Mr Paul Christopher Kelly

The degree of Master of Applied Science (Physiotherapy) (honoris causa) was conferred upon Paul Christopher Kelly at a ceremony held on 30 April 1998.

Mr Paul Kelly was credited by his colleagues as being the driving force behind the achievement of primary contact practitioner status for physiotherapists in the late 1970s. This was the first honorary degree ever awarded by the Faculty of Health Sciences.

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Citation

Chancellor

I have the honour to present Paul Christopher Kelly for admission to the degree of Master of Applied Science (Physiotherapy) (honoris causa).

Paul Kelly received the award of the Diploma of Physiotherapy in 1967 from the New South Wales branch of the Australian Physiotherapy Association. He then obtained the Graduate Certificate of Spinal Manipulation, with distinction, in 1969, from the South Australian branch and in 1981 he was awarded the Graduate Diploma in Manipulative Therapy from the Cumberland College of Health Sciences.

Mr Kelly has given outstanding service to physiotherapy, various teaching institutions and the community. He has contributed significantly to the growth of the profession, particularly in the area on manipulative and manual therapy and has made many contributions to the School of Physiotherapy since his appointment, in 1971, as a part-time lecturer. He was responsible for introducing the first formal, professional postgraduate
programme for physiotherapists in New South Wales in 1979. This is currently conducted as a Graduate Diploma or Master's degree in the School of Physiotherapy of the Faculty of Health Sciences. Mr Kelly has taught in the postgraduate course, in both academic and clinical capacities, since its inception. In addition, he has supervised treatises and contributed to research within the School and wider professional circles. The students and staff, without exception, regard him as an excellent and inspiring teacher.

Mr Kelly has been a member of several external advisory committees considering curriculum changes. He was deeply involved with the review of the graduate programme in 1987 and 1988, when major changes were made to the direction of the course in manipulative physiotherapy. Currently this course is undergoing further review and Mr Kelly will again be closely involved. He has a considerable international reputation as a clinician, and his expertise in the treatment of headaches is widely acclaimed.

He has always been committed to passing on his knowledge and clinical expertise to students and has been untiringly generous with his time and knowledge. In addition he has contributed as a collaborator to clinical research programmes and student supervision in his area of expertise providing valuable insight to the investigation of the practice of physiotherapy.

Mr Kelly has been an outstanding ambassador for his profession in international forums and in this way has enhanced the esteem in which Australian physiotherapy and Australian physiotherapists are held.

Chancellor, I present Paul Christopher Kelly for admission to the degree of Master of Applied Science (Physiotherapy) (honoris causa) and invite you to confer the degree upon him.