

**AGENDA ITEM 6
Report of the Chair****6.1 Report on Senate Matters****6.1.1 Report of the Senate meeting held on 4 May 2009**

Senate, at its meeting on 4 May 2009, on the report of the Academic Board meeting held on 15 April 2009:

- (1) noted the oral report of the Chair.
- (2) approved:
 - (a) the amendment of the *University of Sydney (Coursework) Rule 2000* encapsulating recommendations concerning coursework masters made by the Postgraduate Coursework Review Working Group, established as part of the Provost's Academic Reform project in 2007.
 - (b) the amendment of the Resolutions of Senate relating to the Constitution of the Board of Studies in Indigenous Studies.
- (3) endorsed the Academic Board's approval of 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, approved the amendment of the Resolutions of the Senate relating to the Degrees, Diplomas and Certifications in the Faculty of Arts, and approved the adoption of the new Resolutions of the Senate relating to this course, with effect from 1 January 2010.
- (4) endorsed the Board's approval of the proposal from the Faculty of Arts to delete the Bachelor of Arts and Sciences, approved the amendment of the Resolutions of the Senate relating to the Degrees, Diplomas and Certifications in the Faculty of Arts, and approved the rescission of the Resolutions of the Senate relating to this course, with effect from 1 January 2010.
- (5) endorsed the Board's approval of the proposal from the Faculty of Arts to delete the Bachelor of Liberal Studies, the Bachelor of Liberal Studies (Honours) and the Bachelor of Liberal Studies (International), approved the amendment of the Resolutions of the Senate relating to the Degrees, Diplomas and Certifications in the Faculty of Arts, and approved the rescission of the Resolutions of the Senate relating to these courses, with effect from 1 January 2010.
- (6) endorsed the Board's approval of the proposal from the Faculty of Arts to delete the Bachelor of Arts (Psychology) and the Bachelor of Arts (Psychology) (Honours), approved the amendment of the Resolutions of the Senate relating to the Degrees, Diplomas and Certifications in the Faculty of Arts, and approved the rescission of the Resolutions of the Senate relating to these courses, with effect from 1 January 2010.
- (7) endorsed the Board's approval of the proposal from the Faculty of Medicine to introduce the Master of Qualitative Health Research, the Graduate Diploma in Qualitative Health Research and the Graduate Certificate in Qualitative Health Research; approved the amendment of the Resolutions of Senate relating to the Degrees, Diplomas and Certificates in the Faculty of Medicine; and approved the introduction of the Resolutions of Senate relating to these courses, with effect from 1 January 2010.
- (8) endorsed the Board's approval of the proposal from the Faculty of Science and the Faculty of Arts to introduce the Bachelor of Liberal Arts and Science, approved the amendment of the Resolutions of the Senate relating to the Degrees, Diplomas and Certifications in the Faculty of Arts and the Degrees, Diplomas and Certificates in the

- Faculty of Science, and approved the adoption of the new Resolutions of the Senate relating to this course, with effect from 1 January 2010.
- (9) endorsed the Board's approval of the proposal from the Faculty of Science to amend the Bachelor of Psychology with effect from 1 January 2010.
- (10) endorsed the Board's approval of the proposal from the Faculty of Science to delete the Bachelor of Science (Nutrition), and approved the amendment of the Resolutions of the Senate relating to the Degrees, Diplomas and Certifications in the Faculty of Science, with effect from 1 January 2010.
- (11) endorsed the Board's approval of the proposal from the Faculty of Science to delete the Bachelor of Science and Technology, approved the amendment of the Resolutions of the Senate relating to the Degrees, Diplomas and Certifications in the Faculty of Science, and the departments, schools and units within the Faculty of Science, and approved the rescission of the Resolutions of Senate relating to the course, with effect from 1 January 2010.
- (12) noted that the Academic Board had approved:
- (a) a recommendation that its structure and operation be reviewed and agreed upon draft terms of reference and the composition of the review panel.
 - (b) a revised proposal to amend the Academic Board policy on Advanced Standing, Credit and Exemption.
 - (c) Board membership for 2009.
 - (d) changes to the terms of reference for the Standing Committees arising from the appointment of the Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Education), including appointing the Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Education) as a member of the Research and Research Training Committee.
 - (e) amendments to the Academic Board's membership list.
 - (f) the appointment of Professor Tony Aspromourgos as Chair of the Board's Learning and Teaching Committee.
 - (g) amendment of the Academic Board policy "Admission to Undergraduate Courses".
- (13) noted that the Academic Board had endorsed minor amendments to the following courses:
- (a) Faculty of Economics and Business: amendments to the English language requirements for the Bachelor of Commerce, Bachelor of Commerce (Liberal Studies) and Bachelor of Economics; and
 - (b) Sydney Conservatorium of Music: introduction of flexible entry criteria for the Bachelor of Music (Performance), the Advanced Diploma of Opera and the Diploma of Opera.
- (14) noted that the Academic Board had noted:
- (a) the report of the Vice-Chancellor on the Senate meeting of 16 March 2009 and Senior Executive Group meetings of 19 March and 2 April 2009.
 - (b) the formation by the Graduate Studies Committee of working parties to look at on-line courses and the application of the Academic Board policy "Identifying and Supporting Students at Risk" to postgraduate coursework courses.
 - (c) the formation by the Learning and Teaching Committee of a working party to consider the recommendations of the report into the implementation of the Academic Board policy "Identifying and Supporting Students at Risk".

- (d) the Academic Board Review Phase Three Report for the Faculty of Pharmacy and an update report from the review of the Faculty of Engineering and Information Technologies.
 - (e) that a report from the PhD Review Working Party would be available by the middle of the year.
 - (f) action taken by the Chair on behalf of the Board since the meeting of December 2008.
- (15) noted that the Board had discussed revisions to the proposed review of the Academic Board.

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 4 May 2009.

6.2 Honours and Distinctions

I am pleased to report the following honours and distinctions and recommend the Academic Board extend its congratulations to the recipients:

Associate Professor Paul McGreevy, Faculty of Veterinary Science

Awarded the Ian Clunies Ross Memorial Award 2009 from the Australian College of Veterinary Scientists for outstanding research contributions.

Dr Matthew Hindson, Sydney Conservatorium of Music

Appointed Chair of the Music Board of the Australia Council.

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.

6.3 General Report

6.3.1 Doctorates and Graduate-entry Courses at the University of Sydney

An oral report on this matter will be presented at the meeting.

Recommendation

That the Academic Board note the report on doctorates and graduate-entry courses at the University of Sydney, as set out in the report presented.

6.3.2 Academic Board Membership for 2009

Ms Clare McNally is no longer an academic staff member of the Faculty of Dentistry. The Dean of the Faculty of Dentistry, Professor Eli Schwarz, has nominated Associate Professor Hans Zoellner to fill the resulting casual vacancy.

Recommendation

That the Academic Board note and approve the nomination of Associate Professor Hans Zoellner as an academic staff representative of the Faculty of Dentistry, as set out in the report presented.