolutions of Senate, as appropriate; and*
- (5) *approve the introduction, amendment or deletion, as appropriate, of Course Resolutions arising from this proposal with effect from 1 January 2018, noting that admissions will not commence in the Bachelor of Advanced Studies as a single degree until 2020.*

9.2 Business School: Bachelor of Commerce (and combined courses) – Banking Major transition

This proposal was approved as presented.

Resolution AB2016/7-24

That the Academic Board approve the proposal from the University of Sydney Business School to amend the Bachelor of Commerce (and selected combined courses); and the amendment of the Course Resolutions arising from the proposal, with effect from 1 January 2017.

Action

Dean and Faculty Manager, Business School, to note the Academic Board's approval of the proposal to amend the Bachelor of Commerce (and selected combined courses) and update the Course Resolutions in CMS.

9.3 Engineering & IT: Substitution of elective unit for Bachelor of Engineering Honours (Mechatronic stream)

This proposal was approved as presented.

Resolution AB2016/7-25

That the Academic Board approve the proposal from the Faculty of Engineering and Information Technologies to amend the Bachelor of Engineering Honours (Mechatronic stream); and the amendment of the table of Units of Study arising from the proposal, with effect from 1 January 2017.

Action

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 (Mechatronic stream) and update the table of units of study in CMS.

9.4 Engineering & IT: Faculty of Engineering and Information Technologies combined degrees with Bachelor of Medical Science

This proposal was approved as presented.

Resolution AB2016/7-26

That the Academic Board approve the proposal from the Faculty of Engineering and Information Technologies to amend the combined Bachelor of Engineering (Honours) and Bachelor of Medical Science and the combined Bachelor of Information Technology and Bachelor of Medical Science; and the amendment of the course resolutions arising from the proposal, with effect from 1 January 2017.

Action

Dean and Faculty Manager, Faculty of Engineering and Information Technologies, to note the Academic Board's approval of the proposal to amend the combined Bachelor of Engineering (Honours) and Bachelor of Medical Science and the combined Bachelor of Information Technology and Bachelor of Medical Science and update the Course Resolutions in CMS.

9.5 Engineering & IT: Bachelor of Engineering (Honours) Chemical and Biomolecular stream

This proposal was approved as presented.

Resolution AB2016/7-27

That the Academic Board approve the proposal from the Faculty of Engineering and Information Technologies to amend the Bachelor of Engineering (Honours); and the amendment of the table of Units of Study arising from the proposal, with effect from 1 January 2017.

Action

Dean and Faculty Manager, Faculty of Science, to note the Academic Board's approval of the proposal to amend the Bachelor of Engineering (Honours) and update the unit of study table in CMS.

9.6 Faculty of Science: Bachelor of Animal and Veterinary Bioscience

This proposal was approved as presented.

Resolution AB2016/7-28

That the Academic Board approve the proposal from the Faculty of Science to amend the Bachelor of Animal and Veterinary Bioscience; and the amendment of the table of Units of Study arising from the proposal, with effect from 1 January 2017.

Action

Dean and Faculty Manager, Faculty of Science, to note the Academic Board's approval of the proposal to amend the Bachelor of Animal and Veterinary Bioscience and update the unit of study table in CMS.

9.7 Faculty of Science: Bachelor of Food and Agribusiness

This proposal was approved as presented.

Resolution AB2016/7-29

That the Academic Board approve the proposal from the Faculty of Science to amend the Bachelor of Food and Agribusiness; the amendment of the course resolutions arising from the proposal; and the amendment of the table of Units of Study arising from the proposal, with effect from 1 January 2017.

Action

Dean and Faculty Manager, Faculty of Science, to note the Academic Board's approval of the proposal to amend the Bachelor of Food and Agribusiness and update the Course Resolutions and unit of study table in CMS.

9.8 Faculty of Science: Bachelor of Psychology

This proposal was approved as presented.

Resolution AB2016/7-30

That the Academic Board approve the proposal from the Faculty of Science to amend the Bachelor of Psychology; the amendment of the course resolutions arising from the proposal; and the amendment of the table of Units of Study arising from the proposal, with effect from 1 January 2017.

Action

Dean and Faculty Manager, Faculty of Science, to note the Academic Board's approval of the proposal to amend the Bachelor of Psychology and update the Course Resolutions and unit of study table in CMS.

9.9 Faculty of Science: Bachelor of Science in Agriculture

This proposal was approved as presented.

Resolution AB2016/7-31

That the Academic Board approve the proposal from the Faculty of Science to amend the Bachelor of Science in Agriculture; and the amendment of the table of Units of Study arising from the proposal, with effect from 1 January 2017.

Action

Dean and Faculty Manager, Faculty of Science, to note the Academic Board's approval of the proposal to amend the Bachelor of Science in Agriculture and update the unit of study table in CMS.

9.10 Faculty of Science: Bachelor of Science, Neuroscience major

This proposal was approved as presented.

Resolution AB2016/7-32

That the Academic Board approve the proposal from the Faculty of Science to amend the Bachelor of Science, Neuroscience major; and the amendment of the table of Units of Study arising from the proposal, with effect from 1 January 2017.

Action

Dean and Faculty Manager, Faculty of Science, to note the Academic Board's approval of the proposals to amend the Bachelor of Science and update the unit of study tables in CMS.

9.11 Faculty of Science: Bachelor of Science, Nutrition and Metabolism major

This proposal was approved as presented.

Resolution AB2016/7-33

That the Academic Board approve the proposal from the Faculty of Science to amend the Bachelor of Science, Nutrition and Metabolism major; and the amendment of the table of Units of Study arising from the proposal, with effect from 1 January 2017.

Action

Dean and Faculty Manager, Faculty of Science, to note the Academic Board's approval of the proposals to amend the Bachelor of Science and update the unit of study tables in CMS.

9.12 Faculty of Science: Bachelor of Science, Psychology major

This proposal was approved as presented.

Resolution AB2016/7-34

That the Academic Board approve the proposal from the Faculty of Science to amend the Bachelor of Science, Psychology major, and the amendment of the table of Units of Study arising from the proposal, with effect from 1 January 2017.

Action

Dean and Faculty Manager, Faculty of Science, to note the Academic Board's approval of the proposals to amend the Bachelor of Science and update the unit of study tables in CMS.

9.13 Faculty of Science: Bachelor of Veterinary Biology/Doctor of Veterinary Medicine

This proposal was approved as presented.

Resolution AB2016/7-35

That the Academic Board approve the amendment to the course resolutions and degree table for the Bachelor of Veterinary Science/Doctor of Veterinary Medicine, with effect from 1 January 2017.

Action

Dean and Faculty Manager, Faculty of Science, to note the Academic Board's approval of the proposal to amend the Bachelor of Veterinary Science/Doctor of Veterinary Medicine and update the Course Resolutions and unit of study table in CMS.

9.14 Faculty of Science: Faculty Resolutions minor amendment

This proposal was approved as presented.

Resolution AB2016/7-36

That the Academic Board approve the proposal from the Faculty of Science to amend the resolutions of the Faculty of Science, with effect from 1 January 2017.

Action

Dean and Faculty Manager, Faculty of Science, to note the Academic Board's approval of the proposal to amend the Faculty Resolutions and update the Faculty Resolutions in CMS.

9.15 Faculty of Science: Bachelor of Science/Master of Nutrition and Dietetics

This proposal was approved as presented.

Resolution AB2016/7-37

That the Academic Board approve the proposal from the Faculty of Science to amend the Bachelor of Science/Master of Nutrition and Dietetics; the amendment of the course resolutions arising from the proposal; and the amendment of the table of Units of Study arising from the proposal, with effect from 1 January 2017.

Action

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 and update the Course Resolutions and unit of study table in CMS.

9.16 Faculty of Science: Bachelor of Science Table 1 Majors: Changes to Year 1 Biology Units

This proposal was approved as presented.

Resolution AB2016/7-38

That the Academic Board approve the proposal from the Faculty of Science to amend the Bachelor of Science; and the amendment of the table of Units of Study arising from the proposal, with effect from 1 January, 2017.

Action

Dean and Faculty Manager, Faculty of Science, to note the Academic Board's approval of the proposal to amend the Bachelor of Science and update the unit of study table in CMS.

9.17 Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences: UoS tables

This proposal was approved as presented.

Resolution AB2016/7-39

approve the proposal from the Faculty of Arts and Social Science to amend a number of changes to tables of Units of Study, with effect from 1 January 2017.

Action

Dean and Faculty Manager, Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences, to note the Academic Board's approval of the proposal to amend the unit of study tables and update the unit of study tables in CMS.



9.18 2016-2020 Curriculum Reform Addendum

This proposal was considered as an addendum to Item 9.1 above.

10 REPORT OF THE GRADUATE STUDIES COMMITTEE

Report of the Chair

10.1 Amended Terms of Reference

This proposal was approved as presented.

Resolution AB2016/7-41

That the Academic Board approve the amendment of the Terms of Reference of the Graduate Studies Committee.

Action

Executive Officer to update the Terms of Reference.

10.2 Dentistry: Graduate Certificate in Oral Health Therapy – New Course Proposal

This proposal was approved as presented.

Resolution AB2016/7-42

That the Academic Board approve the proposal from the Faculty of Dentistry to introduce the Graduate Certificate in Oral Health Therapy; 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 Certificates in the Faculty of Dentistry; and approve the introduction of Course Resolutions arising from this proposal, with effect from 1 January 2018.

Action

Dean and Faculty Manager, Faculty of Dentistry, to note the Academic Board's approval of the proposal to introduce the Graduate Certificate in Oral Health Therapy and update the Course Resolutions in CMS, with effect from 1 January 2018.

Action

Chair, Academic Board, to 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 Certificates in the Faculty of Dentistry, with effect from 1 January 2018.

10.3 Pharmacy: Graduate Certificate in Evidence-Based Complementary Medicines – New Course Proposal

This proposal was approved as presented.

Resolution AB2016/7-43

That the Academic Board approve the proposal from the Faculty of Pharmacy to introduce the Graduate Certificate in Evidence- Based Complementary Medicines; 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 Certificates in the Faculty of Pharmacy; and approve the introduction of Course Resolutions arising from this proposal, with effect from 1 January 2018.

Action

Dean and Faculty Manager, Faculty of Pharmacy, to note the Academic Board's approval of the proposal to introduce the Graduate Certificate in Evidence-Based Complementary Medicines and update the Course Resolutions in CMS, with effect from 1 January 2018.

Action

Chair, Academic Board, to 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 Certificates in the Faculty of Pharmacy, with effect from 1 January 2018.

10.4 2016 – 2020 Curriculum Reforms: New Course Proposals

This proposal was approved as presented.

Resolution AB2016/7-44

That the Academic Board note the Graduate Studies Committee's endorsement of the curriculum reform proposal relating to programs with a postgraduate component, as presented in the Report of the Undergraduate Studies Committee

10.5 Architecture, Design and Planning: Master of Architecture – Amended Resolutions

This proposal was approved as presented.

Resolution AB2016/7-45

That the Academic Board approve the proposal from the Faculty of Architecture, Design and Planning to amend the Master of Architecture; and approve the amendment to the course resolutions arising from the proposal, with effect from 1 January 2017.

Action

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 Architecture and update the Course Resolutions in CMS.

10.6 Architecture, Design and Planning: Graduate Certificate in Architectural Science (Building Services), Graduate Certificate in Architectural Science (Facilities Management) and Master of Architectural Science (Illumination Design) – Amended Units of Study

This proposal was approved as presented.

Resolution AB2016/7-46

That the Academic Board approve the proposal from the Faculty of Architecture, Design and Planning to amend the Graduate Certificate in Architectural Science (Building Services), Graduate Certificate in Architectural Science (Facilities Management) and Master of Architectural Science (Illumination Design); and approve the amendment to the tables of units of Study arising from the proposal, with effect from 1 January 2017.

Action

Dean and Faculty Manager, Faculty of Architecture, Design and Planning, to note the Academic Board's approval of the proposal to amend the Graduate Certificate in Architectural Science (Building Services), Graduate Certificate in Architectural Science (Facilities Management) and Master of Architectural Science (Illumination Design) and update the unit of study tables in CMS.

10.7 Architecture, Design and Planning: Master of Interaction Design and Electronic Arts – Amended Units of Study

This proposal was approved as presented.

Resolution AB2016/7-47

That the Academic Board approve the proposal from the Faculty of Architecture, Design and Planning to amend the Master of Interaction Design and Electronic Arts; and approve the amendment to the units of study table arising from the proposal, with effect from 1 January 2017.

Action

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 Interaction Design and Electronic Arts and update the unit of study tables in CMS.

10.8 Arts and Social Sciences: Graduate Certificate in Art Curating – Amended Resolutions

This proposal was approved as presented.

Resolution AB2016/7-48

That the Academic Board approve the proposal from the Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences to amend the Graduate Certificate in Art Curating; and approve the amendment to the course resolutions arising from the proposal, with effect from 1 January 2017.

Action

Dean and Faculty Manager, Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences, to note the Academic Board's approval of the proposal to amend the Graduate Certificate in Art Curating and update the Course Resolutions in CMS.

10.9 Arts and Social Sciences: Graduate Diploma in Art Curating – Amended Resolutions

This proposal was approved as presented.

Resolution AB2016/7-49

That the Academic Board approve the proposal from the Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences to amend the Graduate Diploma in Art Curating; and approve the amendment to the course resolutions arising from the proposal, with effect from 1 January 2017.

Action

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 Art Curating and update the Course Resolutions in CMS.

10.10 Arts and Social Sciences: Amended Postgraduate Units of Study

This proposal was approved as presented.

Resolution AB2016/7-50

That the Academic Board approve changes to the Unit of Study tables for the Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences, with effect from 1 January 2017, as presented.

Action

Dean and Faculty Manager, Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences, to note the Academic Board's approval of changes to the Unit of Study tables for the Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences and update the tables of units of study in CMS.

10.11 Dentistry: Doctor of Clinical Dentistry – Amended Resolutions

This proposal was approved as presented.

Resolution AB2016/7-51

That the Academic Board approve the proposal from the Faculty of Dentistry to amend the Doctor of Clinical Dentistry; and approve the amendment to the course resolutions arising from the proposal, with effect from 1 January 2017.

Action

Dean and Faculty Manager, Faculty of Dentistry, to note the Academic Board's approval of the proposal to amend the Doctor of Clinical Dentistry and update the Course Resolutions in CMS.

10.12 Dentistry: Doctor of Dental Medicine – Amended Resolutions

This proposal was approved as presented.

Resolution AB2016/7-52

That the Academic Board approve the proposal from the Faculty of Dentistry to amend the Doctor of Dental Medicine; and approve the amendment to the course resolutions arising from the proposal, with effect from 1 January 2017.

Action

Dean and Faculty Manager, Faculty of Dentistry, to note the Academic Board's approval of the proposal to amend the Doctor of Dental Medicine and update the Course Resolutions in CMS.

10.13 Engineering and Information Technologies: Master of Engineering and Master of Professional Engineering – Amended Units of Study

This proposal was approved as presented.

Resolution AB2016/7-53

That the Academic Board approve the proposal from the Faculty of Engineering and Information Technologies to amend the Master of Engineering and Master of Professional Engineering; and approve the amendment of the tables of units of study arising from the proposal, with effect from 1 January 2017.

Action

Dean and Faculty Manager, Faculty of Engineering and Information Technologies, to note the Academic Board's noting of the proposal to amend the Master of Engineering and Master of Professional Engineering and update the Course Resolutions in CMS.

10.14 Engineering and Information Technologies: Master of Project Management – Amended Resolutions and Units of Study

This proposal was approved as presented.

Resolution AB2016/7-54

That the Academic Board approve the proposal from the Faculty of Engineering and Information Technologies to amend the Master of Project Management, Graduate Certificate in Project Management and Graduate Diploma in Project Management; and approve the amendment to the Course Resolutions and the table of units of study arising from the proposal, with effect from 1 January 2017.

Action

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, Graduate Certificate in Project Management and Graduate Diploma in Project Management and update the Course Resolutions and unit of study tables in CMS.

10.15 Education and Social Work: Master of Education (General) – Amended Units of Study

This proposal was approved as presented.

Resolution AB2016/7-55

That the Academic Board approve a proposal to add a mode of delivery for two units of study in the Faculty of Education & Social Work, as presented, with effect from 1 January 2017.

Action

Dean and Faculty Manager, Faculty of Education and Social Work, to note the Academic Board's approval of the proposal to add a mode of delivery for two units of study and update the unit of study table in CMS.

10.16 Science: Graduate Diploma in Psychology – Amended Resolutions

This proposal was approved as presented.

Resolution AB2016/7-56

That the Academic Board approve the proposal from the Faculty of Science to amend the Graduate Diploma in Psychology; and approve the amendment of course resolutions arising from the proposal, with effect from 1 January 2017.

Action

Dean and Faculty Manager, Faculty of Science, to note the Academic Board's approval of the proposal to amend the Graduate Diploma in Psychology and update the Course Resolutions in CMS.

10.17 Science: Master of Clinical Psychology – Amended Resolutions

This proposal was approved as presented.

Resolution AB2016/7-57

That the Academic Board approve the proposal from the Faculty of Science to amend the Master of Clinical Psychology and Master of Clinical Psychology/Doctor of Philosophy; and approve the amendment of course resolutions arising from the proposal, with effect from 1 January 2017.

Action

Dean and Faculty Manager, Faculty of Science, to note the Academic Board's approval of the proposal to amend the Master of Clinical Psychology and Master of Clinical Psychology/Doctor of Philosophy and update the Course Resolutions in CMS.

10.18 Science: Master of Medical Physics – Amended Resolutions

This proposal was approved as presented.

Resolution AB2016/7-58

That the Academic Board approve the proposal from the Faculty of Science to amend the Master of Medical Physics and Graduate Diploma in Medical Physics; and approve the amendment of course resolutions arising from the proposal, with effect from 1 January 2017.

Action

Dean and Faculty Manager, Faculty of Science, to note the Academic Board's approval of the proposal to amend the Master of Medical Physics and Graduate Diploma in Medical Physics and update the Course Resolutions in CMS.

10.19 Science: Master of Veterinary Public Health – Amended Resolutions of Senate

This proposal was approved as presented.

Resolution AB2016/7-59

That the Academic Board approve the proposal from the Faculty of Science to amend the Master of Veterinary Public Health, Graduate Diploma in Veterinary Public Health and Graduate Certificate in Veterinary Public Health; and recommend that Senate approve the amendment of Resolutions of Senate for the Degrees, Diplomas and Certificates of the Faculty of Science, with effect from 1 January 2017.

Action

Dean and Faculty Manager, Faculty of Science, to note the Academic Board's approval of the proposal to amend the Master of Veterinary Public Health, Graduate Diploma in Veterinary Public Health and Graduate Certificate in Veterinary Public Health and update the Senate Resolutions in CMS.

Action

The Chair, Academic Board, to 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 Certificates in the Faculty of Science, with effect from 1 January 2017.

10.20 Science: Bachelor of Veterinary Biology / Doctor of Veterinary Medicine – Amended Resolutions and Units of Study

This proposal was approved as presented.

Resolution AB2016/7-60

That the Academic Board approve the proposal from the Faculty of Science to amend the Bachelor of Veterinary Biology / Doctor of Veterinary Medicine; and approve the amendment of course resolutions and the table of units of study arising from the proposal, with effect from 1 January 2017.

Action

Dean and Faculty Manager, Faculty of Science, to note the Academic Board's approval of the proposal to amend the Bachelor of Veterinary Biology / Doctor of Veterinary Medicine and update the Course Resolutions and table of units of study in CMS.

☆ **10.21 Thesis & Examination of HDR Policy and Procedures 2015 – Amendment of Policy**

The Director of Graduate Research spoke to this proposal, and he advised that the revision of the Policy and Procedures was designed to simplify and shorten the examination process,

especially for examinations for which the examiners were not in agreement. This process currently involves multiple transactions between committees, with significant delays necessitated by procedure. In essence, the proposal calls for the appointment of a Chair of Examination to coordinate every examination from appointment of examiners to outcome, with key decisions retained by the HDR Examinations Sub-Committee of Academic Board.

In discussion, it was argued that the role of the supervisor has been devalued in the proposal, and to address this it was agreed that examiners be appointed by the “chair of examinations on the advice of the supervisor”, and to amend clause 10(2)(b) of the Procedures to read “should normally consult any of...”. It was also agreed to include a time period for communication with the student if a thesis is declined for examination, with the addition of the clause “within one week of the decision being made” to the end of clauses 13(9)(e) and (f) of the Procedures.

This proposal was approved as amended.

Resolution AB2016/7-61

That the Academic Board approve the amendment of the Thesis and Examination of Higher Degrees by Research Policy 2015 and Thesis and Examination of Higher Degree by Research Procedures 2015, as amended, with effect from 16 November 2016.

Action

Executive Officer to promulgate the changes to the Thesis & Examination of HDR Policy 2015 and Thesis & Examination of HDR Procedures 2015, as amended, with the Policy Unit.

☆ **10.22 HDR Scholarship Allocation – New Procedure**

The Director of Graduate Research spoke to this proposal, which outlines a new process for the allocation of HDR scholarships. It will shorten the time taken from application to offer and enable the recruitment of students undertaking research in areas of strategic importance as defined by several measures. The HDR Scholarships Sub-Committee will retain oversight of the conditions and processes of award, and members of the Sub-Committee support the proposal as presented.

In discussion, the matter of strategic alignment was raised and the Board was advised that the HDR Scholarships Sub-Committee will set and monitor the value of *R* (which is the bonus given to applicants in strategically-significant disciplines). This value is likely to be set conservatively at first, then adjusted as comfort is developed with the new allocation procedure. It was also observed that a maximum of 20 per cent of scholarships will be offered strategically, with the remaining 80 per cent to be allocated using the current ranking criteria. There is also provision in the 2017 budget to increase the number of international scholarships.

It was observed that reference should be made to Faculties and University Schools throughout the proposal, and it was agreed that the phrase “fit to faculty needs” should be amended to read “fit with the capability of the faculty to provide quality supervision”.

The proposal was approved as amended.

Resolution AB2016/7-62

That the Academic Board adopt the proposed allocation scheme for HDR scholarships, with effect from 1 January 2017, subject to further consultation with the HDR Scholarships Sub-Committee.

Action

Director, Graduate Research and HDR Scholarships Sub-Committee to note the Academic Board’s approval of the proposal to introduce a new model for awarding HDR scholarships, as amended.

☆ **10.23 Student Recognition Awards Policy 2016 – New Policy**

This proposal was starred as it has been amended following further consultation, as recommended at the previous meeting of the Academic Board.

The revised proposal was approved as presented.

Resolution AB2016/7-63

That the Academic Board approve the adoption of the Student Recognition Awards Policy 2016,

as amended, with effect from 16 November 2016.

Action

Executive Officer to promulgate the changes to the Student Recognition Awards Policy 2016 with the Policy Unit.

11 REPORT OF THE ACADEMIC STANDARDS AND POLICY COMMITTEE

Report of the Chair

☆ **11.1 Simplified End of Semester Examinations Arrangements – Changes to Assessment Procedures 2011**

This item had been starred as it was discussed at the previous meeting and referred back to the Committee for further consultation. This consultation has taken place and a revised version of the proposal was presented for approval. The amendments improve the quality and security of exam management, and enable clearer communication.

The proposal was approved as presented.

Resolution AB2016/7-64

That the Academic Board approve the amendment of the Assessment Procedures 2011 to enable simplified end-of-semester examination arrangements, and adopt the amended procedures, with effect from 1 January 2017.

Action

Executive Officer to promulgate the changes to the Assessment Procedures 2011 with the Policy Unit.

☆ **11.2 Anonymous and De-Identified Marking – Changes to Assessment Procedures 2011**

This item was starred for discussion by Associate Professor Wilkinson, who questioned the ability of the current Learning Management System to manage de-identified group assignments. The Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Education) advised that de-identified marking will only be required where it is feasible, so the requirement may be relaxed for individual pieces of assessment where this is not possible. In discussion, concern was expressed that the resource requirements to enable the proposal have not been adequately assessed, and that anonymous marking would prevent the development of direct relationships between staff and students. Concern was also expressed regarding staff confidence that a student has produced a particular piece of work. Ms Vimalarajah informed members that this initiative had been brought forward by the SRC, and that anonymous marking is already practiced across the Go8 and the University but is not standardised. She observed that the current system places the burden on students to raise concerns regarding equity of marking.

The proposal was approved as presented.

Resolution AB2016/7-65

That the Academic Board approve the amendment of the Assessment Procedures 2011 to enable anonymous and de-identified marking, and adopt the amended procedures, with effect from 1 January 2017.

Action

Executive Officer to promulgate the changes to the Assessment Procedures 2011 with the Policy Unit.

☆ **11.3 Standard Assessment Table in Unit of Study Outlines – Changes to the Assessment Procedures 2011**

This item was starred for discussion because of a perceived lack of clarity regarding some of the definitions of assessment types. The Chair advised that there is nothing in this proposal that is not already embedded in policy, and that he welcomed further discussion to refine the assessment types used by the University.

The proposal was approved as presented.

Resolution AB2016/7-66

That the Academic Board approve the amendment of the Assessment Procedures 2011 and approve the adoption of Schedule 2 to standardise the way assessment is represented, and adopt the amended procedures, with effect from 1 January 2017.

Action

Executive Officer to promulgate the changes to the Assessment Procedures 2011 with the Policy Unit.

12 GENERAL BUSINESS

There being no other business, the meeting closed at 4:32pm.

Remaining Meeting Dates for 2016:

2:00pm – 4:00pm, Wednesday 7 December 2016

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