
ACADEMIC BOARD

2:00 pm, Wednesday 29 June 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 Kristen McKenzie (Arts & Social Sciences); Associate Professor Tim Wilkinson (Engineering & Information Technologies)); Helen Agus (Science); Dr Douglass Auld (Engineering & Information Technologies); Raz Badiyan (Student, Pharmacy); Associate Professor Thomas Balle (Pharmacy); Dr Jeanell Carrigan (Sydney Conservatorium of Music); Associate Professor Rachel Codd (Medicine); Dr Penelope Crossley (Law); Dr Jen Scott Curwood (Education & Social Work); Associate Professor David Easdown (Science); Professor David Emery (Veterinary Science); Andrew Fayad (Student, Health Sciences); Dr Jinlong Gao (Dentistry); Professor Stephen Garton (Acting Vice-Chancellor, *for* Dr Michael Spence); Associate Professor James Glister (Law); Professor Manuel Graeber (Medicine); Thomas Greenwell (President, SUPRA); Associate Professor Thomas Grewal (Pharmacy); Max Hall (Student, Arts & Social Sciences); Professor Gary Halliday (Medicine, *for* Professor Arthur Conigrave); Kylee Hartman-Warren (Nominee, SUPRA); Professor Inam Haq (Medicine); Professor Duncan Ivison (Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Research)); Professor Annamarie Jagose (Arts & Social Sciences, *for* Professor Barbara Caine); Dr Nerida Jarkey (Arts & Social Sciences); Christian Jones (President, SUPRA); Associate Professor Chengwang Lei (Engineering & Information Technologies); Professor David Lowe (Engineering & Information Technologies); Professor Diane Mayer (Dean, Education & Social Work); Associate Professor Susan McGrath-Champ (Business School); Dr Lenka Munoz (Medicine); Professor Pip Pattison (Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Education)); Professor Iqbal Ramzan (Dean, Pharmacy); Professor Kathy Refshauge (Dean, Health Sciences); Professor Joellen Riley (Dean, Law); Angela Rose (Student, Education & Social Work); Dr Carl Schneider (Pharmacy); Professor Balwant Singh (Agriculture & Environment); Chloe Smith (President, SRC); Lillian So (Student, Business School); Dr Ilektra Spandagou (Education & Social Work); Philippa Specker (Student, Science); Professor Roger Stancliffe (Health Sciences); Associate Professor Marjorie Valix (Engineering & Information Technologies); Subeta Vimalarajah (Nominee, SRC); Professor Donna Waters (Dean, Nursing & Midwifery); and Professor Henry Woo (Medicine).

Attendees: Matthew Charet (Executive Officer); Dylan Griffiths (SCA Student); David Pacey (Secretary to Senate); Lynda Rose (Office of the Provost); and Tamara Voninski (SCA Student).

Apologies: The Vice-Chancellor (Dr Michael Spence); Associate Professor Judy Anderson (Education & Social Work); Anne Bell (Director of University Libraries); Associate Professor Tina Bell (Agriculture & Environment); Professor Kathy Belov (Pro Vice-Chancellor (Global Engagement)); Dr Jacqueline Bloomfield (Nursing & Midwifery); Professor Patrick Brennan (Health Sciences); 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 Alex Chaves (Veterinary Science); Associate Professor Ross Coleman (Director of Graduate Research); Professor Arthur Conigrave (Acting Dean, Medicine); Dr Emily Crawford (Law); Dean Cross (Student, Sydney College of the Arts); Associate Professor Ann Elias (Sydney College of the Arts); Professor Alan Fekete (Engineering & Information Technologies); Professor Trevor Hambley (Dean, Science); Dr Anne Honey (Health Sciences); Professor Shane Houston (Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Indigenous Strategy and Services)); Professor Archie Johnston (Dean, Engineering & Information Technologies); Patty Kamvounias (Business School); Dana Kolsky (Student, Veterinary Science); Dr Alan Maddox (Sydney Conservatorium of Music); Professor Robyn McConchie (Agriculture & Environment); Associate Professor Mark McEntee (Health Sciences); Associate Professor John O'Byrne (Science); Dr Rhonda Orr (Health Sciences); Associate Professor Susan Park (Arts & Social Sciences); Associate Professor Mary Peat (Business School); Professor Chris Peck (Dean, Dentistry); Associate Professor Neal Peres da Costa (Sydney Conservatorium of Music); Professor John Redmond (Dean, Architecture, Design & Planning); Professor Anna Reid (Acting Dean, Sydney Conservatorium of Music); Isobella Revell (Student, Agriculture and Environment); Oliver Smith (Sydney College of the Arts); Dr Rebecca Suter (Arts & Social Sciences); Associate Professor Catherine Sutton-Brady (Business School); Associate Professor Charlotte Taylor (Science); Professor Rosanne Taylor (Dean, Veterinary Science); Professor Greg Tolhurst (Law); Justin Trendall (Sydney College of the Arts); Associate Professor Graham White (Arts & Social Sciences); and Dr Peter White (Veterinary Science).

MINUTES

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

☆ 1 **WELCOME AND APOLOGIES**

The Chair opened the meeting by welcoming members and noting the apologies received, asking that any further apologies be communicated to the Executive Officer.

☆ 2 **PROCEDURAL MATTERS**

2.1 **Starring of agenda and adoption of unstarred items**

The following items were starred: 10.3, 10.10, 11.1, 11.2.

Resolution AB2016/4-1

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

2.2 **Minutes of Meeting 2016/3, 18 May 2016**

Members confirmed the minutes of the last meeting held on 18 May 2016.

Resolution AB2016/4-2

That the Academic Board resolve that the minutes of meeting 2016/3, held on 18 May 2016, be confirmed as a true record.

2.3 **Business Arising: Sydney Medical School – Bachelor of Medicine/Bachelor of Surgery and the Doctor of Medicine**

The Board was asked to note that the version of the amended Course Resolutions for the Bachelor of Medicine/Bachelor of Surgery and the Doctor of Medicine, as presented and approved at the meeting of 18 May, were incorrect. A corrected version (as approved at the 27 April meetings of the Undergraduate and Graduate Studies Committees) was presented and noted.

Resolution AB2016/4-3

That the Academic Board note the correct version of the amendments to course resolutions for the Bachelor of Medicine/Bachelor of Surgery and the Doctor of Medicine, the introduction of which was approved at the meeting of 18 May 2016.

Action:

The Dean and Faculty Manager, Sydney Medical School, to note the Academic Board's amendment of the resolution made at its meeting of 18 May to amend the Course Resolutions for the Bachelor of Medicine/Bachelor of Surgery and the Doctor of Medicine and update the resolutions in CMS.

☆ 3 **STRATEGIC ITEMS OF BUSINESS**

3.1 **Focus Topic: The University of Sydney Education and Research Innovation Week – 24-28 October 2016**

Professors Ivison and Pattison informed members of The University of Sydney Education and Research Innovation Week, scheduled from 24-28 October 2016. Professor Ivison advised that the purpose of the event is to highlight and showcase the extraordinary teaching and research undertaken at the University and a number of marquee events are being organised at both institutional and local level, some of which will include external partners. Faculties and Schools are also being encouraged to develop creative ways of telling others about the work they undertake.

Members were advised that new University awards for academic and professional staff – as foreshadowed in the Strategic Plan – will also be launched during this week with an event in MacLaurin Hall. These awards will recognise excellence in teaching, research and community engagement for all staff, including early- and mid-career academics and professional staff, via a peer nomination process. The drafting of award criteria is currently underway.

Resolution AB2016/4-4

That the Academic Board note the presentation by the Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Education) and Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Research) on The University of Sydney Education and Research Innovation Week – 24-28 October 2016.

☆ 4 **REPORT OF THE CHAIR**

4.1 Academic Board Review – Terms of Reference

The Chair drew the attention of members to the Terms of Reference for an external review of the Board, which are to be presented to Senate for endorsement at its meeting of 4 July. He advised that the last external review of the Board took place in 2001 so another review is timely. The review schedule has been developed with the timelines for the 2017 election of staff and student members of the Board in mind, for terms of office to commence in 2018. It is anticipated that the review panel will be small and external participants are currently being sought who are familiar with the operation of university Senates and Academic Boards. Members were also informed that individual and collective input into the review will be invited. As well as seeking Senate endorsement for the review itself, Senate will also be asked to support transitional provisions to ensure ongoing staff and student representation from faculties affected by the changes to the University's structure through 2017. Any changes to the constitution of the Board that may emerge from the review will be brought to the Board for discussion and endorsement before presentation to Senate prior to the election of staff and student representatives for the 2018 term. To reflect the transitional provisions, faculties will shortly be advised that the election of student members to faculties for the 2017 term will therefore take place as usual in this year, with the election process to commence on 1 August.

In discussion, Ms Hartman-Warren asked that continuity of student representation be added to the preamble of the proposal to be submitted to Senate.

The scope, Terms of Reference and timing of the external review of the Academic Board were endorsed as presented, for recommendation to Senate.

Resolution AB2016/4-5

That the Academic Board recommend to Senate the approval of the scope, Terms of Reference and timeline to conduct an external review of the Academic Board.

Action:

The Chair, Academic Board to present the scope, Terms of Reference and timelines for the Academic Board Review to Senate.

4.2 Equity and Diversity Working Group – Update

The Chair advised that further to the written report which highlights the action being undertaken, the work of the Equity and Diversity Working Group is continuing and the Board will receive further updates.

Resolution AB2016/4-6

The Academic Board noted recent activity and upcoming action relating to the work of the Academic Board and its Standing Committees.

4.3 General Report

Further to the written report, the Chair provided further information on several items:

NSW Committee of Chairs of Academic Boards: Members were advised that at the 1 June meeting of the NSW Committee of Chairs of Academic Boards, the Chair of the NSW Vice-Chancellor's Committee Technical Committee on Scaling of the 2015 HSC made special mention of the University's introduction of HSC Mathematics as a prerequisite for 61 degrees, noting that it is "a game changer" which has already influencing behaviour, for example, a significant increase in the number of secondary Maths teachers participating in training to be able to teach the relevant HSC Mathematics. It is also hoped that the University's requirement will positively address the significant gender imbalance in students undertaking HSC Mathematics.

Simplification of Examinations Working Group: In response to a proposal from the Registrar to simplify examination processes, a working group was established chaired by Professor Susan McGrath-Champ to more closely examine the proposal. This group has met and provided

feedback to the Registrar on the proposed changes.

2018 TEQSA Re-Registration: The Board was advised that the University will need to re-register with TEQSA in 2018, and that the process is likely to entail a detailed review of seven of our degree programs. A working group has been convened to ensure that the University is suitably prepared.

Other items in the General Report were noted as presented.

Resolution AB2016/4-7

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

4.4 Student Members' Report

Ms Smith spoke to the written report and provided a verbal update on the following matters:

Sexual Harassment Policy – A follow-up meeting between the Director, Student Support Services, and students is scheduled for Friday 1 July to implement the policy and agree on how students might be involved. Events are also being planned around safety on campus.

Anonymous Marking – The ASPC's support of anonymous marking was noted.

Simple Extensions – Members were informed that there is confusion regarding the implementation of simple extensions and students would welcome an opportunity to revisit the process before the start of Semester 2.

Special Consideration – Members were informed that students have reported a number of concerns to the SRC and SUPRA regarding Special Consideration procedures, relating to the specific requirements for supporting documentation, lack of flexibility in academic decision making, interaction with Disability Services, and delay in resolution of appeals. A Post-Implementation Review (PIR) is to take place shortly and students would welcome involvement in this.

New SUPRA Executive – The Board was advised of the new SUPRA executive, who will assume office from 1 July.

Sydney College of the Arts – Members were advised that a forum was held at SCA on Friday 24 June at which students discussed their concerns following the recent announcement of the proposed transfer of SCA to the University of New South Wales. Facilities, resources and the availability of courses are key concerns, and the lack of transparency and consultation with students and staff prior to the announcement were also criticised. Further discussion is planned with the Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Registrar) on Thursday 30 June to further explore these issues.

Ms Hartman-Warren, herself a PhD candidate at the SCA, observed that the loss of SCA to the University would represent the end of studio-based art practice and research in Australia. The potential loss of facilities and access to expertise at both SCA and in other disciplines across the University community was also highlighted as being significantly at risk.

Ms Voninski, a current PhD candidate at SCA, joined the meeting and informed members that closure of the SCA will have a major impact on her candidature and possibly the completion of her degree. The possible loss of end-of-candidature exhibition facilities was raised, as well as the uncertainty of continuity of supervision and access to facilities that are currently available at Callan Park. Mr Griffiths, SRC Education Officer and a student at the SCA, also conveyed student concern at the significant impact of the proposed changes, including to student accommodation and disability access.

The Chair thanked Ms Voninski and Mr Griffiths for their contributions and advised that he is cognisant of these concerns and understands that the current intention is to permit current Sydney students to complete the degree in which they are enrolled, and that the Academic Board would continue to retain oversight over the maintenance of quality of teaching and research. The issues raised would be communicated to Senate at its meeting on 4 July.

This discussion was continued under Items 5.1 and 6, below.

Ms Hartman-Warren advised that this meeting is Christian Jones' last meeting as President of SUPRA and his contribution to the University community was acknowledged by acclamation. The Chair also advised that this is Ms Hartman-Warren's final meeting and her significant contribution

to the work of the Board as also acknowledged by acclamation.

Resolution AB2016/4-8

That the Academic Board note the report of the student members of the Academic Board on Sexual Harassment Policy, Anonymous Marking, Simple Extensions, Special Consideration, the New SUPRA Executive and the Sydney College of the Arts.

4.5 Honours and Distinctions

The Board was joined by Professors Marian Baird and David Le Couteur, the inclusion of whom in the Queen's Birthday Honours was recognised by acclamation. Other honours and distinctions were noted as presented.

Resolution AB2016/4-9

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

Action:

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

☆ 5 **REPORT OF THE ACTING VICE-CHANCELLOR**

5.1 Report of the Acting Vice-Chancellor

The Acting Vice-Chancellor, Professor Garton, advised that there had been no meeting of Senate since the previous meeting of the Academic Board, and hence no Report of Senate. In lieu of a Senate Report, Professor Garton instead commented on the SCA proposal raised in the previous agenda item (Item 4.4), observing that the concerns raised by the student representatives on the Board were understandable and entirely appropriate.

Professor Garton advised members that the University has been discussing the future of the SCA for five years, with a focus on facilities and services and the College's financial underpinnings. Members were advised that the SCA's budget deficit is the highest per capita in the University, at approximately \$5.5M per annum, and is underpinned by a steady decline in enrolments of approximately 20 per cent over the last five years. The physical location of the SCA in Rozelle also presents challenges, including upkeep of heritage buildings and a large footprint per student (resulting in high space usage charges to the Faculty under the UEM). The lack of easy transport connection between SCA and the Camperdown/Darlington campuses, despite the operation of a University bus system between the two, also hinders the enrolment of students from main campus in units of study taught at SCA, further impacting on potential enrolment load.

To address these issues, a conversation has been ongoing with the National Art School and UNSW, initially brokered by staff from the SCA, regarding how all three institutions could best ensure sustainability and the development of world-class facilities into the future. The possibility of creating a single institution was actually first raised in a 1985 report of the NSW Government, so it is not a new idea.

After providing the above background, Professor Garton directly addressed the concerns raised by the student representatives in Item 4.4 above. He advised that discussions regarding the proposed merger have been ongoing at a faculty level for some time, and the difficulty of consulting more broadly in the absence of a proposal on which to consult was noted. Now that a proposal has been formulated, consultation has become possible and is now underway.

The current agreement is to "negotiate in good faith to achieve a good outcome", and there is no certainty that the merger will happen. The University is working to resolve the current uncertainty as quickly as possible and if the current negotiations do not bear fruit, the SCA will remain a part of the University as a school within the Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences. In either case, it is not sustainable for the SCA to remain at Rozelle and a change of location will therefore be necessary. The continuing decline in student enrolments is also likely to necessitate a decrease in staff numbers should the SCA remain at Sydney.

Should the merger take place, current University students will have the option of completing their degree and being awarded a qualification from the University of Sydney, or of opting to transfer candidature to UNSW and being awarded a UNSW qualification on completion. Due to resourcing

constraints, students enrolled in the Master of Moving Image program will remain with Sydney until further notice, and there is an ongoing conversation to find a suitable location for this program. Supervision of HDR students will also transfer to UNSW for those students whose supervisor transfers to UNSW. For all other HDR students the University will put in place appropriate supervision and facilities provisions to ensure that they can complete their studies in a reasonable time frame. The University has a commitment to work with individual PhD students to determine appropriate supervisory arrangements for the duration of their candidature. There is no expectation that students will need to self-fund their end-of-candidature exhibition.

The future of professional (and especially technical) staff is currently being worked through as part of the discussions with UNSW.

The discussion was continued under Item 6 Question Time.

Resolution AB2016/4-10

That the Academic Board note the report presented by the Acting Vice-Chancellor.

☆ 6 **QUESTION TIME**

The Acting Vice-Chancellor and the Chair of the Academic Board invited questions arising from their reports.

Mr Griffiths asserted that consultation on the SCA proposal did not represent a dialogue; rather, it was a developed plan that has been conveyed to students and that opportunities exist to further develop SCA at the current site, including improved inter-campus transport, better marketing of SCA programs and increase the available facilities to attract more students. The presentation of broad proposals with little detail also attracted comment.

The criticality of ensuring continuity of HDR student supervision was raised, and Professor Garton reiterated that this is understood and will be looked at on a case-by-case basis. Professor Garton also reiterated that the SCA is currently challenged financially and a fundamental driver behind the current proposal is a steady decline in student enrolment, with numbers falling consistently over the last five years despite a number of central marketing campaigns designed to arrest this. This, combined with the excessive cost of maintaining Callan Park, necessitates action. The question moving forward is how best to ensure a robust visual arts curriculum and practice in New South Wales, and the best opportunity for all concerned seems to be as a single institution rather than as separate, smaller facilities. Ms Hartman-Warren asked whether data confirming the financial position of the SCA could be made available, specifically the costs associated with maintaining Callan Park and how SCA compares with other segments of the University; Professor Garton undertook to provide these data.

It was observed that there is an opportunity for the University to provide leadership in the Arts, and Professor Garton advised that the University has and will maintain a long-term commitment to the visual arts through the Power Institute, a new museum and other initiatives.

Ms Voninski expressed concern regarding the future availability of studio space, observing that students cannot afford to rent additional space in which to undertake their work. Professor Garton advised that UNSW has confirmed that they have sufficient space to accommodate all undergraduate and some HDR students from SCA and that the University will continue to make space available until any remaining HDR students have completed their work. If the merger with UNSW does not proceed, the alternative is for SCA to move to the Camperdown Campus, and this will also necessitate a reduction in space available for student work so some change is inevitable as the current position is unsustainable.

Ms Specker requested that a student consultative committee be established and undertook to email Professor Garton to assist in setting this up.

The Chair informed members that the Board has approved previous proposals for students to be co-taught by another institution so there is precedent to this arrangement, and that students currently enrolled at Sydney who elect to do so will continue to be students of the University.

7 **REPORTS FROM FACULTIES**

7.1 **Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences: Amendment to Constitution**

This proposal was approved without comment.

Resolution AB2016/4-11

That the Academic Board endorse the proposal from the Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences to amend the faculty constitution and resolved to recommend that Senate approve the amendment of the Resolutions of Senate related to the Constitution of the Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences with effect from 5 July 2016.

Action

The Chair, Academic Board to recommend that Senate approve the amendment of the Resolutions of Senate related to the Constitution of the Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences, with immediate effect.

Action

The Dean and Faculty Manager of the Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences to note the Academic Board's approval of the amendment to constitution and update the Constitution in CMS.

8 REPORT OF THE ADMISSIONS COMMITTEE



Report of the Chair

Associate Professor Wilkinson advised that he had nothing further to add to the written report.

8.1 Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences: Master of Applied Linguistics

This proposal was approved without comment.

Resolution AB2016/4-12

The Academic Board approved approve the proposal from the Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences to amend the Graduate Certificate in Applied Linguistics, Graduate Diploma in Applied Linguistics and Master of Applied Linguistics, and approve changes to the degree resolutions arising from this proposal, with effect from 1 January 2017, as 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 admission criteria for the Graduate Certificate in Applied Linguistics, Graduate Diploma in Applied Linguistics and Master of Applied Linguistics, and update the course resolutions in CMS.

8.2 Sydney Medical School: Doctor of Medicine combined degrees

This proposal was approved without comment.

Resolution AB2016/4-13

The Academic Board approved the proposal from the Sydney Medical School and partner faculties to amend the Bachelor of Commerce and Doctor of Medicine, Bachelor of Economics and Doctor of Medicine, Bachelor of Music Studies and Doctor of Medicine, Bachelor of Science (Advanced) and Doctor of Medicine, and Bachelor of Medical Science and Doctor of Medicine combined degree programs, and approved the amendment of the schedule of Postgraduate English Language Requirements arising from this proposal, with effect from 1 January 2017, as presented.

Action

The Dean and Faculty Manager, Sydney Medical School, to note the Academic Board's approval of the proposal to amend the English language requirements for admission to the Doctor of Medicine combined degrees, including the Bachelor of Commerce and Doctor of Medicine, Bachelor of Economics and Doctor of Medicine, Bachelor of Music Studies and Doctor of Medicine, Bachelor of Science (Advanced) and Doctor of Medicine, and Bachelor of Medical Science and Doctor of Medicine.

Action

The Executive Officer to update the schedule of Postgraduate English Language Requirements.

Resolution AB2016/4-14

That the Academic Board note the report of the Admissions Committee meeting held by circulation on 8 June and 20 June 2016 and note the approval by the Admissions Committee of amendments to admission requirements to introduce additional essay requirements for US Admissions tests and new UAC Schedules for 2017 Admissions.

9 REPORT OF THE UNDERGRADUATE STUDIES COMMITTEE



Report of the Chair

Associate Professor Davis advised that she had nothing further to add to the written report.

9.1 **Faculty of Engineering and IT: Bachelor of Engineering (Honours) Mechanical Engineering Stream**

This proposal was approved without comment.

Resolution AB2016/4-15

The Academic Board approved the proposal from the Faculty of Engineering and IT to amend the Bachelor of Engineering Honours Mechanical Engineering stream and the course resolutions' units of study table arising from the proposal, with effect from 1 January 2017.

Action

The Dean and Faculty Manager, Faculty of Engineering and IT, to note the Academic Board's approval of the proposal to amend the Bachelor of Engineering Honours Mechanical Engineering stream and update the course resolutions in CMS.

9.2 **Sydney Law School: Bachelor of Laws**

This proposal was approved without comment.

Resolution AB2016/4-16

The Academic Board approved the proposal from the Sydney Law School to amend the Bachelor of Laws and amend the course resolutions' units of study table arising from the proposal, with effect from 1 January 2017.

Action

The Dean and Faculty Manager, Sydney Law School, to note the Academic Board's approval of the proposal to amend the Bachelor of Laws and update the course resolutions in CMS.

9.3 **Sydney Law School: Amendment to Faculty of Law coursework assessment guidelines**

This proposal was approved without comment.

Resolution AB2016/4-17

The Academic Board approved the proposal from the Sydney Law School to amend the Faculty of Law coursework assessment guidelines in the Resolutions of the Faculty of Law for Coursework Awards arising from the proposal, effective immediately.

Action

The Dean and Faculty Manager, Sydney Law School to note the Academic Board's approval of the proposal to amend the Faculty of Law coursework assessment guidelines in the Resolutions of the Faculty of Law for Coursework Awards and update the Faculty Resolutions in CMS.

9.4 **Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences: Change to FASS Honours Provisions**

This proposal was approved without comment.

Resolution AB2016/4-18

The Academic Board approved the proposal from the Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences to amend the Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences – Honours Provisions 2014, with effect from 1 January 2017.

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 Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences – Honours Provisions 2014, with effect from 1 January 2017 and update the Resolutions in CMS.

9.5 **Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences: Deletion of World Religions major**

This proposal was approved without comment.

Resolution AB2016/4-19

The Academic Board approved the proposal from the Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences to delete the World Religions major and amend the Resolutions of the Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences

for Coursework Awards arising from the proposal, with effect from 1 January 2017.

Action

The Dean and Faculty Manager, Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences to note the Academic Board's approval of the proposal to delete the World Religions major and update the Resolutions of the Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences for Coursework Awards in CMS.

9.6 Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences: Merge of two majors- Biblical Studies and Hebrew (Classical)

This proposal was approved without comment.

Resolution AB2016/4-20

The Academic Board approved the proposal from the Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences to merge two majors – Biblical Studies and Hebrew (Classical), with effect from 1 January 2017.

Action

The Dean and Faculty Manager, Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences, to note the Academic Board's approval of the proposal to merge the majors in Biblical Studies and Hebrew (Classical) and update the Resolutions of the Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences for Coursework Awards in CMS.

9.7 Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences: Economics combined degree (correction to the resolutions)

This proposal was approved without comment.

Resolution AB2016/4-21

The Academic Board approved the proposal from the Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences to amend the resolutions of the Bachelor of Economics combined degrees to include the five majors offered by the School of Economics, effective immediately.

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 resolutions of the Bachelor of Economics combined degrees to include the five majors offered by the School of Economics, and update the resolutions in CMS.

9.8 Sydney Nursing School: Changes to the UoS table Bachelor of Nursing (Advanced Studies)

This proposal was approved without comment.

Resolution AB2016/4-22

The Academic Board approved the proposal from the Sydney Nursing School to amend the study pattern for the Bachelor of Nursing (Advanced Studies), with effect from 1 January 2017.

Action

The Dean and Faculty Manager, Sydney Nursing School, to note the Academic Board's approval of the proposal to amend the study pattern for the Bachelor of Nursing (Advanced Studies) and update the resolutions in CMS.

9.9 Faculty of Health Sciences: Bachelor of Applied Science (Diagnostic Radiography)

This proposal was approved without comment.

Resolution AB2016/4-23

The Academic Board approved the proposal from the Faculty of Health Sciences to amend the course resolutions' units of study table for the Bachelor of Applied Science (Diagnostic Radiography) Pass and Honours, with effect from 1 January 2017.

Action

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

9.10 Faculty of Health Sciences: Changes to Undergraduate electives list

This proposal was approved without comment.

Resolution AB2016/4-24

The Academic Board approved the proposal from the Faculty of Health Sciences to include a new elective in the Faculty of Health Sciences undergraduate electives list, with effect from 1 January 2017.

Action

The Dean and Faculty Manager, Faculty of Health Sciences, to note the Academic Board's approval of the proposal to include a new elective in the Faculty of Health Sciences undergraduate electives list.

9.11 Faculty of Health Sciences: Change to Bachelor of Health Sciences table of Senior Research Units

This proposal was approved without comment.

Resolution AB2016/4-25

The Academic Board approved the proposal from the Faculty of Health Sciences to amend the Bachelor of Health Sciences units of study table, with effect from 1 January 2017.

Action

The Dean and Faculty Manager, Faculty of Health Sciences, to note the Academic Board's approval of the proposal to amend the Bachelor of Health Sciences units of study table.

10 REPORT OF THE GRADUATE STUDIES COMMITTEE



Report of the Chair

Associate Professor McKenzie advised that she had nothing further to add to the written report.

10.1 Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences: Master of Human Rights and Democratisation (course deletion)

This proposal was approved without comment.

Resolution AB2016/4-26

The Academic Board approved the proposal from the Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences to delete the Master of Human Rights and Democratisation (Asia Pacific Regional Program); approved the deletion of Course Resolutions arising from this proposal; and 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 Arts and Social Sciences, with immediate effect.

Action

The Dean and Faculty Manager, Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences, to note the Academic Board's approval of the proposal to delete the Master of Human Rights and Democratisation and delete the course resolutions in CMS.

Action

The Chair, Academic Board, to recommend that Senate approve the amendment of the Resolutions of Senate related to the Degrees, Diplomas and Certificates in the Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences with effect from 1 January 2017

10.2 Medical School: Master of Medicine, Master of Science in Medicine – Internal Medicine Stream

This proposal was approved without comment.

Resolution AB2016/4-27

The Academic Board approved the proposal from Sydney Medical School to amend the Master of Medicine, Master of Medicine (Advanced), Master of Science in Medicine, Master of Science in Medicine (Advanced), Graduate Diploma in Medicine, Graduate Diploma in Science in Medicine, Graduate Certificate in Medicine and Graduate Certificate in Science in Medicine to introduce a stream in Internal Medicine; approved the amendment of the course resolutions arising from this proposal; and 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 Sydney Medical School, with effect from 1 January 2017.

Action

The Dean and Faculty Manager, Sydney Medical School, to note the Academic Board's approval of the proposal to amend the Master of Medicine, Master of Medicine (Advanced), Master of Science in Medicine, Master of Science in Medicine (Advanced), Graduate Diploma in Medicine, Graduate Diploma in Science in Medicine, Graduate Certificate in Medicine and Graduate Certificate in Science in Medicine, and update the course resolutions in CMS.

Action

The Chair, Academic Board, to recommend that Senate approve the amendment of the Resolutions of Senate related to the Constitution of the Faculty of Medicine, with immediate effect.

☆ 10.3

Medical School: Master of Medicine, Master of Science in Medicine – Pharmaceutical and Medical Device Development Stream

Professor Ramzan asked that this item be starred and expressed concern at the consultation process regarding this proposal, inviting broader consultation with the Faculty of Pharmacy. A representative from Medicine advised that attempts had been made to contact the Associate Dean in Pharmacy but they had been unable to do so. In lieu of direct consultation, the faculty had assessed the programs offered in Pharmacy and saw no overlap in curriculum. They also noted that the intended cohort of students is different. Observing that consultation is vitally important, the Chair suggested that a small group from Pharmacy and Medicine discuss whether there are impediments to approve the proposal. Subject to completion of this consultation and support from Pharmacy, the proposal was provisionally approved as presented.

[Note: This consultation subsequently took place and Pharmacy endorsed the proposal, subject to closer consultation of the Faculty of Pharmacy in the development of the teaching program.]

Resolution AB2016/4-28

The Academic Board approved the proposal from Sydney Medical School to amend the Master of Medicine, Master of Medicine (Advanced), Master of Science in Medicine, Master of Science in Medicine (Advanced), Graduate Diploma in Medicine, Graduate Diploma in Science in Medicine, Graduate Certificate in Medicine and Graduate Certificate in Science in Medicine to introduce a stream in Pharmaceutical & Medical Device Development; approved the amendment of the course resolutions arising from this proposal; and 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 Sydney Medical School, with effect from 1 January 2017.

Action

The Dean and Faculty Manager, Sydney Medical School, to note the Academic Board's approval of the proposal to amend the Master of Medicine, Master of Medicine (Advanced), Master of Science in Medicine, Master of Science in Medicine (Advanced), Graduate Diploma in Medicine, Graduate Diploma in Science in Medicine, Graduate Certificate in Medicine and Graduate Certificate in Science in Medicine, and update the course resolutions in CMS.

Action

The Chair, Academic Board, to recommend that Senate approve the amendment of the Resolutions of Senate related to the Constitution of the Faculty of Medicine, with immediate effect.

10.4 **Business School: Master of Commerce – Amended Units of Study**

This proposal was approved without comment.

Resolution AB2016/4-29

The Academic Board approved the proposal from the University of Sydney Business School to amend the Master of Commerce, Graduate Diploma in Commerce and Graduate Certificate in Commerce; approved the amendment of the Course Resolutions arising from the proposal; and approved the amendment of the table of Units of Study arising from the proposal, with effect from 1 January 2017.

Action

The Dean and Faculty Manager, Business School, to note the Academic Board's approval of the proposal to amend the Master of Commerce, Graduate Diploma in Commerce and Graduate Certificate in Commerce and update the course resolutions in CMS.

10.5 **Business School: Master of Commerce, Master of Human Resource Management and Industrial Relations, Master of International Business, Master of Logistics and Supply Chain**

Management, Master of Marketing, Master of Professional Accounting, Master of Transport Management – Admission Criteria

This proposal was approved without comment.

Resolution AB2016/4-30

The Academic Board approved the proposal from the University of Sydney Business School to amend the admission criteria for the Master of Commerce, Master of Human Resource Management and Industrial Relations, Master of International Business, Master of Logistics and Supply Chain Management, Master of Marketing, Master of Professional Accounting and Master of Transport Management; and approved the amendment of the Course Resolutions arising from the proposal, with effect from 1 January 2017.

Action

The Dean and Faculty Manager, Business School, to note the Academic Board's approval of the proposal to amend the admission criteria for the Master of Commerce, Master of Human Resource Management and Industrial Relations, Master of International Business, Master of Logistics and Supply Chain Management, Master of Marketing, Master of Professional Accounting and Master of Transport Management; and update the Course Resolutions in CMS.

10.6 Business School: Master of Human Resource Management & Industrial Relations and related programs – Amended Units of Study

This proposal was approved without comment.

Resolution AB2016/4-31

The Academic Board approved the proposal from the University of Sydney Business School to amend the Master of Human Resource Management & Industrial Relations and embedded programs; and approved the amendment of the table of Units of Study arising from the proposal, with effect from 1 January 2017.

Action

The Dean and Faculty Manager, Business School, to note the Academic Board's approval of the proposal to amend the Master of Human Resource Management & Industrial Relations and embedded programs.

10.7 Business School: Master of Professional Accounting – Amended Units of Study

This proposal was approved without comment.

Resolution AB2016/4-32

The Academic Board approved the proposal from the University of Sydney Business School to amend the Master of Professional Accounting; and approved the amendment of the table of Units of Study arising from the proposal, with effect from 1 January 2017.

Action

The Dean and Faculty Manager, Business School, to note the Academic Board's approval of the proposal to amend the Master of Professional Accounting.

10.8 Business School: Master of Logistics and Supply Chain Management – Amended Units of Study

This proposal was approved without comment.

Resolution AB2016/4-33

The Academic Board approved the proposal from the University of Sydney Business School to amend the Master of Logistics and Supply Chain Management, Graduate Diploma in Logistics and Supply Chain Management and Graduate Certificate in Logistics and Supply Chain Management; approve the amendment of the Course Resolutions arising from the proposal; and approved the amendment of the table of Units of Study arising from the proposal, with effect from 1 January 2017.

Action

The Dean and Faculty Manager, Business School, to note the Academic Board's approval of the proposal to amend the Master of Logistics and Supply Chain Management, Graduate Diploma in Logistics and Supply Chain Management and Graduate Certificate in Logistics and Supply Chain Management, and update the course resolutions in CMS

10.9 Education and Social Work: Master of Learning Sciences and Technology (Professional) – Capstone Requirements

This proposal was approved without comment.

Resolution AB2016/4-34

The Academic Board approved the proposal from the Faculty of Education and Social Work to amend the Master of Learning Sciences and Technology (Professional); and approved the amendment of the Course Resolutions arising from the proposal, with effect from 1 January 2017.

Action

The Dean and Faculty Manager, Faculty of Education and Social Work, to note the Academic Board's approval of the proposal to amend the capstone requirements for the Master of Learning Sciences and Technology (Professional), and update the course resolutions in CMS.

☆ **10.10 Engineering and IT: Master of Engineering – Reduction in the Volume of Learning (RVL)**

This item was starred at the beginning of the meeting to advise that a minor change to the table of Units of Study as presented is needed so align the table with the changes to the Course Resolutions, requiring completion of 24 credit points of specialist units. The Board noted this change and the proposal was approved as amended.

Resolution AB2016/4-35

The Academic Board approved the proposal from the Faculty of Engineering and Information Technologies to amend the Master of Engineering; and approved the amendment of the Course Resolutions arising from the proposal, with effect from 1 January 2017.

Action

The Dean and Faculty Manager, Faculty of Engineering and IT, to note the Academic Board's approval of the proposal to amend the requirements for Reduction in the Volume of Learning (RVL) in the Master of Engineering, and update the course resolutions in CMS.

10.11 Engineering and IT: Master of Engineering and Master of Professional Engineering – Amended Units of Study

This proposal was approved without comment.

Resolution AB2016/4-36

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

Action

The Dean and Faculty Manager, Faculty of Engineering and IT, to note the Academic Board's approval of the proposal to amend specialist and elective units of study in the Master of Engineering Civil stream, Master of Engineering Fluids stream, Master of Professional Engineering Civil stream, Master of Professional Engineering Fluids stream and Master of Professional Engineering Geomechanical stream, and update the unit of study tables in CMS.

10.12 Engineering and IT: Master of Data Science – Amended Units of Study

This proposal was approved without comment.

Resolution AB2016/4-37

The Academic Board approved the proposal from the Faculty of Engineering and Information Technologies to amend the Master of Data Science; and approved the amendment of the tables of units of study arising from the proposal, with effect from 1 January 2017.

Action

The Dean and Faculty Manager, Faculty of Engineering and IT, to note the Academic Board's approval of the proposal to remove the project unit COMP5706 IT Industry Placement Project from the Master of Data Science, and update the unit of study table in CMS.

10.13 Engineering and IT: Master of Health Technology Innovation – Amended Units of Study

This proposal was approved without comment.

Resolution AB2016/4-38

The Academic Board approved the proposal from the Faculty of Engineering and Information Technologies to amend the Master of Health Technology Innovation; and approved the amendment of the tables of units of study arising from the proposal, with effect from 1 January 2017.

Action

The Dean and Faculty Manager, Faculty of Engineering and IT, to note the Academic Board's approval of the proposal to amend foundational units of study in the Master of Health Technology Innovation, and update the unit of study table in CMS.

10.14 Engineering and IT: Master of Information Technology – Amended Units of Study

This proposal was approved without comment.

Resolution AB2016/4-39

The Academic Board approved the proposal from the Faculty of Engineering and Information Technologies to amend the Master of Information Technology, Master of Information Technology Management, Master of Information Technology / Master of Information Technology Management and Graduate Diploma in Computing; and approved the amendment of the tables of units of study arising from the proposal, with effect from 1 January 2017.

Action

The Dean and Faculty Manager, Faculty of Engineering and IT, to note the Academic Board's approval of the proposal to amend the Master of Information Technology, Master of Information Technology Management, Master of Information Technology / Master of Information Technology Management and Graduate Diploma in Computing, and update the course resolutions and unit of study tables in CMS.

10.15 Health Sciences: Master of Diagnostic Radiography – Capstone Unit of Study

This proposal was approved without comment.

Resolution AB2016/4-40

The Academic Board approved the proposal from the Faculty of Health Sciences to amend the Master of Diagnostic Radiography; approve the amendment of the Course Resolutions arising from the proposal; and approved the amendment of the table of units of study arising from the proposal, with effect from 1 January 2017.

Action

The Dean and Faculty Manager, Faculty of Health Sciences, to note the Academic Board's approval of the proposal to amend the capstone unit of study in the Master of Diagnostic Radiography, and update the course resolutions and unit of study tables in CMS.

10.16 Sydney Law School: Juris Doctor – Elective Units of Study

This proposal was approved without comment.

Resolution AB2016/4-41

The Academic Board approved the proposal from the Sydney Law School to amend the Juris Doctor; and approved the amendment of the table of units of study arising from the proposal, with effect from 1 January 2017.

Action

The Dean and Faculty Manager, Sydney Law School, to note the Academic Board's approval of the proposal to amend the elective units of study in the Juris Doctor, and update the unit of study table in CMS.

10.17 Sydney Law School: Juris Doctor – Assessment Guidelines

This proposal was approved without comment.

Resolution AB2016/4-42

The Academic Board approved the proposal from the Sydney Law School to amend the Juris Doctor; and approved the amendment of the Course Resolutions arising from the proposal, with immediate effect.

Action

The Dean and Faculty Manager, Sydney Law School, to note the Academic Board's approval of the proposal to amend the Faculty Resolutions relating to Assessment Guidelines, and update the resolutions in CMS.

10.18 Sydney Medical School: Doctor of Medicine (MD) – Admission Requirements

This proposal was approved without comment.

Resolution AB2016/4-43

The Academic Board approved the proposal from the Sydney Medical School to amend the Doctor of Medicine; and approved the amendment of the Course Resolutions arising from the proposal, with effect from 1 January 2017.

Action

The Dean and Faculty Manager, Faculty of Medicine, to note the Academic Board's approval of the proposal to amend the Doctor of Medicine, and update the course resolutions in CMS.

10.19 Sydney Medical School: Master of Medicine (Clinical Epidemiology) and related programs – Amended Units of Study

This proposal was approved without comment.

Resolution AB2016/4-44

The Academic Board approved the proposal from the Sydney Medical School to amend the Master of Medicine (Clinical Epidemiology), Graduate Certificate in Clinical Epidemiology, Graduate Diploma in Clinical Epidemiology and Master of Science in Medicine (Clinical Epidemiology); approve the amendment of the Course Resolutions arising from the proposal; and approved the amendment of the table of units of study arising from the proposal, with effect from 1 January 2017.

Action

The Dean and Faculty Manager, Faculty of Medicine, to note the Academic Board's approval of the proposal to amend the Master of Medicine (Clinical Epidemiology), Graduate Certificate in Clinical Epidemiology, Graduate Diploma in Clinical Epidemiology and Master of Science in Medicine (Clinical Epidemiology) and update the Course Resolutions and table of units of study in CMS.

10.20 Sydney Medical School: Master of Medicine (Sleep Medicine) and related programs – Amended Units of Study

This proposal was approved without comment.

Resolution AB2016/4-45

The Academic Board approved the proposal from the Sydney Medical School to amend the Graduate Certificate in Medicine (Sleep Medicine), Graduate Diploma in Medicine (Sleep Medicine), Master of Medicine (Sleep Medicine), Master of Medicine (Advanced) (Sleep Medicine), Graduate Certificate in Science in Medicine (Sleep Medicine), Graduate Diploma in Science in Medicine (Sleep Medicine), Master of Science in Medicine (Sleep Medicine) and Master of Science in Medicine (Advanced) (Sleep Medicine); and approved the amendment of the table of units of study arising from the proposal, with effect from 1 January 2017.

Action

The Dean and Faculty Manager, Faculty of Medicine, to note the Academic Board's approval of the proposal to amend the Graduate Certificate in Medicine (Sleep Medicine), Graduate Diploma in Medicine (Sleep Medicine), Master of Medicine (Sleep Medicine), Master of Medicine (Advanced) (Sleep Medicine), Graduate Certificate in Science in Medicine (Sleep Medicine), Graduate Diploma in Science in Medicine (Sleep Medicine), Master of Science in Medicine (Sleep Medicine) and Master of Science in Medicine (Advanced) (Sleep Medicine) and update the table of units of study in CMS.

10.21 Sydney Medical School: Master of Surgery (Breast Surgery) and related programs – Amended Units of Study

This proposal was approved without comment.



Resolution AB2016/4-46

The Academic Board approved the proposal from Sydney Medical School to amend the Graduate Certificate in Surgery (Breast Surgery) and Master of Surgery (Breast Surgery) programs; and approved the amendment of the table of Units of Study arising from the proposal, with effect from 1 January 2017.

Action

The Dean and Faculty Manager, Faculty of Medicine, to note the Academic Board's approval of the proposal to amend the Graduate Certificate in Surgery (Breast Surgery) and Master of Surgery (Breast Surgery) programs and amend the table of Units of Study in CMS.

10.22 Sydney Nursing School: Master of Advanced Nursing Practice; Master of Cancer and Haematology Nursing; Master of Emergency Nursing; Master of Intensive Care Nursing; Master of Mental Health Nursing; Master of Primary Health Care Nursing – Amended Units of Study

This proposal was approved without comment.

Resolution AB2016/4-47

The Academic Board approved the proposal from the Sydney Nursing School to amend the Master of Advanced Nursing Practice, Master of Cancer and Haematology Nursing, Master of Emergency Nursing, Master of Intensive Care Nursing, Master of Mental Health Nursing, Master of Primary Health Care Nursing, Graduate Diploma in Advanced Nursing Practice, Graduate Diploma in Cancer and Haematology Nursing, Graduate Diploma in Emergency Nursing, Graduate Diploma in Intensive Care Nursing, Graduate Diploma in Mental Health Nursing and Graduate Diploma in Primary Health Care Nursing; and approved the amendment of the table of units of study arising from the proposal, with effect from 1 January 2017.

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 Advanced Nursing Practice, Master of Cancer and Haematology Nursing, Master of Emergency Nursing, Master of Intensive Care Nursing, Master of Mental Health Nursing, Master of Primary Health Care Nursing, Graduate Diploma in Advanced Nursing Practice, Graduate Diploma in Cancer and Haematology Nursing, Graduate Diploma in Emergency Nursing, Graduate Diploma in Intensive Care Nursing, Graduate Diploma in Mental Health Nursing and Graduate Diploma in Primary Health Care Nursing and update the table of Units of Study in CMS.

10.23 Sydney Nursing School: Master of Nursing – Singapore Units of Study

This proposal was approved without comment.

Resolution AB2016/4-48

The Academic Board approved the proposal from the Sydney Nursing School to amend the Master of Advanced Nursing Practice, Master of Cancer and Haematology Nursing, Master of Emergency Nursing, Master of Intensive Care Nursing, Master of Mental Health Nursing and Master of Primary Health Care Nursing; and approved the amendment of the table of units of study arising from the proposal, with effect from 1 January 2017.

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 Advanced Nursing Practice, Master of Cancer and Haematology Nursing, Master of Emergency Nursing, Master of Intensive Care Nursing, Master of Mental Health Nursing, Master of Primary Health Care Nursing, Graduate Diploma in Advanced Nursing Practice, Graduate Diploma in Cancer and Haematology Nursing, Graduate Diploma in Emergency Nursing, Graduate Diploma in Intensive Care Nursing, Graduate Diploma in Mental Health Nursing and Graduate Diploma in Primary Health Care Nursing and amend the table of units of study in CMS.

10.24 Faculty of Veterinary Science: Doctor of Veterinary Medicine and Bachelor of Veterinary Biology / Doctor of Veterinary Medicine – Amended Units of Study

This proposal was approved without comment.

Resolution AB2016/4-49

The Academic Board approved the proposal from the Faculty of Veterinary Science to amend the

Bachelor of Veterinary Biology / Doctor of Veterinary Medicine and Doctor of Veterinary Medicine; and approved the amendment of the table of units of study arising from the proposal, with effect from 1 January 2017.

Action

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

10.25 Master of Philosophy: Faculty of Dentistry, Sydney Medical School, Faculty of Pharmacy

This proposal was approved without comment.

Resolution AB2016/4-50

The Academic Board approved the proposal from the Combined Board of Postgraduate Studies for Dentistry, Medicine, Nursing and Pharmacy to amend the Master of Philosophy degree in the Faculties of Dentistry, Medicine and Pharmacy; and approved the amendment of the Course Resolutions arising from the proposal, with effect from 1 January 2017.

Action

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

Action

The Dean and Faculty Manager, Faculty of Medicine, to note the Academic Board's approval of the proposal to amend the Master of Philosophy and update the Course Resolutions in CMS.

Action

The Dean and Faculty Manager, Faculty of Pharmacy, to note the Academic Board's approval of the proposal to amend the Master of Philosophy and update the Course Resolutions in CMS.

10.26 Simplifying the Examinations Landscape

This proposal was approved without comment.

Resolution AB2016/4-51

The Academic Board endorsed in principle a proposal to amend the Thesis and Examination of Higher Degrees by Research Policy and Procedures, with specific emendations to current policy and procedures to be returned to the Graduate Studies Committee and Academic Board for approval following appropriate development and consultation.

Action

The Director, Graduate Research, to note the Academic Board's in-principle approval of emendations to the Thesis and Examination of Higher Degrees by Research Policy and Procedures, with specific emendations to current policy and procedures to be returned to the Committee for approval following appropriate development and consultation.

11 REPORT OF THE ACADEMIC STANDARDS AND POLICY COMMITTEE



Report of the Chair

Professor Hanrahan advised that she had nothing further to add to the written report.



11.1 Curriculum Framework

This item was starred at the beginning of the meeting. Associate Professor Wilkinson questioned the inclusion of separate responsibilities for Heads of School and Heads of Discipline in Section 23 of the Learning and Teaching Policy and was advised that this will change once the Delegations of Authority are revised. Associate Professor Wilkinson also expressed concern that Unit of Study Coordinators "must be available" but that there is no definition as to what this entails. Professor Hanrahan advised that the intent of this section is to ensure that Unit of Study Coordinators do not take extended leave and must be attending to their regular duties while acting as coordinator. Associate Professor McCallum informed the Board that this section is intended to ensure that there is a designated Unit of Study Coordinator who is responsible to ensure that there is continuity of delivery throughout the period for which the unit runs, and advised that there are Units of Study for which this is currently not the case. It was agreed that further refinement of this section of the Policy would be undertaken in consultation with the Office of General Counsel, and

subject to clarifying this section of the Learning and Teaching Policy, the proposal was approved as presented.

Resolution AB2016/4-52

The Academic Board approved the amendment of the Coursework Policy 2014 and the Learning and Teaching Policy 2015 and approved the introduction of the Learning and Teaching Procedures 2016.

Action

The Director, Education Strategy, to note the Academic Board's approval of the proposal to amend the Coursework Policy 2014 and the Learning and Teaching Policy 2015, and introduce the Learning and Teaching Procedures 2016.

Action

The Executive Officer to register policy changes with the Policy Unit.

☆ **11.2 Simple Extensions – Amendment to Assessment Procedures 2011**

This item was starred at the beginning of the meeting. Associate Professor Wilkinson suggested that the length of extension and new due date also be included by the Unit of Study Coordinator in the email subject line when responding to requests. The purpose of retaining this data was also questioned and Professor Hanrahan advised that records should be retained in case of appeal, and that it would be desirable to track through Semester 2 the volume of such requests in each Unit of Study. Concern was expressed at the additional time taken to properly file requests for simple extension, given that this is intended to be an informal process (unlike Special Consideration).

Resolution AB2016/4-53

The Academic Board approved the amendment of the Assessment Procedures 2011, with immediate effect.

Action

The Executive Officer to register policy changes with the Policy Unit.

11.3 Phase 4 Faculty Review Report and Faculty Response – Health Sciences [for noting]

This item was noted.

12 GENERAL BUSINESS

There being no other business, the meeting closed at 4:08pm.

Remaining Meeting Dates for 2016:

2:00pm – 4:00pm, Wednesday 17 August 2016
2:00pm – 4:00pm, Wednesday 14 September 2016
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