Academic Senate Meeting Summary
265th meeting of the Academic Senate, Wednesday 14 June 2006

Vice-Chancellor’s Report
The Vice-Chancellor reported on the following items:
- Federal Budget
- $12 million Funding for Centre for Transnational Crime Prevention
- 20 AusAid Scholarships awarded for overseas students to study at the Centre for Transnational Crime Prevention.
- Research Quality Framework
- University’s bid for Growth Places
- regulatory framework for allowing Universities to operate within each state may be reviewed in the future,
- Meeting of NSW Vice-Chancellors with Shadow Treasurer Peter Debnam
- Vice-Chancellor’s recent visit to UOW Dubai campus.
- Recent AUQA self-review

Chair’s Business
The Chair reported on the following items:
- Progress of the Academic Integrity Project and Reference Group
- Progress update of implementation of Senate Self-Review Working Party recommendations
- NSW & ACT Committee of Chairs of Academic Boards – next meeting agenda, with a substantial focus on HSC and related matters

Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Research) Report
The DVC(R) reported on the following items:
- Federation Fellowship awarded to Prof Gordon Wallace
- Funding for a Centre for Environmental Risk Management of Bushfires awarded by the New South Wales Department of Environment and Conservation with Professor Ross Bradstock as its Director.
- Eastern Australia Dementia Training and Study Centre announced by the Federal Minister for the Ageing
- International Links Program
- Successful NHMRC Development Grant being led by Prof John Bremner
- Staffing within the Managers of Innovation and Commercial Development

Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Academic) Report
The DVC(A) reported on the following items:
- Carrick Institute and its Awards and Funding
- Teaching and Learning Fund and allocation of funds for projects

Members Business
A member commented on the guidelines considered by the University Education Committee for implementation of the Subject Evaluation Surveys, and the need for Academic staff to be proactive in this implementation.
A member raised a query regarding retention of Research documents in light of the recent changes to the State Records Act. It was agreed that this would be investigated and that the DVC(R) would report back at the next meeting.
Election of Chair and Deputy Chair of Academic Senate
Prof David Griffiths was elected as Chair of Academic Senate for the term 1 July 2006 to 30 June 2008. A/Prof Damien Considine was elected as Deputy Chair of Academic Senate for the term 1 July 2006 to 30 June 2008.

Election of Senate Representatives to other Committees
Senate Members were elected to the following University Committees:

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Revisions to Rules for Student Conduct & Discipline
There was discussion regarding perceived or potential conflict of interest of teaching staff involved in academic misconduct investigations, as well as clarification of timeframes within which students could submit supporting documentation to investigation committee meetings. Members agreed on minor changes to the draft Rules which will now be submitted to Council for approval.

Intellectual Property Policy
There was substantial discussion on the following issues:
- Items to be included in definitions of Teaching Materials and Administration Materials.
- Use of Intellectual Property by international partners
- Definition of Subject Outlines and where Intellectual Property fits in to these
- Acknowledgement of support staff as creators of Intellectual Property
- Inclusion of a clause regarding the opportunity to refer to an external mediator in the resolution of grievances.

Members agreed on several changes to the draft Policy which will now be submitted to Council for approval.

Other Items
The following items were not starred for discussion at the meeting, and were noted or approved:
- Changes to General Course Rules 8.4.3 Withheld results and 8.5.5 Failure to attain minimum performance levels
- Changes to General Course Rule 10 Higher Degree Research Rules
- Commercialisation Revenue Policy and Student Assignment of Intellectual Property Policy
- UEC Revised Terms of Reference
- URC Revised Terms of Reference
- Academic Probations Committee Nominations
- Bachelor of Health Sciences and Bachelor of Health Sciences (Honours) – New Courses
- Bachelor of Arts (Psychology) and Bachelor of Science (Psychology) – Major Amendment
- Bachelor of Arts (Psychology)(Honours) and Bachelor of Science (Psychology)(Honours) – Major Amendment
- Bachelor of Psychology - Major Amendment
- Committee Minutes
- Faculty Meeting Extracts

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