

ACADEMIC BOARD

1:00 pm, Tuesday 2 May 2017

Professorial Boardroom, Quadrangle (A14)

Members Present: The Chair (Associate Professor Tony Masters); the Vice-Chancellor (Dr Michael Spence); the Chairs of the Standing Committees (Associate Professor Wendy Davis; Professor Jane Hanrahan; Associate Professor Michael Kertesz; Associate Professor Tim Wilkinson); Helen Agus (Science); Associate Professor Judy Anderson (Education & Social Work); Associate Professor Thomas Balle (Pharmacy); Isabella Brook (President, SRC); Associate Professor Tom Buckley (Nursing); Professor Tyrone Carlin (Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Registrar)); Dr Jeanell Carrigan (Conservatorium); Associate Professor Ross Coleman (Director, Graduate Research); Dr Emily Crawford (Law); Dr Frances Di Lauro (Arts & Social Sciences); Associate Professor David Easdown (Science); Professor David Emery (Veterinary Science); Professor Alan Fekete (Engineering & IT); Dr Karin Findeis (SCA); Dr Jinlong Gao (Dentistry); Professor Stephen Garton (Provost and Deputy Vice-Chancellor); Associate Professor James Glistler (Law); Associate Professor Mark Gorrell (Medicine); Professor Manuel Graeber (Medicine); Imogen Grant (Nominee, SRC); Associate Professor Thomas Grewal (Pharmacy); Professor Trevor Hambley (Dean, Science); Professor Margaret Harris (Acting Dean, Sydney College of the Arts); Professor Shane Houston (Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Indigenous Strategy & Services)); Professor Duncan Ivison (Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Research)); Professor Annamarie Jagose (Dean, Arts & Social Sciences); Dr Nerida Jarkey (Arts & Social Sciences); Professor Archie Johnston (Dean, Engineering & IT); Patty Kamvounias (Business); Associate Professor Annette Katelaris (Medicine); Tilly Lees (Student, Sydney College of the Arts); Associate Professor Chengwang Lei (Engineering & IT); Dean Lovett (Student, Pharmacy); Professor David Lowe (Engineering & IT); Dr Alan Maddox (Conservatorium); Georgia Mantle (Student, Arts & Social Sciences); Lily Matchett (Co-President, SUPRA); Oliver Moore (nominee, SUPRA) (for Alexandra Nixon); Alice Morgan (Student, Conservatorium); Associate Professor John O'Byrne (Science); Dr Rhonda Orr (Health Sciences); Professor Pip Pattison (Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Education)); Associate Professor Maurice Peat (Business); Professor Iqbal Ramzan (Dean, Pharmacy); Professor Kathy Refshauge (Dean, Health Sciences); Joshua Reisler (Student, Law); Associate Professor Jennifer Rowley (Conservatorium); Dr Jenny Saleeba (Science); Dr Carl Schneider (Pharmacy); Oliver Smith (Sydney College of the Arts); Dr Ilektra Spandagou (Education & Social Work); Ahmed Bin Suhaib (Co-President, SUPRA); Associate Professor Rebecca Suter (Arts & Social Sciences); Muddasir Tahir (Student, Engineering & IT); Associate Professor Marjorie Valix (Engineering & IT); Professor Donna Waters (Dean, Nursing); Amy Wenham (Student, Nursing & Midwifery); Matthew Wun (Student, Veterinary Science).

Attendees: Associate Professor Jennifer Barrett (Director, Culture Strategy); Kate Calhau (EA to Chair, Academic Board); Dr Matthew Charet (Executive Officer); Kerrie Henderson (University Policy Manager); David Pacey (Secretary to Senate); Siobhan Ryan (*Honi Soit*).

Apologies: Marco Avena (Student, Science); Anne Bell (Director of University Libraries); Professor Tina Bell (Agriculture); Professor Kathy Belov (Pro-Vice-Chancellor (Global Engagement)); Dr Jacqueline Bloomfield (Nursing); Associate Professor Alex Chaves (Veterinary Science); Brennan Clody (Student, Architecture, Design & Planning); Associate Professor Rachel Codd (Medicine); Dr Penelope Crossley (Law); Dr Scott Grattan, (Law); Professor Nicole Gurran (Architecture, Design & Planning); Associate Professor Mark Krockenberger (Veterinary Science); Professor Diane Mayer (Head of School & Dean, Education & Social Work); Alexander McCarthy (Student, Medicine); Associate Professor Mark McEntee (Health Sciences); Associate Professor Susan McGrath-Champ (Business); Dr Lenka Munoz (Medicine); Gilbert Ng (Student, Dentistry); Alexandra Nixon (Nominee, SUPRA); Associate Professor Susan Park (Arts & Social Sciences); Professor Chris Peck (Dean, Dentistry); Professor John Redmond (Head of School & Dean, Architecture, Design & Planning); Professor Anna Reid (Acting Dean, Conservatorium); Professor Joellen Riley (Head of School & Dean, Law); Professor Laurent Rivory (Pro-Vice-Chancellor (Strategic Collaborations & Partnerships)); Professor Roger Stancliffe (Health Sciences); Associate Professor Catherine Sutton-Brady (Business); Associate Professor Charlotte Taylor (Science); Professor Rosanne Taylor (Head of School & Dean, Veterinary Science); Professor Claire Wade (Veterinary Science); Associate Professor Graham White (Arts & Social Sciences); Professor Greg Whitwell (Dean, Business).

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.

2 PROCEDURAL MATTERS

☆ 2.1 Starring of agenda and adoption of unstarred items

Items 2.3 and 7.1 were starred. The Academic Board resolved as recommended with respect to all unstarred items.

Resolution AB2017/3-1

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

2.2 Minutes of Meeting 2/2017, 28 March 2017

The minutes of the previous meeting were approved as presented.

Resolution AB2017/3-2

That the Academic Board adopt the minutes of the previous meeting held on 28 March 2017, as a true record.

2.3 2017 Membership of the Academic Board

In addition to approving the changes to membership circulated with the agenda, members approved the nomination of Dr Karin Findeis as a staff member of Academic Board from the Sydney College of the Arts.

Resolution AB2017/3-3

That the Academic Board approve the changes to membership of the Board and its committees, as amended.

☆ 3 STRATEGIC ITEMS OF BUSINESS

3.1 Academic Board Annual Report 2016

The Chair drew the attention of members to the report and observed that it reflects the breadth and depth of changes that the Academic Board is able to effect. He extended congratulations to the members of the Board and to its committees and their chairs, who shepherded these many proposals through to successful approval.

Members approved the Annual Report 2016, as presented, for presentation to Senate.

Resolution AB2017/3-4

That the Academic Board approve the Academic Board Annual Report 2016, for presentation to Senate.

3.2 Draft University of Sydney (Academic Board) Rule 2017

The Chair advised that presentation of this paper commences the consultation process for the development of a replacement to the current *Academic Governance Rule*, as was agreed at the previous meeting. A framework is needed within which elections for membership of the Academic Board can take place in Semester 2 and so it is desirable for a final version of this Rule to be presented to Senate in July. It is proposed to separate the procedural elements of the current *Governance Rule* from the Rule itself, to allow for easier approval of changes to operational matters such as election procedures. The Chair sought the Academic Board's agreement to the development of procedures as a separate document, which would be circulated for consultation

with the new Rule before being brought back to the June meeting of the Academic Board for endorsement to Senate. Members supported this motion.

The Chair invited discussion of the Rule as presented. The wording of clause 2.2(1) was extensively discussed, with concern expressed that the revised wording diminished the authority of the Academic Board to determine policy. The Chair informed members that the existing formulation in the *Governance Rule* that allows the Board to “determine policy” is tightly constrained and only applies to the development of policy specifically regarding course requirements; the current Rule does not permit the Board to determine policy in any other matter. The Chair further informed members that the actual powers of the Board are delineated in the *Academic Delegations Rule* (the latest revision of which is due to come into effect on 1 June), which details specific areas in which the Board has authority to determine policy. Ms Henderson supported this and advised that the powers imparted to the Board under the Delegations and the proposed new Rule are much more extensive and clearly defined than presently.

Professor Fekete suggested that the authority of the Board to determine policy should explicitly include the areas of responsibility outlined in clause 2.2(1)(a) through (f) and Ms Henderson suggested that the specific wording of this clause can be adjusted, with two fundamental principles in mind: that decisions need to be made by the delegated authority as specified in the Delegations; and that quality assurance necessitates consultation to ensure that principles and resources are aligned in the development of all policies and procedures. The Chair confirmed that Senate has in the past referred policies back to the developing bodies if Senate was not satisfied that appropriate consultation has taken place, so it is implicit that Senate expects the Academic Board and University Executive to collaborate in the development of relevant policies and procedures. It was also observed that the Chair of Academic Board currently reports to the University Executive and that the Vice-Chancellor reports to the Academic Board and that the development of both policies and standards is a collaborative activity.

Specific comments were made relating to particular sections of the draft Rule. Dr Spandogou observed that the staff balance encapsulated in clause 3.3 did not reflect that agreed to by the working group, as accepted at the previous meeting, and she recommended that this clause be amended to require a minimum 25% of appointments from academic staff of Levels A-C and 25% from Levels D-E. This amendment was supported.

Mr Suhaib observed that the working group had agreed that 50% of student members would be undergraduate and 50% postgraduate, but that clause 3.4(2) calls for the nomination of student members by faculty or University school boards, rather than election. Ms Henderson observed that student members of boards *are* elected, and that if separate elections were required for each cohort of students in each faculty, the number of elections required to fill these roles would be large. It was also observed that in practice, there is often an insufficient number of nominees to fill available roles by election and that many student members of the Board are appointed by nomination of the Dean; the draft formulation provides a more flexible framework within which positions can be filled with consideration of breadth and equity of representation.

Members discussed the scope of the new Rule, noting, for example, that it did not touch as much on research activities as it does on learning and teaching. Ms Henderson informed the Board that the intention in drafting was largely to reflect the current *Governance Rule* (minus ambiguities), but that additional areas can be added to the Rule if appropriate.

The inclusion of Schedule 1 was noted as a means of accommodating the organisational changes which are being progressively implemented, and it was suggested that the addition of explanatory text to reflect the details of the transition would provide helpful context. The deletion of attendance requirements from an earlier draft at clause 3.8(d) was also discussed, with the possibility raised of retaining this provision to ensure that members remain active and engaged. The possibility was also raised of providing financial incentives for student representatives.

The Academic Board agreed to the development of separate procedures to accompany the Academic Board Rule, and noted that a revised proposal would be brought to a future meeting following appropriate consultation. Members were asked to circulate the draft to their colleagues, with feedback to be returned to the Chair and Ms Henderson.

Resolution AB2017/3-5

That the Academic Board discuss the draft University of Sydney (Academic Board) Rule 2017.

☆ 4 **REPORT OF THE CHAIR**

4.1 Report of the Chair

The Chair advised that he had little to report as he has been on leave since shortly after the previous meeting.

Resolution AB2017/3-6

That the Academic Board note the Report of the Chair, including matters considered by Senate at its 24 March 2017 meeting.

4.2 Student Members' Report

The presidents of the student societies and student members of the Board addressed the Board.

Ms Brook provided an update on the provision of academic advice to students and informed members that she had met with the Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Education) to discuss the concerns raised at previous meetings of the Academic Board relating to the student experience. A need has been identified for communication and support. Ms Brook also expressed disappointment with the Federal Budget cuts to education funding, especially the proposed changes to the HECS repayment threshold, and encouraged members to oppose the proposed cuts.

Mr Suhaib supported Ms Brook's opposition to the budget, and also expressed concern regarding the appearance around campus of 'fascist' stickers and encouraged the Vice-Chancellor to reiterate his public statement that the University opposes "hate and violence". The Provost informed members that the dissemination of such material is neither appropriate nor supported by the University, and that the police have been informed.

Ms Matchett advised members of an open letter written to the Vice-Chancellor in 2016 encouraging the University to implement an online mandatory consent module, to be completed by all enrolled students. A working group is developing a proposal for consideration by the Academic Board to enact this, with the observation made that a similar program has been implemented at the University of Newcastle and the Australian National University. Mr Wun suggested that it is not the place of the University to mandate such training, and the Chair asked that further discussion of the merits of the idea await the presentation of a proposal to a future meeting. The Provost advised that sexual assault is not acceptable under any circumstances and that the University is developing strategies to address it, but is conscious of possible unintended consequences of intervention and so is undertaking consultation to ensure a positive outcome.

Resolution AB2017/3-7

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

4.3 Honours and Distinctions

Members noted the honours and distinctions circulated with the agenda, and were also advised that the University's Jessup Moot team has won the international competition for a record fifth time, becoming the first team ever to do so.

Resolution AB2017/3-8

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

Action 1/2017: *Write to recipients congratulating them on their honours and distinctions.*

Responsible: *Chair of Academic Board. Timing: Immediately following meeting.*

☆ 5 **REPORT OF THE VICE-CHANCELLOR**

After informing members that the Vice-Chancellor had been unexpectedly delayed due to media interest in the University's response to the Federal Budget (announced the previous evening), the Provost provided members with a summary of the discussion at the 24-25 March Senate meeting and Retreat. Members were advised that Senate approved the revised *Risk Management Policy* and the updated draft *Risk Management Framework*; the section of the 2016 Annual Report and the 2016 Annual Financial Statements that is required by statute; amendments to the *University of Sydney (Organisational Design – Transitional Provisions) Rule 2016*; amendments to the *University of Sydney (Delegations of Authority –*

Administrative Functions) Rule 2016; the membership of the Alumni Council; the awarding of a number of honorary awards; and the appointment of five Senate Fellows to the role of Pro-Chancellor. In addition, Senate received and noted a report on the current key policy, funding and government relations issues including the Education Investment Fund and Medical Research Future Fund; the 2017 Year in Preview that included the development of Faculty strategic plans and the University's Western Sydney strategy; the Strategic Indicators for the University's Strategic Plan and how the University was progressing against the KPIs; a report on the 2017 admissions round; a report on the Undergraduate Experience and the development of Experiential Learning; the improvements in the QS Rankings; the University's compliance with the *Voluntary Code of Best Practice for the Governance of Australian Universities*; information regarding good leadership and governance; the development of the new Campus Improvement Program (CIP 2); and the progress of the Enterprise Agreement.

The Vice-Chancellor joined the meeting and spoke to the implications of the Federal Budget on the University. He observed that the budget is "a disaster averted and an opportunity missed". The budget increases costs to students and does not deliver benefits to the sector and therefore is not in the best interests of the development of a "knowledge economy". The University had previously supported fee deregulation because it offered an opportunity to invest in a range of bursaries and sponsored accommodation to address cost-of-living challenges for students. The current budget just cuts funds to University without enabling Universities to increase support for students. The University, however, maintains its commitment to supporting students through subsidised accommodation under the current budget. The Vice-Chancellor advised members that the constant erosion of funding to the sector over many years has led to the University being more reliant on international student income than it would like to be, and that the University has had some success in diversifying the subjects of destination for international students. It needs to further address diversification of countries of origin in order to mitigate the risk inherent in this position.

In discussion, it was suggested that the University should model the equity effects of changes to student fees and repayment thresholds to determine possible areas for action. Professor Refshauge asked whether the Group of Eight (Go8) or Universities Australia are developing a joint strategy to address the budget, and the Vice-Chancellor advised that the University's response aligns with that of other Go8 institutions. The media are also seeking response from the University, which provides an opportunity for us to influence the discussion. The University is seen as a reasonable voice in the debate and has been placing emphasis on what the tertiary sector contributes to the national and global community. Ms Brook observed that student feedback indicates a great deal of uncertainty regarding the future, and expressed concern that the increase in fees is not going to be accompanied by any betterment of the student experience, noting also that proposed cuts to penalty rates will affect students.

Resolution AB2017/3-9

That the Academic Board note the report of the Vice-Chancellor and Principal, including matters considered by Senate at its 24 March 2017 meeting.

☆ 6 **QUESTION TIME**

The requirement for academic staff to provide replacement examination papers at the same time as main examination papers was raised, with the observation made that replacement examinations may not be needed and if they are, tailoring the examination to those who need to take it is only possible once the need for a replacement is known; it was asserted that requiring simultaneous submission is therefore not useful. This matter was taken on notice, with a request for explanation to be forwarded to the Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Registrar).

Ms Ryan asked whether consideration has been given to diverting funds from executive salaries to cover the funding shortfalls in the Federal Budget, and was advised by the Vice-Chancellor that the University has contractual obligations to staff that need to be honoured. The Vice-Chancellor also suggested that the matter of executive salaries has been raised in the media to distract attention from the very real impact on increased fees on students. He assured members that the University will investigate mitigation options once further details of the budget are available.

Associate Professor Gorrell requested an update on the development of the University's Western Sydney strategy, specifically relating to the University's land holdings in the vicinity of the proposed new airport at Badgerys Creek. The Vice-Chancellor advised that two related conversations are currently underway, the first regarding the identification of initiatives to build on our expanding presence at Westmead, and the second regarding the University's Western Sydney strategy more broadly. A number of scenarios are

being investigated, and it is anticipated that an agreed strategy for both Westmead and Western Sydney will be determined in the second half of 2017.

Ms Mantle voiced student concerns regarding the centralisation of student administration services and asked whether any data is available as to how the process has affected staff and students. The Provost informed members that there was extensive consultation with faculty staff before changes were implemented to minimise impact, and that there is evidence to suggest that there are areas in which significant improvements have been enabled by centralisation, including quicker response times and greater consistency of advice and process. There is also anecdotal evidence that suggests that a number of issues are falling through the cracks and the Provost has flagged the need for a Post-Implementation Review (PIR) to be overseen by the Student Administration Services (SAS) Project Control Board to identify what is and is not working and what might need to be adjusted at either a central or faculty level. Feedback from members was requested regarding the transition to central student administration, to be forwarded to the Registrar and Deputy Registrar in the first instance.

The Faculty Operating Model was also briefly discussed, with the Provost observing that there are no target savings in mind more an intention to improve the effectiveness of service delivery and a lowering of the impost of administration more generally across the institution. This might include, for example, investment in additional resources to improve academic outcomes and quality.

Action 2/2017: Provide rationale for the requirement that main and supplementary examinations be submitted simultaneously. **Responsible:** Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Registrar). **Timing:** Before Semester 2 2017.

Resolution AB2017/3-10

That the Academic Board note the responses provided to questions raised.

7 REPORT OF THE ADMISSIONS COMMITTEE

Resolution AB2017/3-11

That the Academic Board note the report of the Admissions Committee meeting held on 18 April 2017.



7.1 Medicine: Doctor of Medicine

This proposal was starred by Associate Professor Wilkinson, who advised that a number of cosmetic changes have been flagged by the Office of General Counsel, primarily references to policy and irregularity of numbering, which do not change the intent of the proposal. Associate Professor Wilkinson asked the Board to approve the proposal subject to resolution of an agreed wording for these changes. The agreed wording would be circulated to members for approval prior to the proposal being reported to Senate.

Resolution AB2017/3-12

That the Academic Board approve the proposal from Sydney Medical School to amend the Doctor of Medicine and approve the amendment of course resolutions arising from the proposal, as amended, with effect from 1 January 2018.

Action 3/2017: Resolutions to be amended in consultation with OGC and circulated to the Academic Board for noting. **Responsible:** Executive Officer, Faculty and OGC. **Timing:** Before presentation to Senate.

Action 4/2017: Note the Academic Board's approval to amend the Doctor of Medicine and update the course resolutions in CMS. **Responsible:** Dean and Faculty Manager, Faculty of Medicine. **Timing:** Following Action 3/2017.

8 REPORT OF THE UNDERGRADUATE STUDIES COMMITTEE

The 11 April meeting of the Undergraduate Studies Committee was cancelled.

9 REPORT OF THE GRADUATE STUDIES COMMITTEE

Resolution AB2017/3-13

That the Academic Board note the report of the Graduate Studies Committee held on 11 April 2017.

9.1 Report of HDR Scholarships Sub-Committee

This proposal was approved as presented.

Resolution AB2017/3-14

That the Academic Board approve the delayed implementation until Semester 2 2017 of scholarship allocations based on strategic alignment, as approved by the Academic Board at its meeting of 2 November 2016.

Action 5/2017: *Note the delayed implementation until Semester 2 2017 of scholarship allocations based on strategic alignment. Responsible: HDR Scholarships Sub-Committee & Scholarships Office. Timing: Immediately.*

9.2 Law: Juris Doctor

This proposal was approved as presented.

Resolution AB2017/3-15

That the Academic Board approve the proposal from Sydney Law School to amend the Juris Doctor and approve the amendment of the course resolutions arising from this proposal, with immediate effect.

Action 6/2017: *Note the Academic Board's approval to amend the Juris Doctor and update the course resolutions in CMS. Responsible: Head of School & Dean and School General Manager, Sydney Law School. Timing: Immediately.*

9.3 Medicine: Master of Medicine (Internal Medicine)

This proposal was approved as presented.

Resolution AB2017/3-16

That the Academic Board approve the change in INTM5008 Basic Cardiology from a 3 credit point unit of study to a 6 credit point unit of study and approve changes to the table of units of study arising from this proposal, with effect from Semester 2, 2017.

Action 7/2017: *Note the Academic Board's approval to amend the Master of Medicine (Internal Medicine) and update the table of units of study in CMS. Responsible: Dean and Faculty Manager, Faculty of Medicine. Timing: Immediately.*

9.4 Medicine: Master of Medicine (HIV, STIs and Sexual Health)

This proposal was approved as presented.

Resolution AB2017/3-17

That the Academic Board:

- (1) approve the proposal from Sydney Medical School to amend the Master of Medicine/Master of Science in Medicine to change of name of the current Master of Medicine/Master of Science in Medicine stream in 'HIV, STIs and Sexual Health' to 'Sexual and Reproductive Health';*
- (2) approve the reconfigured Pathway structure within this Stream, including a new Reproductive Health and Fertility Pathway;*
- (3) approve the deletion of the stream 'Maternal, Fetal & Reproductive Medicine' from the Master of Medicine and Master of Science in Medicine;*
- (4) recommend that the 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 Sydney Medical School; and*
- (5) approve changes to Course Resolutions and Unit of Study Tables arising from this proposal with effect from 1 January 2018.*

Action 8/2017: Note the Academic Board's approval to amend the Master of Medicine/Master of Science in Medicine (HIV, STIs and Sexual Health) and amend the course resolutions and table of units of study in CMS. Responsible: Dean and Faculty Manager, Faculty of Medicine. Timing: Immediately.

Action 9/2017: Recommend that the Senate endorse the Academic Board's approval to amend the Master of Medicine/Master of Science in Medicine (HIV, STIs and Sexual Health) and delete the Master of Medicine/Master of Science in Medicine (Maternal, Fetal & Reproductive Medicine) and approve amendments to the Resolutions of Senate related to the Degrees, Diplomas and Certificates in the Faculty of Medicine. Responsible: Chair of Academic Board. Timing: Next meeting of Senate.

9.5 Medicine: Master of Surgery

This proposal was approved as presented.

Resolution AB2017/3-18

That the Academic Board approve the proposal from the Sydney Medical School to amend the Master of Surgery and approve the amendment of the unit of study tables arising from this proposal, with effect for Semester 2, 2017.

Action 10/2017: Note the Academic Board's approval to amend the Master of Surgery and update the table of units of study in CMS. Responsible: Dean and Faculty Manager, Faculty of Medicine. Timing: Immediately.

9.6 Amendment of the Progress Planning and Review for Higher Degree by Research Students Policy 2015

This proposal was approved as presented.

Resolution AB2017/3-19

That the Academic Board approve the amendment of the Progress Planning and Review for Higher Degree by Research Students Policy 2015, with effect from 16 May 2017.

Action 11/2017: Note the Academic Board's approval to amend the Progress Planning and Review for Higher Degree by Research Students Policy 2015, with effect from 16 May 2017. Responsible: Director of Graduate Research. Timing: Immediately.

Action 12/2017: Promulgate amended policy. Responsible: Executive Officer. Timing: Immediately.

9.7 Accountability changes within the Supervision of Higher Degree by Research Students Policy 2013

This proposal was approved as presented.

Resolution AB2017/3-20

That the Academic Board approve the amendment of the Supervision of Higher Degree by Research Students Policy 2013, with effect from 16 May 2017.

Action 13/2017: Note the Academic Board's approval to amend the Supervision of Higher Degree by Research Students Policy 2013, with effect from 16 May 2017. Responsible: Director of Graduate Research. Timing: Immediately.

Action 14/2017: Promulgate amended policy. Responsible: Executive Officer. Timing: Immediately.

10 REPORT OF THE ACADEMIC STANDARDS AND POLICY COMMITTEE

Resolution AB2017/3-21

That the Academic Board note the report of the Academic Standards and Policy Committee held on 18 April 2017.

10.1 Educational Integrity Reports 2016

This report was noted and the recommendation was approved as presented.

Resolution AB2017/3-22

The Academic Board constitute a working group comprised of faculty Educational Integrity Coordinators and supported by the Office of Educational Integrity to develop University-wide guidelines for the determination of Educational Integrity outcomes and penalties.

Action 15/2017: *Establish working group to develop University-wide guidelines for the determination of Educational Integrity outcomes and penalties. Responsible: Office of Educational Integrity. Timing: As soon as possible.*

11 GENERAL BUSINESS

11.1 Preparing More Indigenous Teachers at the University of Sydney Taskforce 2016 Report

This report was noted as presented.

Resolution AB2017/3-23

That the Academic Board note the Preparing More Indigenous Teachers at the University of Sydney Taskforce 2016 Report, as presented.

11.2 Dentistry: New Unit of Study

This proposal was approved as presented.

Resolution AB2017/3-24

That the Academic Board approve the introduction of a 3 credit point unit of study in the Faculty of Dentistry, as presented.

Action 16/2017: *Note the Academic Board's approval to introduce a 3 credit point unit of study in the Faculty of Dentistry and take administrative action as required. Responsible: Dean and Faculty Manager, Faculty of Dentistry. Timing: Immediately.*

11.3 Membership of the Central Promotions Committees 2017

This paper was noted as presented.

Resolution AB2017/3-25

That the Academic Board note the membership of the Central Promotions Committees 2017, as presented.

11.4 Any other business

The Chair informed members that from the next meeting, items will need to be starred in advance of the meeting with a summary of the issues that necessitate starring, to enable formulation of meaningful responses to any issues raised. This enacts a recommendation made in the Report of the Review of the Academic Board and agreed to at the 28 March meeting.

There being no other business, the meeting closed at 2:55pm.

A copy of the agenda pack for this meeting is available at <http://sydney.edu.au/secretariat/pdfs/academic-board-committees/AB/2017/20170502-AB-Agenda-Pack.pdf>.