



Academic Board Agenda

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NOTICE OF MEETING

A meeting of the **Academic Board** will be held at **2.00 pm** on **Wednesday 15 April 2009** in the Professorial Board Room.

Members who are unable to attend are asked to notify Megan Kemmis at the above address. Enquiries concerning this meeting may also be directed to Ms Kemmis.

Megan Kemmis

Acting Secretary to Academic Board

8 April 2009

AGENDA

Pages

★ 1. **Apologies**

Apologies have been received from: Professor P Wolnizer, Dr R Stanton, Mr M Fisher and Mr A McLeod.

★ 2. **Arrangement of agenda**

★ 2.1 **Starring of items**

2.2 **Adoption of unstarred items**

Recommendation

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

3. **Minutes of previous meetings**

3.1 **Meeting of 25 February 2009**

Appendix A

A1-A22

Recommendation

The Academic Board adopt the minutes of the previous meeting held on 25 February 2009 as a true record.

3.2 **Meeting of 10 March 2009**

A23-A28

Recommendation

The Academic Board adopt the minutes of the previous meeting held on 10 March 2009 as a true record.

4. **Business arising from Minutes** (not dealt with elsewhere in the Agenda)

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- ★ 5. **Report of the Chair** **Appendix B**
- 5.1 **Report on Senate Matters**
- 5.1.1 **Report of the Senate meeting held on 16 March 2009** B1
- Recommendation**
That the Academic Board note the report of the Chair of the Academic Board on academic matters considered by Senate at its meeting of 16 March 2009.
- 5.2 **Honours and Distinctions** B1-B2
- Recommendation**
That the Academic Board note the report of the Chair of the Academic Board on the honours and distinctions and congratulate the recipients, as set out in the report presented.
- 5.3 **General Report**
- 5.3.1 **University of Sydney (Coursework) Rule 2000 (as amended)** B2-B3, B4-B17
- Recommendation**
That the Academic Board recommend that Senate approve the amendments to the University of Sydney (Coursework) Rule 2000 (as amended), with effect from 1 June 2010 as set out in the report presented.
- 5.3.2 **2008 Annual Report of Academic Board Activities** B3, B18-B26
- Recommendation**
That the Academic Board note the 2007 Annual Report of Academic Board activities, as set out in the report presented.
- 5.3.3 **Academic Board Membership for 2009** B3
- Recommendation**
That the Academic Board note and approve the nomination of Associate Professor Anne Dunn as an academic staff representative of the Faculty of Arts, as set out in the report presented.
- ★ 6. **Report of the Vice-Chancellor and Principal** **Appendix C**
- 6.1 **Report on Senate Matters**
- 6.1.1 **Report of the Senate meeting held on 16 March 2009** C1-C2
- Recommendation**
That the Academic Board note the report of the Vice-Chancellor and Principal on matters considered by Senate at its meeting held on 16 March 2009.
- 6.2 **General report**
- ★ 7. **Question time**
Questions to the Vice-Chancellor and Chair of the Academic Board

(Time limit 15 minutes)

8. **Report of the Faculties** **Appendix D**
8.1 **Report of the Board of Studies in Indigenous Studies**
8.1.1 **Amendment to the Constitution of the Board of Studies in Indigenous Studies** D1-D2

Recommendation

That the Academic Board recommend that Senate approve the amendments to the Senate Resolutions relating to the Constitution of the Board of Studies in Indigenous Studies, as set out in the report presented.

9. **Report of the Undergraduate Studies Committee** **Appendix E**
(Professor Scott Kable)

- ★ 9.1 **Oral report of the Chair**

Recommendation

That the Academic Board note the report of the Chair of the Undergraduate Studies Committee.

- 9.2 **Report of the meeting held on 18 March 2009** E1-E52
9.2.1 **Proposals for new and amended undergraduate courses**
9.2.1.1 **Faculty of Arts**
(1) **Bachelor of Political, Economic and Social Sciences** E1, E7-E10

Recommendation

That the Academic Board:

- (1) *approve the proposal from the Faculty of Arts to rename the Bachelor of Economic and Social Sciences as the Bachelor of Political, Economic and Social Sciences;*
- (2) *recommend that Senate:*
 - (a) *endorse the Academic Board's approval of the proposal,*
 - (b) *approve the amendment of the Resolutions of the Senate relating to the Degree, Diplomas and Certifications in the Faculty of Arts, and*
 - (c) *approve the adoption of the new Resolutions of the Senate relating to this course, made pursuant to the University of Sydney (Coursework) Rule 2000, and*
- (3) *note the Resolutions of the Faculty relating to the above course, made pursuant to the University of Sydney (Coursework) Rule 2000 (as amended); and*
- (4) *approve the faculty requirements relating to admission, units of study, the pass*

degree, combined degrees, the honours degree, specially designated streams and award of the degree, with effect from 1 January 2010, as set out in the report presented.

(2) Bachelor of Arts and Sciences E1-E2, E7, E11-E12

Recommendation

That the Academic Board:

- (1) approve the proposal from the Faculty of Arts to delete the Bachelor of Arts and Sciences and the Bachelor of Arts and Sciences (Honours);*
- (2) recommend that Senate:*
 - (a) endorse the Academic Board's approval of the proposal,*
 - (b) approve the amendment of the Resolutions of the Senate relating to the Degree, Diplomas and Certifications in the Faculty of Arts, and*
 - (c) approve the deletion of the Resolutions of the Senate relating to these courses, made pursuant to the University of Sydney (Coursework) Rule 2000, and*
- (3) approve the deletion of the Resolutions of the Faculty relating to the above courses,*

with effect from 1 January 2010, as set out in the report presented.

(3) Bachelor of Liberal Studies, Bachelor of Liberal Studies (Honours) and Bachelor of Liberal Studies (International) E2, E7, E13-E15

Recommendation

That the Academic Board:

- (1) approve the proposal from the Faculty of Arts to delete the Bachelor of Liberal Studies, Bachelor of Liberal Studies (Honours) and Bachelor of Liberal Studies (International);*
- (2) recommend that Senate:*
 - (a) endorse the Academic Board's approval of the proposal,*
 - (b) approve the amendment of the Resolutions of the Senate relating to the Degree, Diplomas and Certifications in the Faculty of Arts, and*
 - (c) approve the deletion of the Resolutions of the Senate relating to these courses, made pursuant to the University of Sydney (Coursework) Rule 2000, and*

(3) *approve the deletion of the Resolutions of the Faculty relating to the above courses,
with effect from 1 January 2010, as set out in the report presented.*

(4) Bachelor of Arts (Psychology) and Bachelor of Arts (Psychology) (Honours) E3, E7, E16-E17

Recommendation

That the Academic Board:

- (1) *approve the proposal from the Faculty of Arts to delete the Bachelor of Arts (Psychology) and Bachelor of Arts (Psychology) (Honours);*
- (2) *recommend that Senate:*
 - (a) *endorse the Academic Board's approval of the proposal,*
 - (b) *approve the amendment of the Resolutions of the Senate relating to the Degree, Diplomas and Certifications in the Faculty of Arts, and*
 - (c) *approve the deletion of the Resolutions of the Senate relating to these courses, made pursuant to the University of Sydney (Coursework) Rule 2000, and*
- (3) *approve the deletion of the Resolutions of the Faculty relating to the above courses,
with effect from 1 January 2010, as set out in the report presented.*

9.2.1.2 Faculty of Science

(1) Bachelor of Liberal Arts and Science E3-E4, E18-E19, E21-E25

Recommendation

That the Academic Board:

- (1) *approve the proposal from the Faculties of Arts and Science for the introduction of the new degree, the Bachelor of Liberal Arts and Science;*
- (2) *recommend that Senate:*
 - (a) *endorse the Academic Board's approval of the proposal,*
 - (b) *approve the amendment of the Resolutions of the Senate relating to the Degree, Diplomas and Certificates in the Faculty of Arts and the Faculty of Science,*
 - (c) *approve the adoption of the new Resolutions of the Senate relating to this course, made pursuant to the University of Sydney (Coursework) Rule 2000, and*

- (3) note the Resolutions of the Faculties relating to the above course, made pursuant to the University of Sydney (Coursework) Rule 2000 (as amended); and
- (4) approve the faculty requirements relating to admission, units of study, the pass degree, combined degrees, the honours degree, specially designated streams and award of the degree,
with effect from 1 January 2010, as set out in the report presented.

(2) Bachelor of Psychology E4, E26-E30

Recommendation

That the Academic Board:

- (1) approve the proposal from the Faculty of Science to amend the Bachelor of Psychology;
- (2) recommend that Senate endorse the Academic Board's approval of the proposal, noting there are no consequent amendments to Resolutions of Senate;
- (3) note the Resolutions of the Faculties relating to the above course, made pursuant to the University of Sydney (Coursework) Rule 2000 (as amended); and
- (4) approve the faculty requirements relating to admission, units of study, the pass degree, combined degrees, the honours degree, specially designated streams and award of the degree,
with effect from 1 January 2010, as set out in the report presented.

(3) Bachelor of Science (Nutrition) E4, E18-E19, E31-E37

Recommendation

That the Academic Board:

- (1) approve the proposal from the Faculty of Science to delete the Bachelor of Science (Nutrition);
- (2) recommend that Senate:
 - (a) endorse the Academic Board's approval of the proposal,
 - (b) approve the amendment of the Resolutions of the Senate relating to the Degree, Diplomas and Certificates in the Faculty of Science, and
- (3) approve the amendment of the Resolutions of the Faculty relating to the Bachelor of Science,

with effect from 1 January 2010, as set out in the report presented.

(4) Bachelor of Science and Technology E5, E18-E20, E38-E43

Recommendation

That the Academic Board:

- (1) *approve the proposal from the Faculty of Science to delete the Bachelor of Science and Technology;*
- (2) *recommend that Senate:*
 - (a) *endorse the Academic Board's approval of the proposal,*
 - (b) *approve the amendment of the Resolutions of the Senate relating to the Degree, Diplomas and Certificates in the Faculty of Science, and*
 - (c) *approve the deletion of the Resolutions of the Senate relating to this course, made pursuant to the University of Sydney (Coursework) Rule 2000, and*
- (3) *approve the deletion of the Resolutions of the Faculty relating to the above course,*

with effect from 1 January 2010, as set out in the report presented.

9.2.2 Report of the Admissions Sub-Committee E5-E6, E44-E52
9.2.2.1 Sydney Conservatorium of Music E5, E44-E45

Recommendation

That the Academic Board note the approval of the introduction of flexible entry criteria for the Bachelor of Music (Performance), Advanced Diploma of Opera and Diploma of Music.

9.2.2.2 Faculty of Economics and Business E6, E46-E47

Recommendation

That the Academic Board approve amendments to the English language requirements of all undergraduate courses offered by the Faculty of Economics and Business and consequent changes to Schedule One of the Academic Board policy: Admission to Undergraduate Courses, to be implemented for applications for 2010 onwards.

9.2.2.3 Flexible Entry Requirements E6, E48-E52

Recommendation

That the Academic Board approve the new schedule for the Academic Board Policy Admission to Undergraduate Courses.

9.2.3 Proceedings of the Committee

E6

Recommendation

That the Academic Board note the proceedings of the Undergraduate Studies Committee meeting held on 18 March 2009, as set out in the report presented.

10. Report of the Graduate Studies Committee (Associate Professor Peter McCallum)

Appendix F

★ 10.1 Oral report of the Chair

Recommendation

That the Academic Board note the report of the Chair of the Graduate Studies Committee.

10.2 Report of the meeting held on 25 March 2009

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10.2.1 Proposals for new and amended postgraduate courses

10.2.2.1 Faculty of Medicine: Master of Qualitative Health Research, Graduate Diploma in Qualitative Health Research and Graduate Certificate in Qualitative Health Research

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Recommendation

That the Academic Board:

- (1) *approve the proposal from the Faculty of Medicine to introduce the Master of Qualitative Health Research, Graduate Diploma in Qualitative Health Research and Graduate Certificate in Qualitative Health Research;*
- (2) *recommend that Senate:*
 - (a) *endorse the Academic Board's approval of the proposal;*
 - (b) *approve the amendment of the Resolutions of Senate related to the Degrees, Diplomas and Certificates in the Faculty of Medicine; and*
 - (c) *approve the introduction of the Resolutions of Senate related to the courses;*
- (3) *approve the faculty requirements relating to the courses;*
with effect from 1 January 2010, as set out in the report presented.

10.2.2 Proceedings of the Committee

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Recommendation

That the Academic Board note the proceedings of the Graduate Studies Committee meeting held on 11 February 2009, as set out in the report presented.

- 11. Report of the Learning and Teaching Committee** **Appendix G**
(Professor Bruce Sutton)
- ★ **11.1 Oral report of the Chair**
- Recommendation**
That the Academic Board note the report of the Chair of the Learning and Teaching Committee.
- 11.2 Report of the meeting held on 25 March 2009** **G1-G7**
- 11.2.1 Academic Board Faculty Reviews** **G1, G3-G6**
- (1) **Review: Report Faculty of Pharmacy** **G1, separate attachment**
- Recommendation**
That the Academic Board note the Academic Board Review Phase Three Report for the Faculty of Pharmacy as presented.
- (2) **Faculty of Engineering and Information Technologies** **G1, G3-G6**
- Recommendation**
That the Academic Board note the update report from the Faculty of Engineering and Information Technologies as presented.
- 11.2.2 Proceedings of the Committee** **G1-G2, G7**
- Recommendation**
That the Academic Board note the proceedings of the Learning and Teaching Committee meeting held on 25 March 2009, as set out in the report presented.
- 12. Report of the Research and Research Training Committee** **Appendix H**
(Professor Jillian Kril)
- ★ **12.1 Oral report of the Chair**
- Recommendation**
That the Academic Board note the report of the Chair of the Research and Research Training Committee.
- 12.2 Report of the meeting held on 18 March 2009** **H1**
- 12.2.1 Proceedings of the Committee** **H1**
- Recommendation**
That the Academic Board note the proceedings of the Research and Research Training Committee meeting held on 18 March 2009, as set out in the report presented.
- 13. General Business**