



ACADEMIC SENATE COMMITTEE MEETING AGENDA

6 July 2011

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**ACADEMIC SENATE COMMITTEE
AGENDA – WEDNESDAY, 6 JULY 2011**

Agenda of the 297th meeting of the Academic Senate to be held at 9:30am on Wednesday, 6 July 2011 in 20.5 the Communications Building.

PART A: PRELIMINARY BUSINESS

***A1 Apologies and Leave of Absence**

***A2 Arrangement of Agenda**

A2.1 Confidential Items

A2.2 Starring of Items

- (i) That the meeting indicate those items to be starred (*) for discussion.
- (ii) That a motion be put for the adoption of the draft Resolutions and Recommendations to Academic Senate for the unstarred items.

***A3 Business from the last meeting**

***A4 Confirmation of Minutes**

Attachment p. 11

DRAFT RESOLUTION

that the minutes of the previous meeting held on 11 May 2011 be confirmed and signed as a true record.

***A5 Vice-Chancellor's Report**

***A6 Chair's Report**

***A7 Reports from Senior Executive and members of other University committees**

***A8 Business from Academic Senate committees**

***A9 Business from Faculties and UOW College**

***A10 Members' Business**

***A11 Student Members' Business**

PART B: GENERAL BUSINESS

B1 Endorsement of nominees to the Academic Probation Committee and Academic Promotion Committee

Attachment p. 21

DRAFT RESOLUTION

that Academic Senate endorse the proposed nominations to the Academic Probation Committee and the Academic Promotion Committee, as outlined in the agenda papers.

B2 Amendments to Higher Degree Research Rules

Attachment p. 25

DRAFT RESOLUTION:

that Academic Senate:

- (i) *endorse the proposed amendments to the Higher Degree Research Rules, as attached to the agenda papers; and*

- (ii) forward the revised Higher Degree Research Rules to University Council for approval, to become effective immediately.

B3 Revised Student Awards & Prizes Policy

Attachment p. 31

*DRAFT RESOLUTION
that Academic Senate:*

- i) endorse the revision to the Student Awards & Prizes Policy as attached to the agenda papers; and
ii) forward the revised Policy to University Council for approval, to become effective immediately.

B4 Prize proposals from the Student Awards Committee

Attachment p. 47

DRAFT RESOLUTION

that Academic Senate approve the following new prizes, to be effective immediately:

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| 1. | <i>The Ashleigh Spicer Memorial Prize for Outstanding Performance in First Year Professional Development</i> | <i>Faculty of Education</i> |
| 2. | <i>Faculty of Education Outstanding Thesis Award</i> | <i>Faculty of Education</i> |
| 3. | <i>MDA Outstanding Achievement Poster and Poster Presentation</i> | <i>Graduate School of Medicine</i> |
| 4. | <i>MDA Outstanding Achievement Poster and Poster Presentation – Indigenous Health</i> | <i>Graduate School of Medicine</i> |
| 5. | <i>Bachelor of Nanotechnology Prize</i> | <i>Faculty of Science</i> |

DRAFT RESOLUTION

that Academic Senate approve the following revised prizes, to be effective immediately:

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| 1. | <i>DMW Group Prize</i> | <i>Faculty of Commerce</i> |
| 2. | <i>GHD Meyrick Prize for Honours in Economics</i> | <i>Faculty of Commerce</i> |
| 3. | <i>GHD Meyrick Prize in Economics</i> | <i>Faculty of Commerce</i> |
| 4. | <i>IRIS John Steinke Prize in Economics</i> | <i>Faculty of Commerce</i> |
| 5. | <i>IRIS Marketing Research Prize</i> | <i>Faculty of Commerce</i> |
| 6. | <i>Kenneth A Blakey Prize in Microeconomic Theory and Policy</i> | <i>Faculty of Commerce</i> |
| 7. | <i>Pearson Australia Prize in Macroeconomic Essentials for Business</i> | <i>Faculty of Commerce</i> |
| 8. | <i>Pearson Australia Prize in Statistics for Business</i> | <i>Faculty of Commerce</i> |
| 9. | <i>Prize in Introductory Microeconomics</i> | <i>Faculty of Commerce</i> |

DRAFT RESOLUTION

that Academic Senate approve the following revised prize conditions, to be effective immediately:

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| 1. | <i>The Diana Wood Conroy Prize</i> | <i>Faculty of Creative Arts</i> |
| 2. | <i>G.W. Daniels Memorial Prize for 2nd Year Chemistry</i> | <i>Faculty of Science</i> |
| 3. | <i>Pharmaxis Prize for Medicinal Chemistry</i> | <i>Faculty of Science</i> |
| 4. | <i>RACI Analytical Chemistry Award</i> | <i>Faculty of Science</i> |
| 5. | <i>Royal Australian Chemical Institute (RACI) Student Prize</i> | <i>Faculty of Science</i> |
| 6. | <i>The Bert Halpern Prize in Chemistry</i> | <i>Faculty of Science</i> |
| 7. | <i>The Larry & Marilyn Hick Award</i> | <i>Faculty of Science</i> |
| 8. | <i>The Peter Beckmann Memorial Prize for 3rd Year Chemistry</i> | <i>Faculty of Science</i> |

DRAFT RESOLUTION

that Academic Senate approve the following revised subject codes and program titles, to be effective immediately:

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| 1. Australian Press Council Prize | Faculty of Creative Arts |
| 2. Brian Crowther Prize | Faculty of Creative Arts |
| 3. Ignition: NAVA Graduating Student Award | Faculty of Creative Arts |
| 4. Illawarra Mercury Journalism Prize | Faculty of Creative Arts |
| 5. Merrigong Theatre Company Performance Prize | Faculty of Creative Arts |
| 6. The Liz Jeneid Prize | Faculty of Creative Arts |
| 7. The Nicholas Pounder Prize | Faculty of Creative Arts |

DRAFT RESOLUTION

that Academic Senate note the deletion of the following prizes, to be effective immediately:

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| 1. BDO Forensic Accounting Services Prize | Faculty of Commerce |
| 2. Drake International Prize | Faculty of Commerce |
| 3. International Employment Relations Association Prize | Faculty of Commerce |
| 4. Proctor and Gamble Prize | Faculty of Commerce |
| 5. Pearson Education Australia Prize in Management | Faculty of Commerce |
| 6. Product Development Management Association of Australia Prize | Faculty of Commerce |

***B5 Update on AUQA Audit Report**

The Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Academic) will provide a verbal report on this item.

PART C: COURSE APPROVALS

C1 Bachelor of Business: new course Attachment p. 87

DRAFT RESOLUTION

that Academic Senate:

- i) endorse the full course proposal for a new course, the Bachelor of Business, to become effective from Autumn Session 2012; and
- ii) forward the proposal to the Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Academic) for approval.

C2 Bachelor of International Studies Honours: new course Attachment p. 113

DRAFT RESOLUTION

that Academic Senate:

- i) endorse the full course proposal for a new course, the Bachelor of International Studies Honours, to become effective from Autumn Session 2012; and
- ii) forward the proposal to the Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Academic) for approval.

C3 Bachelor of International Studies (Dean's Scholar): new Dean's Scholar program Attachment p. 125

DRAFT RESOLUTION

that Academic Senate:

- i) endorse the full course proposal for a new Dean's Scholar Program, the Bachelor of International Studies (Dean's Scholar), to become effective from Autumn Session 2012; and
- ii) forward the proposal to the Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Academic) for approval.

- C4 Bachelor of Communication and Media Studies (Dean's Scholar): new Dean's Scholar program Attachment p. 129**

DRAFT RESOLUTION

that Academic Senate:

- i) endorse the full course proposal for a new Dean's Scholar Program, the Bachelor of Communication and Media Studies (Dean's Scholar), to become effective from Autumn Session 2012; and*
- ii) forward the proposal to the Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Academic) for approval.*

- C5 Bachelor of Conservation Biology, Bachelor of Conservation Biology Advanced, and Bachelor of Science (Conservation Biology): new courses and new major in an existing course Attachment p. 151**

DRAFT RESOLUTION

that Academic Senate:

- i) endorse the full course proposal for new courses, the Bachelor of Conservation Biology and the Bachelor of Conservation Biology Advanced, and new major study, Bachelor of Science (Conservation Biology), to become effective from Autumn Session 2012; and*
- ii) forward the proposal to the Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Academic) for approval.*

PART D: POLICY APPROVALS

- D1 Policies approved by University Council Attachment p. 241**

DRAFT RESOLUTION

that Academic Senate note the policy approved by University Council, as outlined in the agenda papers.

PART E: ITEMS FOR NOTING

- E1 UOW College New Policies Attachment p. 245**

DRAFT RESOLUTION

that Academic Senate note the policies approved by the Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Academic), as attached to the agenda papers:

- i) UOW College Admissions Policy; and*
- ii) UOW College Curriculum Review Policy*

- E2 Courses approved under the course approval management process Attachment p. 273**

DRAFT RESOLUTION

that Academic Senate note the courses approved by the Vice Chancellor or Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Academic), as attached to the agenda papers.

PART F: COMMITTEE / FACULTY MINUTES

F1 Committee Minutes

Attachment p. 281

DRAFT RESOLUTION

that Academic Senate note the minutes from the following Committee meetings, as attached to the agenda papers:

- i) University Education Committee meeting held on 4 May 2011.*
- ii) University Research Committee meeting held on 8 December 2010.*
- iii) Student Awards Committee meeting held on 9 March 2011.*

F2 Faculty Minutes

Attachment p. 299

DRAFT RESOLUTION

that Academic Senate note the minutes from the following Faculty Committee meeting, as attached to the agenda papers:

- i) Faculty of Engineering meeting held on 5 April 2011.*

PART G: OTHER BUSINESS

G1 Future Meeting Dates

Academic Senate	Wed, 10 August 2011
Standing Committee	Wed, 5 October 2011
Academic Senate	Wed, 7 September 2011
	Wed, 2 November 2011
	Wed, 30 November 2011*

* *This meeting will be dedicated to discussion and debate on items of business raised by members.*

G2 Other Business

Approval is sought for the attached listing of new committee nominees for the Academic Probation and Academic Promotion Committee. The next scheduled meetings for both Committees are November 2011.

For the Academic Probation Committee

One Professor and one other academic staff member holding a continuing appointment (not on probation) are nominated by the Faculty and appointed by Academic Senate for a period of two years.

When Faculties nominate their professorial and non-professorial members to the Committees, they are required to nominate a member of each sex for each appointment. If Faculties do not have a Professor of each sex, one Associate Professor may be nominated in lieu of a Professor. Should both sexes not be represented at this level, the Vice-Chancellor will make appropriate additional appointments to the Committees.

For the Academic Promotion Committee

One Professor (3 year term) and one other academic staff member (1 year term) holding a continuing appointment (not on probation) are nominated by the Faculty and appointed by Academic Senate.

When Faculties nominate their professorial and non-professorial members to the Committees, they are required to nominate a member of each sex for each appointment. If Faculties do not have a Professor of each sex, one Associate Professor may be nominated in lieu of a Professor. Should both sexes not be represented at this level, the Vice-Chancellor will make appropriate additional appointments to the Committees.

The tables showing the names of the proposed nominees are attached for members' consideration.

For further information regarding Committee procedures please refer to:

<https://intranet.uow.edu.au/ard/policies/UOW058627.html>

<https://intranet.uow.edu.au/ard/policies/UOW058629.html>

DRAFT RESOLUTION

that Academic Senate endorse the proposed nominations to the Academic Probation Committee and the Academic Promotion Committee, as outlined in the agenda papers.

ATTACHMENTS:

List of nominees to the Academic Probation Committee
List of nominees to the Academic Promotion Committee

Drafted by:	Reviewed by:	Approved by:
Rewards & Incentives Coordinator, Professional & Organisational Development Services	Acting Senior Manager, Policy & Governance Unit	Chair, Academic Senate

In order to reflect current practices, a number of amendments to the Higher Degree Course Rules (HDR) are required to clarify HDR progress processes including; First Year Research Proposal Review, Annual Progress Reporting and Probation.

A summary of the main changes are as follows:

- Simplification of name of review from - First Year Research Proposal Review changed to Research Proposal Review (RPR);
- Change timing for RPR from “in first year” to “48 cp (ie 1.0 EFTSL)”;
- Include an option for PhD (Integrated) (10.3a.);
- Provide a range of actions for the Dean of Faculty and the Dean of Research, particularly where the RPR proposal is unacceptable (10.3e);
- Change references to DVCR to Dean of Research (DoR);
- Include provision for DoR to terminate during probation, if circumstances require it.
- Prior to termination following the RPR or probation, allow the student 20 working days to submit a response to the DoR.

These proposed amendments were endorsed by the University Research Committee at its meeting on 6 April 2011.

A copy of the revised HDR course rule 10 is attached (tracked copy and clean copy) for Academic Senate’s consideration and endorsement.

DRAFT RESOLUTION:

that Academic Senate:

- (i) *endorse the proposed amendments to the Higher Degree Research Rules, as attached to the agenda papers; and*
- (ii) *forward the revised Higher Degree Research Rules to University Council for approval, to become effective immediately.*

ATTACHMENT:

Amendments to HDR Course Rules (tracked version)

Drafted by:	Reviewed by:	Approved by:
Director, Office of Research	Acting Senior Manager, Policy & Governance Unit	Chair, Academic Senate

A scheduled review of the Student Awards & Prizes was conducted in 2010. Revisions to the Policy in 2010 included changes to eligibility requirements for the the Dean’s Merit List and provisions to include Graduate School of Medicine in both the Dean’s Merit List and for the University Medal. The revised Policy was approved by University Council in December 2010.

Following the approval of the revised Student Awards & Prizes Policy in 2010, a further amendment is proposed relating to the eligibility of honours students on the Dean’s Merit List.

Dean’s Merit List Eligibility

Feedback received by the Strategic Planning Unit has indicated that the wording of clause 6.2 of the Policy may pose equity concerns for students who are participating in an integrated honours program. According to the policy, students who achieve first-class honours in a discrete honours program are eligible for inclusion on the Dean’s Merit List. Students who achieve first-class honours in an integrated honours program, however, are only eligible for inclusion on the Dean’s Merit List if their WAMs fall within the top 5% of the Faculty.

The Student Awards Committee endorsed revised wording for clause 6.2 (p.5 of the attached Policy) at its meeting on 1 June 2011. The revised wording removes any reference to honours programs. The amendment addresses the equity concerns, indicating that any student (whether undertaking a discrete or integrated honours program) must achieve a WAM within the top 5% of the Faculty to be eligible for the Dean’s Merit List.

Changes to the Chancellor Robert Hope Memorial Prize

In response to recommendations made by the Chancellor Robert Hope Memorial Prize Selection Committee in December 2010, revisions to the Chancellor Robert Hope Memorial Prize will be proposed to University Council. Subsequent to approval by University Council, amendments will be made to the Chancellor Robert Hope Memorial Prize (section 9 of the Policy).

DRAFT RESOLUTION

that Academic Senate:

- i) endorse the revision to the Student Awards & Prizes policy as attached to the agenda papers; and*
- ii) forward the revised Policy to University Council for approval, to become effective immediately*

ATTACHMENT:
Revised Student Awards and Prizes Policy

Drafted by:	Reviewed by:	Approved by:
Executive Officer, Student Awards Committee	Acting Senior Manager, Policy & Governance Unit	Chair, Academic Senate

The following prize proposals were endorsed at the Student Awards Committee meeting held on 1 June 2011.

New prize proposals

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| 1. The Ashleigh Spicer Memorial Prize for Outstanding Performance in First Year Professional Development | Faculty of Education |
| 2. Faculty of Education Outstanding Thesis Award | Faculty of Education |
| 3. MDA Outstanding Achievement Poster and Poster Presentation | Graduate School of Medicine |
| 4. MDA Outstanding Achievement Poster and Poster Presentation – Indigenous Health | Graduate School of Medicine |
| 5. Bachelor of Nanotechnology Prize | Faculty of Science |

Revised prizes

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Revised prize conditions

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| 2. G.W. Daniels Memorial Prize for 2nd Year Chemistry | Faculty of Science |
| 3. Pharmaxis Prize for Medicinal Chemistry | Faculty of Science |
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| 6. The Bert Halpern Prize in Chemistry | Faculty of Science |
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Revised subject codes and program titles

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| 5. Merrigong Theatre Company Performance Prize | Faculty of Creative Arts |
| 6. The Liz Jeneid Prize | Faculty of Creative Arts |
| 7. The Nicholas Pounder Prize | Faculty of Creative Arts |

The above prize templates are attached for members' consideration.

The Faculty of Commerce is proposing a new course, the Bachelor of Business from Autumn 2012.

The Bachelor of Business degree is distinguished from degrees at other institutions by its design to inspire the application of socially innovative Commerce which will create better futures for you, your community and globally.

The Bachelor of Business has core subjects which provide a foundation necessary for the understanding of the business environment and introduces students to the principles of responsible commerce. Students will also undertake a capstone subject in their final year. There is flexibility within the degree so students may select subjects in a particular discipline or undertake the degree with a variety of subjects across the Commerce disciplines. There is also the option to undertake elective subjects from other Faculties.

The Faculty is proposing a new undergraduate course to offer to commence domestic and international undergraduate students. The course would be a generalist business degree. Students will be required to complete 144 credit points. Students undertake a minimum of 8 core 100 level Commerce subjects and one 300 level capstone subject. Students would then undertake a minimum of 48 credit points of Commerce subjects of which 18 must be at the 300 level. The remainder of subjects can be undertaken from any Faculty to ensure students attain the required number of credit points to graduate.

The full course proposal was assessed at the Course Approval Management Group on 16 June 2011 and was endorsed without recommendations to the Academic Senate for assessment.

A copy of the full course proposal can be found on the [Course Approval Bulletin](#).

DRAFT RESOLUTION

that Academic Senate:

- i) endorse the full course proposal for a new course, the Bachelor of Business, to become effective from Autumn Session 2012; and*
 - ii) forward the proposal to the Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Academic) for approval.*
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Drafted by:	Reviewed by:	Approved by:
Course Management Coordinator	Executive Officer, Academic Senate	Chair, Academic Senate

NEW COURSE**Bachelor of International Studies Honours****AGENDA ITEM C2**

The Faculty of Arts is proposing a new course, the Bachelor of International Studies Honours program from Autumn 2012.

The Bachelor of International Studies was established in 2008. It has recruited strongly since its inception and in 2012 it will produce the first cohort of students likely to consider undertaking Honours in the discipline area.

The current proposal aims to create a structure similar to that already in place for the Bachelor of Arts Honours and the Bachelor of Communication and Media Studies Honours. Students will enrol in three separate components of the Honours program in the Faculty of Arts: ARTS470 Research in the Social Sciences and Humanities; BIS470 International Studies Honours; ARTS480 Thesis (Full-time) OR ARTS482 Thesis (part time).

The full course proposal was assessed at the Course Approval Management Group on 16 June 2011 and was endorsed without recommendations to the Academic Senate for assessment.

A copy of the full course proposal can be found on the [Course Approval Bulletin](#).

DRAFT RESOLUTION

that Academic Senate:

- i) endorse the full course proposal for a new course, the Bachelor of International Studies Honours, to become effective from Autumn Session 2012; and*
 - ii) forward the proposal to the Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Academic) for approval.*
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Drafted by:	Reviewed by:	Approved by:
Course Management Coordinator	Executive Officer, Academic Senate	Chair, Academic Senate

The Faculty of Arts is extending the Dean's Scholars program to an existing course, the Bachelor of International Studies from Autumn 2012.

The Faculty is also proposing to extend Dean's Scholar to existing double degrees. These proposals are currently being assessed by the Course Approval Management Group. From interviews with scholarship applicants, it is clear that many very good students who are considering Arts at Wollongong would have chosen Deans Scholars as a first preference were it open to double degrees. Our intention is to increase our share of students in the upper ATAR range (90 - 99.5) as a result of this expansion.

Dean's Scholars would serve four purposes:

- a) makes the Dean's Scholars degree more distinctive
- b) respond to the University's call for a greater emphasis upon research at '100 level
- c) allow time for students to select a mentor and give the mentor a very specific role to play in the first session
- d) take the place of Arts 100 for the Dean's Scholars

The Deans Scholars program will aim to prepare students for the new Faculty-wide Honours subject, Arts 470, and require a mini thesis supervised by their mentor or potential Honours supervisor, Dean's Scholars 301 would prepare students their Honours year with a view to producing better Honours students and/or students who can sell themselves to an employer as having successfully completed a substantial project that required independence and problem solving.

The full course proposal was assessed at the Course Approval Management Group on 16 June 2011 and endorsed without recommendations to the Academic Senate for assessment.

A copy of the full course proposal can be found on the [Course Approval Bulletin](#).

DRAFT RESOLUTION
that Academic Senate:

- i) *endorse the full course proposal for a new Deans Scholar Program, the Bachelor of International Studies (Dean's Scholar), to become effective from Autumn Session 2012; and*
- ii) *forward the proposal to the Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Academic) for approval*

Drafted by:	Reviewed by:	Approved by:
Course Management Coordinator	Executive Officer, Academic Senate	Chair, Academic Senate

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The full course proposal was assessed at the Course Approval Management Group on 16 June 2011 and endorsed without recommendations to the Academic Senate for assessment.

A copy of the full course proposal can be found on the [Course Approval Bulletin](#).

DRAFT RESOLUTION
that Academic Senate:

- i) endorse the full course proposal for a new Deans Scholar Program, the Bachelor of Communication and Media Studies (Dean's Scholar), to become effective from Autumn 2012; and*
- ii) forward the proposal to the Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Academic) for approval*

Drafted by:	Reviewed by:	Approved by:
Course Management Coordinator	Executive Officer, Academic Senate	Chair, Academic Senate

NEW COURSES AND NEW MAJOR STUDY
Bachelor of Conservation Biology
Bachelor of Conservation Biology Advanced
Bachelor of Science (Conservation Biology)

AGENDA ITEM C5

The Faculty of Science is proposing new courses, the Bachelor of Conservation Biology, the Bachelor of Conservation Biology Advanced and new major study, the Bachelor of Science (Conservation Biology) from Autumn 2012.

The Faculty aims to develop a programme that trains students to be highly skilled in the management of flora and fauna, well prepared to undertake postgraduate research in becoming highly skilled conservation biologists or to incorporate research scholarship into their workplace. This will allow students to be highly skilled in aspects of conservation management and research. The course structure combines subjects with research training with a broad range of relevant skills in biology and includes new subjects which provide students with the capacity to develop specific conservation skills.

The full course proposal was assessed at the Course Approval Management Group on 16 June 2011 and was endorsed without recommendations to the Academic Senate for assessment.

A copy of the full course proposal can be found on the [Course Approval Bulletin](#).

DRAFT RESOLUTION

that Academic Senate:

- i) endorse the full course proposal for new courses, the Bachelor of Conservation Biology and the Bachelor of Conservation Biology Advanced, and new major study, the Bachelor of Science (Conservation Biology) to become effective from Autumn Session 2012; and*
 - ii) forward the proposal to the Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Academic) for approval.*
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Drafted by:	Reviewed by:	Approved by:
Course Management Coordinator	Executive Officer, Academic Senate	Chair, Academic Senate

At its meeting of 16 March 2011, Academic Senate received a report from the Chair of the Senate Communications Working Party, Prof Graham Williams, making recommendations for improving communication to and from Academic Senate. One of the recommendations was to report back to Academic Senate on policies endorsed by Senate and then forwarded to University Council for approval.

The table below summarises policies endorsed by Academic Senate since the previous meeting and subsequently approved by University Council.

Policy	Endorsed by Senate	Approved by Council
Proposal to introduce a joint Doctoral/Cotutelle program	11 May 2011 [Res 2011/24]	10 June 2011 [Res 2011/31]

Further information about the University's policy framework and documents can be found on the Policy Directory at: <http://www.uow.edu.au/about/policy/index.html>.

DRAFT RESOLUTION

that Academic Senate note the policies approved by University Council, as outlined in the agenda papers.

Drafted by:	Reviewed by:	Approved by:
Acting Executive Officer, Academic Senate	Acting Executive Officer, Academic Senate	Chair, Academic Senate

In accordance with Section 50.02 of the Delegations of Authority Policy, the Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Academic) has delegated authority to approve UOW College Policies for application to UOW/UOW College students.

UOW College has developed two new policies:

- Admissions Policy; and
- Curriculum Review Policy

These policies were effective immediately.

Prior to formal approval by the Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Academic), these policies were endorsed by the UOW College Academic Board.

The UOW College Admissions Policy and UOW College Curriculum Review Policy are attached for Academic Senate’s noting.

DRAFT RESOLUTION

that Academic Senate note the approved policies by the Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Academic):

- *UOW College Admissions Policy; and*
- *UOW College Curriculum Review Policy*

as outlined in the agenda papers.

Drafted by:	Reviewed by:	Approved by:
Acting Executive Officer, Academic Senate	Acting Senior Manager, Policy & Governance Unit	Chair, Academic Senate

At its meeting of 6 July 2007, University Council approved amendments to the course approval process and resolved [Res 2007/40] to amend the Delegation of Authority to approve minor course proposals to the Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Academic) without requiring them to also be approved by Senate Standing Committee.

University Council also approved “fast-tracking” procedures for course approval that allow for quality checks by the Faculty and direct submission to the Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Academic), who will recommend the proposal to the Vice-Chancellor for approval provided it meets approved academic standards and the specific fast-tracking criteria (e.g. the need to meet an immediate market demand).

The attached table summarises the course proposals approved under the course approval management process. Copies of the proposals are available to download from the Course Management Intranet site:

<https://intranet.uow.edu.au/coursemgmt/approvedproposals/index.html>

DRAFT RESOLUTION

that Academic Senate note the courses approved by the Vice Chancellor or Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Academic), as attached to the agenda papers.

ATTACHMENT:

Table of course approvals dated 21 June 2011

Drafted by:	Reviewed by:	Approved by:
Course Management Coordinator	Executive Officer, Academic Senate	Chair, Academic Senate

Minutes from the following Committee meetings have been submitted for the information of Academic Senate members:

1. University Education Committee meeting held on 5 May 2011.
2. University Research Committee meeting held on 20 December 2010.
3. Student Awards Committee meeting held on 9 March 2011.

** Members should note that the University Education Committee minutes from 5 May 2011 and the Student Awards Committee minutes have yet to be ratified.*

DRAFT RECOMMENDATION TO ACADEMIC SENATE

that Academic Senate note the minutes from the following Committee meetings, as attached to the agenda papers:

- i) University Education Committee meeting held on 5 May 2011*
 - ii) University Research Committee meeting held on 20 December 2011*
 - iii) Student Awards Committee meeting held on 9 March 2011.*
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ATTACHMENTS:

Minutes from various Academic Senate committees

Drafted by:	Reviewed by:	Approved by:
Executive Officer, Academic Senate	Executive Officer, Academic Senate	Chair, Academic Senate

The following Faculty Report has been submitted for the information of Academic Senate members:

1. Faculty of Engineering meeting held on 5 April 2011.
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*DRAFT RECOMMENDATION TO ACADEMIC SENATE
that Academic Senate note the minutes from the following Faculty Committee meeting, as attached to the agenda papers:*

- i) *Faculty of Engineering meeting held on 5 April 2011.*
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ATTACHMENT:
Faculty of Engineering meeting – 5 April 2011

Drafted by:	Reviewed by:	Approved by:
Executive Officer, Academic Senate	Executive Officer, Academic Senate	Chair, Academic Senate