CONFIRMED MINUTES

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1 WELCOME AND APOLOGIES

The Chair welcomed Professor Duncan Ivison as Acting Vice-Chancellor, noting that Dr Spence was unable to attend. Professor Simon Bronitt was welcomed as the new Head of School & Dean of the Sydney Law School, replacing Professor Cameron Stewart. New representatives of SUPRA were also welcomed: Yanning Bai (Co-President), Xiner Yuan (Education Officer) and Wang Di (HDR student).
2 PROCEDURAL MATTERS

2.1 Starring of Items and adoption of unstarred items

Members were advised that no additional items had been starred.

The Chair advised that the University Policy Manager had identified several additional minor amendments that need to be incorporated into course and Faculty resolutions for Items 8.4, 9.6, 9.7 and 11.2; subject to the incorporation of these amendments, all unstarred items were resolved as presented.

Resolution AB2019/4-1
The Academic Board resolved as recommended with respect to all unstarred items.

2.2 Minutes of Previous Meeting

Resolution AB2019/4-2
The Academic Board approved the minutes of the previous meeting held on 4 June 2019 as a true record.

2.3 Business Arising

The Chair drew the attention of members to the confidential feedback circulated with the agenda relating to the discussion of Open Access at the 16 April meeting of the Academic Board.

Resolution AB2019/4-3
The Academic Board noted the update report on its discussion of Open Access at its meeting of 16 April 2019.

2.4 2019 Membership of the Academic Board

This proposal was approved as presented.

Resolution AB2019/4-4
The Academic Board approved changes to membership of the Board, as presented.

3 STRATEGIC ITEMS OF BUSINESS

3.1 Academic Board Emerging Risk Discussion

The Chair introduced this discussion by informing members that TEQSA has adopted a risk-based approach to its evaluation of universities and have recently released a position paper specifically focussed on academic risk. It is important for both the Academic Board and the University to have the matter on its radar.

Lynn Ko (Risk Manager in the Vice-Principal (Operations) Portfolio) led the Academic Board through a presentation relating to possible areas of academic risk that have been identified by the Chair of Academic Board and Chairs of several of its committees in collaboration with the Risk Management team and colleagues from the Education Portfolio. Members were informed that the types of risk identified are possibilities which, if realised, may have an adverse outcome on the achievement of the institution’s objectives, and it is vital that the University is aware of potential and emerging risks to enable us to develop mitigation strategies. A number of possible risks have been identified and were discussed at the most recent meeting of the Academic Standards & Policy Committee; Ms Ko emphasised that the risks presented were neither exhaustive nor comprehensive, but serve as an indication of the types of risk that might usefully be on the Academic Board’s radar. A number of risks were then briefly presented to the Academic Board, with online tool Mentimeter used to capture member’s immediate trend assessment (increasing risk, steady or decreasing).

In discussion, a number of members expressed concern that the presentation assumed that the identified areas are risks; that members were being asked to provide an uninformed assessment of risk trends based on a very superficial summary of the issues identified; and that we had commenced discussion of mitigation strategies for risks that have yet to be
discussed and agreed. The Chair and Ms Ko emphasised that the risks included in the presentation: were identified by the Chair and other senior participants in the Academic Board and the academic space more generally; had been discussed at the Academic Standards & Policy Committee; and were a mechanism for commencing a discussion of academic risk. The possibility was mooted that it may be more useful for the Board to be presented with risks individually to allow a deeper exploration of each at greater leisure, and the matter was referred back to the Academic Standards & Policy Committee and Academic Quality Committee for further refinement.

Resolution AB2019/4-5
The Academic Board provided input into the mitigation status and trends in emerging risks to the work of the Academic Board.

3.2 Coursework for Higher Degrees by Research

The Director, Graduate Research provided members with a contextual overview of the rationale for the introduction of mandatory coursework for HDR award courses, before exploring the details of the proposals included in the agenda as Items 9.10 and 9.11. He informed members that the majority of PhD graduates now seek employment outside the academy, so the nature of the graduate qualities required by a PhD graduate are evolving to include a greater focus on non-academic skills such as engagement, communication, cultural competence, influence and articulation of the research process and outcomes than might be obtained solely through the preparation of the thesis. As well as augmenting the skills obtained or developed by a candidate during HDR study, data suggests that thesis submission times are also improved through completion of targeted coursework in the early stages of candidature. The model presented requires students to undertake a minimum volume of learning during candidature, at no additional expense to themselves.

In discussion, several members explored the nature and purpose of the PhD, with a call to emphasise the “discovery of new knowledge” rather than employment readiness as a primary driver. The Director, Graduate Research expressed the view that the HDR process is a holistic one of creating a researcher who can discover new knowledge and contribute, and that the PhD is increasingly a gateway to non-academic careers. The ability of coursework to both facilitate research and enable development of the candidate as a whole was broadly supported by the Academic Board, and the proposals to enable this change were endorsed as presented (see Items 9.10 and 9.11 below). The possible impact of coursework on completion times was also discussed, with comparisons made between the Australian PhD and structures and timeframes at international institutions.

Members were advised that although the mandatory completion of coursework will not take effect until 2021, students can undertake coursework units of study now and in 2020 via the special permission process.

The Chair thanked the Director, Graduate Research for his presentation.
Members were advised that the University of Sydney will be hosting the National Meeting of Chairs and Secretaries of Academic Boards and Senates (CABS) on 23 and 24 October this year.

Elections
Notices of elections for staff and students to membership of faculties, faculty boards, University schools and University school boards have been published recently. Anyone wishing to nominate is directed to contact the Secretariat to obtain a nomination form.

Staff Departures
The Board was advised that this is Associate Professor Jennifer Barrett's last meeting as Director of the Culture Strategy. Members received (as item 11.4) the Report from the Joint UE / Academic Board Culture Taskforce, established in March 2017. Members noted that the purpose of the paper is to point a way forward for continuation of the work on the institution’s culture. However, the paper also highlights the incredible amount of work Associate Professor Barrett and her team have completed over the past 2 years. The Chair recognised the University’s debt to Associate Professor Barrett and her team for their herculean contribution to the institution, and the Board acknowledged this contribution by acclamation.

Members were also informed that this is the last meeting of Dr Matthew Charet as Executive Officer to the Academic Board. Observing that many have benefitted from his wisdom and counsel, the Chair took the opportunity to thank him and wish him well in his new endeavours, which the Board confirmed by acclamation.

Finally, members were advised that this is also the last Academic Board meeting for Vice-Provost, Professor Colm Harmon, who is moving to the University of Edinburgh. Since moving here in 2012, Professor Harmon has made a fantastic contribution to the institution as Head of the School of Economics in FASS and, more recently, as Vice-Provost. Members of the Board joined with the Chair in thanking Professor Harmon for his contribution and wishing him well.

Resolution AB2019/4-6
The Academic Board noted the General Report of the Chair.

4.2 Student Members’ Report
The President of the SRC noted that Dalyell scholars have received confirmation of changes to the OLE credit point requirements for their award courses, and thanked the Acting Registrar and Academic Director, Education Policy and Quality for enabling this. Members were advised that this change is contingent on the approval of the Academic Board, via a proposal that is yet to be submitted. Mr He also thanked the Business School for its speedy remediation of a number of Semester 1 examinations, which have now been satisfactorily resolved.

The new representatives from SUPRA introduced themselves and members welcomed them to the Academic Board.

Resolution AB2019/4-7
The Academic Board noted 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.

Resolution AB2019/4-8
The Academic Board noted the report of the Chair of the Academic Board on honours and distinctions and congratulated the recipients.

Action 107/2019: Chair of Academic Board to write to recipients congratulating them on their honours and distinctions.

4.4 2020 Meeting Dates
The 2020 meeting dates were approved as presented.

Resolution AB2019/4-9
The Academic Board approved the 2020 committee meeting dates, as presented.
5 REPORT OF THE VICE-CHANCELLOR AND PRINCIPAL

Taking the written report as read, the Acting Vice-Chancellor provided invited the Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Indigenous Strategy & Services) to provide an addendum regarding the Vice-Chancellor’s advice on the development of the Indigenous strategy. Members were informed that the Wingara Mura strategy – first developed in 2011 – has been extended into a multi-decade plan, including workforce development and a specifically Indigenous research strategy, both of which are in advanced stages of development and discussion by the University Executive. In discussion, the Acting Vice-Chancellor was encouraged to take advantage of opportunities to develop a relationship with the Indigenous communities in Westmead as the University’s activities there expand; the Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Indigenous Strategy & Services) advised that Rebecca Halliday has recently commenced as Director of Indigenous External Relationships Development and will focus on developing relationships with Local Area Land Councils and the wider community.

Members were also informed that the University leadership will be undertaking an off-campus retreat in the first week of August.

In discussion, the relative benefits of the University seeking a relationship with an external provider of micro-credentials was explored, with one member expressing concern that the goals of a corporate partner with a profit motive may compromise both the University’s goals and its integrity. The Acting Vice-Chancellor advised that these concerns have been raised and discussed, and as the University does not currently have internal capacity to develop and support online modules in volume it has been agreed that we explore external provider options. The University is conscious of the need for diligence in developing an appropriate contract structure, the need for strong academic control of content, and of buy-in and participation by academic staff. The Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Education) has also been working in this space to build our internal capacity for development and delivery, and it was suggested that she be invited to address the Board at a future meeting.

Resolution AB2019/4-10
The Academic Board received and noted the Report of the Acting Vice-Chancellor.

6 QUESTION TIME

Professor Fekete sought clarification as to the possible impact of changes within the Provost portfolio, observing that the current Provost will be moving into a new Senior Deputy Vice-Chancellor role in the near future and a new Provost has been appointed. The Acting Vice-Chancellor indicated that the Senior Deputy Vice-Chancellor will assume key responsibility for oversight of the Sydney Operating Model project, which the current Provost is managing in addition to his core duties, and that there is no expectation that other aspects of the Provost role will transition to this new position.

7 REPORT OF THE ACADEMIC STANDARDS AND POLICY COMMITTEE

Resolution AB2019/4-11
The Academic Board noted the report from the meeting of the Academic Standards and Policy Committee held on 25 June 2019, as presented.

7.1 Academic Board Standing Orders

The Chair of the Academic Standards and Policy Committee advised that these Standing Orders have arisen as a low-priority outcome of the 2016-2017 Review of the Academic Board, and are designed to provide parameters for meeting procedure and protocol. It is proposed that they will apply to the Academic Board from the next meeting, and committees are also free to adopt them if they wish.

The proposal was approved as presented.

Resolution AB2019/4-12
The Academic Board approved the proposal to introduce the Academic Board Standing Orders, for adoption by the Academic Board.

7.2 Admissions Standards – English Language Proficiency
This proposal was approved as presented.

**Resolution AB2019/4-13**
The Academic Board approved the proposal from Admissions to amend the Admissions Standards – English Language Proficiency.

**Action 108/2019**: Executive Officer to publish the amended Admissions Standards – English Language Proficiency.

### 7.3 Dual and Joint Degrees Working Group

This proposal was approved as presented.

**Resolution AB2019/4-14**
The Academic Board approved the recommendations of the report of the Dual and Joint Degrees Working Party.

**Action 109/2019**: Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Education) to note the Academic Board’s approval of the report of the Dual and Joint Degrees Working Party and the recommendations contained therein.

### 7.4 Broadway Scheme – Review of ATAR Adjustment Factor Points

The Chair of the Academic Standards & Policy Committee informed members that this proposal and that at 7.5 had been accelerated to enable advertising to potential students at the upcoming Open Day. Members were advised that the Broadway Scheme is currently processed by the Universities Admissions Centre (UAC) and enables the addition of five points to the ATAR of eligible students who meet stipulated criteria; the current proposal calls for this to increase to an adjustable value of between five and ten points against named criteria.

This proposal was approved as presented.

**Resolution AB2019/4-15**
The Academic Board:
(1) approved an increase in concessions for eligible Broadway Scheme applicants to a maximum of 10 points;
(2) approve the amendment of Part 7, 27 (2) of the Coursework Policy 2014, to reflect approved changes; and
(3) agreed to request a review of impact on numbers in early 2020 and analysis of success rates of the 2020 Broadway commencing cohort in early 2021.

**Action 110/2019**: Executive Officer to promulgate the amended Coursework Policy 2014 to the Policy Register.

**Action 111/2019**: Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Education) and Vice-Principal (External Relations) to note the Academic Board’s approval of the proposal to increase concessions for eligible Broadway Scheme applicants as proposed, and to provide a review of impact of the amendment in 2021.

### 7.5 ATAR Adjustment Factors (Subject Bonus Points)

The Chair of the Academic Standards & Policy Committee advised that the University current awards bonus points for performance in specific HSC subjects for entry to named degrees, and this paper provides a longitudinal data analysis supporting the academic achievement of students obtaining Band 5 or 6 results in a relevant and pre-determined HSC subject.

This proposal was approved as presented.

**Resolution AB2019/4-16**
The Academic Board:
(1) endorsed the Subject Excellence Adjustment Scheme (Appendix 3) as a basis for ATAR adjustment factors based on individual subject performance to replace the existing (dormant) Flexible Entry Scheme adjustments for admission in 2020; and
(2) agreed to request by February 2020 the design for a new subject-based ATAR adjustment scheme to be deployed from 2021 and made explicit in the Coursework Policy 2014.

**Action 112/2019:** Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Education) and Vice-Principal (External Relations) to note the Academic Board’s approval of the proposal to amend ATAR Adjustment Factors (Subject Bonus Points), as presented.

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8 **REPORT OF THE UNDERGRADUATE STUDIES COMMITTEE**

**Resolution AB2019/4-17**
The Academic Board noted the report from the meeting of the Undergraduate Studies Committee held on 25 June 2019.

8.1 **Engineering: Bachelor of Advanced Computing (Honours)**

This proposal was approved as presented.

**Resolution AB2019/4-18**
The Academic Board:
(1) approved the proposal from the Faculty of Engineering to amend the Bachelor of Advanced Computing; and
(2) approved the amendment of course resolutions and unit of study tables arising from the proposal, with effect from 1 January 2020.

**Action 113/2019:** Dean and Faculty General Manager, Faculty of Engineering, to note the Academic Board’s approval of the proposal to amend the Bachelor of Advanced Computing and update course resolutions and unit of study tables in CMS.

8.2 **Engineering: Bachelor of Engineering (Honours)**

This proposal was approved as presented.

**Resolution AB2019/4-19**
The Academic Board:
(1) approved the proposal from the Faculty of Engineering to amend the Bachelor of Engineering (Honours) Aeronautical, Biomedical, Mechanical and Mechatronic streams; and
(2) approved the amendment of unit of study tables arising from this proposal, with effect from 1 January 2020.

**Action 114/2019:** Dean and Faculty General Manager, Faculty of Engineering, to note the Academic Board’s approval of the proposal to amend the Bachelor of Engineering (Honours) Aeronautical, Biomedical, Mechanical and Mechatronic streams and update unit of study tables in CMS.

8.3 **Law: Bachelor of Laws**

This proposal was approved as presented.

**Resolution AB2019/4-20**
The Academic Board:
(1) approved the proposal from the Sydney Law School to amend the Bachelor of Laws; and
(2) approved the amendment of course resolutions arising from this proposal, with effect from 1 January 2020.

**Action 115/2019:** Head of School & Dean and School General Manager, Sydney Law School, to note the Academic Board’s approval of the proposal to amend the Bachelor of Laws and update course resolutions in CMS.

8.4 **Medicine & Health: Undergraduate Award Courses**

This proposal was approved as presented.

**Resolution AB2019/4-21**
The Academic Board:

(1) approved the proposal from the Faculty of Medicine & Health and the Faculty of Health Sciences to amend the Bachelor of Pharmacy, Bachelor of Pharmacy (Honours), Bachelor of Pharmacy & Management, Bachelor of Pharmacy & Management (Honours), Bachelor of Arts / Master of Nursing, Bachelor of Nursing (Advanced Studies), Bachelor of Nursing (Honours), Bachelor of Science (Health) / Master of Nursing, Bachelor of Science / Master of Nursing, Bachelor of Oral Health, Bachelor of Applied Science (Diagnostic Radiography), Bachelor of Applied Science (Exercise & Sport Science), Bachelor of Applied Science / Bachelor of Advanced Studies (Exercise & Sport Science), Bachelor of Applied Science (Exercise Physiology), Bachelor of Applied Science (Occupational Therapy), Bachelor of Applied Science (Physiotherapy) and Bachelor of Applied Science (Speech Pathology);

(2) approved the amendment of course resolutions arising from this proposal; and

(3) approved the consequent amendment of the Resolutions of Faculty for the Faculty of Medicine and Health, with effect from 1 January 2020.

Action 116/2019: Executive Dean and Faculty General Manager, Faculty of Medicine & Health and Dean and Faculty General Manager, Faculty of Health Sciences, to note the Academic Board’s approval of the proposal to amend the Bachelor of Pharmacy, Bachelor of Pharmacy (Honours), Bachelor of Pharmacy & Management, Bachelor of Pharmacy & Management (Honours), Bachelor of Arts / Master of Nursing, Bachelor of Nursing (Advanced Studies), Bachelor of Nursing (Honours), Bachelor of Science (Health) / Master of Nursing, Bachelor of Science / Master of Nursing, Bachelor of Oral Health, Bachelor of Applied Science (Diagnostic Radiography), Bachelor of Applied Science (Exercise & Sport Science), Bachelor of Applied Science / Bachelor of Advanced Studies (Exercise & Sport Science), Bachelor of Applied Science (Exercise Physiology), Bachelor of Applied Science (Occupational Therapy), Bachelor of Applied Science (Physiotherapy) and Bachelor of Applied Science (Speech Pathology) and the consequent amendment of the Resolutions of Faculty for the Faculty of Medicine and Health, and update course resolutions and Resolutions of Faculty in CMS.

8.5 Science: Bachelor of Science and Bachelor of Advanced Studies Table A amendments

This proposal was approved as presented.

Resolution AB2019/4-22
The Academic Board:

(1) approved the proposal from the Faculty of Science to amend the Bachelor of Science and Bachelor of Advanced Studies; and

(2) approved amendment of the unit of study tables for the Table A majors Computer Science, Information Systems, and Software Development arising from the proposal, with effect from 1 January 2020.

Action 117/2019: Dean and Faculty General Manager, Faculty of Science, to note the Academic Board’s approval of the proposal to amend the Bachelor of Science and Bachelor of Advanced Studies and update unit of study tables in CMS.

9 REPORT OF THE GRADUATE STUDIES COMMITTEE

Resolution AB2019/4-23
The Academic Board noted the report from the meeting of the Graduate Studies Committee held on 18 June 2019.

9.1 Health Sciences: Doctor of Health Science, Master of Health Informatics, Master of Health Sciences (Medical Radiation Sciences), Master of Molecular Imaging, Master of Nuclear Medicine, Master of Orthoptics, Master of Radiation Therapy, Graduate Diploma of Health Sciences (Medical Radiation Sciences), Graduate Certificate of Health Sciences (Medical Radiation Sciences) course deletions

This proposal was approved as presented.

Resolution AB2019/4-24
The Academic Board:
(1) endorsed the proposal from the Faculty of Health Sciences to delete the Doctor of Health Science, Master of Health Informatics, Master of Health Sciences (Medical Radiation Sciences), Master of Molecular Imaging, Master of Nuclear Medicine, Master of Orthoptics, Master of Radiation Therapy, Graduate Diploma of Health Sciences (Medical Radiation Sciences) and Graduate Certificate of Health Sciences (Medical Radiation Sciences) from the Resolutions of Senate for the Faculty of Health Sciences, and

(2) agreed to recommend that Senate approve the amendment of the Resolutions of Senate for the Faculty of Health Sciences, with effect from 1 January 2020.

**Action 118/2019:** Dean and Faculty General Manager, Faculty of Health Sciences, to note the Academic Board’s endorsement of the proposal to delete the Doctor of Health Science, Master of Health Informatics, Master of Health Sciences (Medical Radiation Sciences), Master of Molecular Imaging, Master of Nuclear Medicine, Master of Orthoptics, Master of Radiation Therapy, Graduate Diploma of Health Sciences (Medical Radiation Sciences) and Graduate Certificate of Health Sciences (Medical Radiation Sciences) from the Resolutions of Senate for the Faculty of Health Sciences and update the Resolutions of Senate for the Faculty of Health Sciences.

**Action 119/2019:** Chair of Academic Board to recommend that Senate approve the amendment of the Resolutions of Senate for the Faculty of Health Sciences and subsequent amendment of the Resolutions of Senate for the Faculty of Medicine & Health.

### 9.2 Arts & Social Sciences: Master of Economic Analysis

This proposal was approved as presented.

**Resolution AB2019/4-25**

The Academic Board:

(1) approved the proposal from the Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences to amend the Master of Economic Analysis and embedded award courses; and

(2) approved the amendment of unit of study tables arising from the proposal, with effect from January 1, 2020.

**Action 120/2019:** Dean and Faculty General Manager, Faculty of Arts & Social Sciences, to note the Academic Board’s approval of the proposal to amend the Master of Economic Analysis and embedded award courses and update unit of study tables in CMS.

### 9.3 Arts & Social Sciences: Master of Education

This proposal was approved as presented.

**Resolution AB2019/4-26**

The Academic Board:

(1) approved the proposal from the Faculty of Arts & Social Sciences to amend the Master of Education and embedded award courses; and

(2) approved the amendment of course resolutions arising from the proposal, with effect from 1 January 2020.

**Action 121/2019:** Dean and Faculty General Manager, Faculty of Arts & Social Sciences, to note the Academic Board’s approval of the proposal to amend the Master of Education and embedded award courses and update course resolutions in CMS.

### 9.4 Law: Juris Doctor

This proposal was approved as presented.

**Resolution AB2019/4-27**

The Academic Board:

(1) approved the proposal from Sydney Law School to amend the Juris Doctor; and

(2) approved the amendment of course resolutions arising from this proposal, with effect from 1 January 2020.
9.5 **Medicine & Health: Master of Medicine; Master of Science in Medicine**

This proposal was approved as presented.

**Resolution AB2019/4-28**

The Academic Board:

1. approved the proposal from the Faculty of Medicine & Health to amend the Master of Medicine and Master of Science in Medicine; and
2. approved the amendment of unit of study tables arising from the proposal, with effect from 1 January 2020.

**Action 123/2019**: Executive Dean and Faculty General Manager, Faculty of Medicine & Health, to note the Academic Board’s approval of the proposal to amend the Master of Medicine and Master of Science in Medicine and update unit of study tables in CMS.

9.6 **Medicine & Health: Master of Nursing (Nurse Practitioner)**

This proposal was approved as presented.

**Resolution AB2019/4-29**

The Academic Board:

1. approved the proposal from the Faculty of Medicine & Health (Sydney Nursing School) to amend the Master of Nursing (Nurse Practitioner); and
2. approved the amendment of course resolutions and unit of study tables arising from the proposal, with effect from 1 January 2020.

**Action 124/2019**: Executive Dean and Faculty General Manager, Faculty of Medicine & Health, to note the Academic Board’s approval of the proposal to amend the Master of Nursing (Nurse Practitioner) and update course resolutions and unit of study tables in CMS.

9.7 **Medicine & Health: Postgraduate award courses**

This proposal was approved as presented.

**Resolution AB2019/4-30**

The Academic Board:

1. approved the proposal from the Faculty of Medicine & Health and Faculty of Health Sciences to amend the Master of Pharmacy, Graduate Certificate in Pharmacy Practice, Graduate Certificate in Evidence-Based Complementary Medicines, Master of Nursing (Nurse Practitioner), Master of Advanced Nursing Practice, Master of Emergency Nursing, Master of Intensive Care Nursing, Master of Mental Health Nursing, Master of Nursing, Master of Primary Health Care Nursing, Master of Advanced Surgery, Master of Surgery, Master of Medicine / Master of Science in Medicine (including new and variation units of study), Master of Clinical Trials Research, Doctor of Dental Medicine, Doctor of Clinical Dentistry, Master of Diagnostic Radiography, Master of Exercise Physiology, Master of Medical Imaging Science, Master of Occupational Therapy, Master of Physiotherapy, Master of Rehabilitation Counselling, Master of Speech Language Pathology and Master of Applied Science;
2. approved the amendment of course resolutions arising from this proposal; and
3. approved the consequent amendment of the Resolutions of Faculty for the Faculty of Medicine and Health, with effect from 1 January 2020.

**Action 125/2019**: Executive Dean and Faculty General Manager, Faculty of Medicine & Health and Dean and Faculty General Manager, Faculty of Health Sciences, to note the Academic Board’s approval of the proposal to amend the Master of Pharmacy, Graduate Certificate in Pharmacy Practice, Graduate Certificate in Evidence-Based Complementary Medicines, Master of Nursing (Nurse Practitioner), Master of Advanced Nursing Practice, Master of Emergency Nursing, Master of Intensive Care Nursing, Master of Mental Health...
Nursing, Master of Nursing, Master of Primary Health Care Nursing, Master of Advanced Surgery, Master of Surgery, Master of Medicine / Master of Science in Medicine (including new and variation units of study), Master of Clinical Trials Research, Doctor of Dental Medicine, Doctor of Clinical Dentistry, Master of Diagnostic Radiography, Master of Exercise Physiology, Master of Medical Imaging Science, Master of Occupational Therapy, Master of Physiotherapy, Master of Rehabilitation Counselling, Master of Speech Language Pathology and Master of Applied Science and the consequent amendment of the Resolutions of Faculty for the Faculty of Medicine & Health, and update course resolutions and Resolutions of Faculty in CMS.

9.8 Medicine & Health: Master of Global Health / Master of Philosophy, Master of Public Health / Master of Philosophy

This proposal was approved as presented.

Resolution AB2019/4-31
The Academic Board:
(1) approved the proposal from the Faculty of Medicine & Health to amend the Master of Global Health / Master of Philosophy and Master of Public Health / Master of Philosophy combined award courses; and
(2) approved the amendment of unit of study tables arising from this proposal, with effect from 1 January 2020.

Action 126/2019: Executive Dean and Faculty General Manager, Faculty of Medicine & Health, to note the Academic Board’s approval of the proposal to amend the Master of Global Health / Master of Philosophy and Master of Public Health / Master of Philosophy combined award courses and update unit of study tables in CMS.

9.9 Medicine & Health: Master of Health Policy / Master of Philosophy

This proposal was approved as presented.

Resolution AB2019/4-32
The Academic Board:
(1) approved the proposal from the Faculty of Medicine & Health to amend the Master of Health Policy / Master of Philosophy combined award course; and
(2) approved the amendment of unit of study tables arising from this proposal, with effect from 1 January 2020.

Action 127/2019: Executive Dean and Faculty General Manager, Faculty of Medicine & Health, to note the Academic Board’s approval of the proposal to amend the Master of Health Policy / Master of Philosophy combined award course and update unit of study tables in CMS.

9.10 Education Portfolio: Linking Degree Codes to Table R

This proposal was approved as presented.

Resolution AB2019/4-33
The Academic Board:
(1) endorsed the creation of new HDR degree codes for all faculties and University schools, ensuring that these degree codes are linked to Table R; and
(2) once the new degree codes have been created, agreed to permit the Director, Student Operations, to close existing degree codes for applications for admission to research degrees from 2021; and
(3) noted that the Director, Graduate Research, will lead a communications campaign to ensure current and prospective applicants are fully informed of the coursework programme.

Action 128/2019: Director, Graduate Research and Director, Student Operations, to note the Academic Board’s approval of the proposal to create new HDR degree codes for all faculties and University schools, ensuring that these degree codes are linked to Table R; to close existing degree codes for applications for admission from 2021; and to communicate HDR coursework requirements to current and prospective students.
9.11 **Education Portfolio: Units for inclusion in Table R (coursework units for HDR students)**

This proposal was approved as presented.

**Resolution AB2019/4-34**

The Academic Board:
(1) approved the guidelines for determining the inclusion of HDR coursework units of study in Table R; and
(2) provided in-principle approval for the inclusion of the recommended units of study, as presented, with effect from 1 January 2021.

**Action 129/2019**: Director, Graduate Research, to note the Academic Board’s approval of the guidelines for determining the inclusion of HDR coursework units of study in Table R and the Academic Board’s in-principle approval of the inclusion of recommended units of study in Table R, with effect from 1 January 2021.

10 **REPORT OF THE ACADEMIC QUALITY COMMITTEE**

**Resolution AB2019/4-35**

The Academic Board noted the report from the meeting of the Academic Quality Committee held on 18 June 2019.

10.1 **Course Reviews**

This item was noted as presented.

**Resolution AB2019/4-36**

The Academic Board noted that the Committee endorsed completed award course reviews from the Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences for the Master of Human Rights, Master of International Relations, Master of International Security, Master of International Studies, Master of Public Policy and Master of Peace and Conflict Studies; and from the University of Sydney Business School for the Master of Management.

11 **GENERAL BUSINESS**

11.1 **Engineering: Resolutions of Senate**

This proposal was approved as presented.

**Resolution AB2019/4-37**

The Academic Board agreed to recommend that Senate approve the proposal from the Faculty of Engineering to amend the Resolutions of Senate for the Faculty of Engineering, with effect from 1 January 2020.

**Action 130/2019**: Chair of Academic Board to recommend that Senate approve the amendment of the Resolutions of Senate for the Faculty of Engineering.

11.2 **Medicine & Health: Resolutions of Senate, Faculty and Courses**

This proposal was approved as presented.

**Resolution AB2019/4-38**

The Academic Board:
(1) approved administrative changes to the course resolutions for all award courses delivered by Faculty of Medicine & Health to reflect the new organisational structure of the Faculty from 2020;
(2) approved the introduction of Resolutions of the Faculty of Medicine & Health for Coursework Awards; and
(3) agreed to recommend that Senate approve the amendment of Resolutions of the Senate for degrees, diplomas and certificates of the University of Sydney Faculty of Medicine & Health, with effect from 1 January 2020.
Action 131/2019: Executive Dean and Faculty General Manager, Faculty of Medicine & Health, to note the Academic Board’s approval of the proposal to make administrative changes to the course resolutions for all award courses delivered by the Faculty of Medicine & Health; approval of the introduction of Resolutions of the Faculty of Medicine & Health for Coursework Awards; and endorsement of the amendment of the Resolutions of Senate for the Faculty of Medicine & Health.

Action 132/2019: Chair of Academic Board to recommend that Senate approve the amendment of the Resolutions of Senate for the Faculty of Medicine & Health.

11.3 Medicine & Health: 2020 Academic Calendars

This paper was noted as presented.

Resolution AB2019/4-39
The Academic Board approved the 2020 Academic Calendars for Sydney Dental School and Sydney Nursing School in the Faculty of Medicine & Health, with effect from 1 January 2020.

Action 133/2019: Executive Dean and Faculty General Manager, Faculty of Medicine & Health, to note the Academic Board’s approval of the 2020 Academic Calendars for Sydney Dental School and Sydney Nursing School, as presented.

11.4 Report from the Joint UE/AB Culture Taskforce

This paper was noted as presented.

Resolution AB2019/4-40
The Academic Board acknowledged the work of the Culture Taskforce and the new governance measures, as presented.

There being no other business, the meeting closed at 4:02pm.

The agenda pack for this meeting, excluding confidential items, is available from: sydney.edu.au/secretariat/pdfs/academic-board-committees/AB/2019/20190723-AB-Agenda-Pack.pdf