Academic Senate Meeting Summary
274th meeting of the Academic Senate, Wednesday, 19 September 2007

Vice-Chancellor’s Report
There was no Vice-Chancellor’s report as Professor Gerard Sutton was away from the University on University business.

Chair’s Report
The Chair reported on the following items:
• An interim progress report on student elections to Academic Senate for 2008.
• Members were encouraged to seek items from their colleagues and constituents for the members’ business meeting scheduled for Wed, 7 November 2007.
• His attendance at the Committee of Chairs of Academic Boards/Senates in NSW and ACT national conference, to be held in Perth during October.
• The University of Western Sydney has recently developed a comprehensive policy and process for responding to student deaths.

Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Operations)’s Report
The DVC(O) reported on the following items:
• The University received 170 places in the last round of growth places, to be spread across the Wollongong, Shoalhaven and Batemans Bay campuses.
• An update on the current environment for attracting students.
• Faculty budgets for 2008 are expected to be finalised within the coming weeks.

Vice-Principal (Administration)’s Report
The VP(A) provided an update on the University Council elections which are currently underway.

Pro Vice-Chancellor (Research)’s Report
The PVC(R) reported on the DEST announcement of membership of the Research Quality Framework (RQF) Assessment Panels. Two UOW academics have been appointed.

Members’ Business
No business was raised.

Student Members’ Business
No business was raised.

Amendments to Code of Practice- Research
Members debated several aspects of the amended Code of Practice-Research, which resulted from changes to the final version of the National Health & Medical Research Council Code for the Responsible Conduct of Research.

Research Misconduct Policy – new policy
Members discussed concerns that the new Policy created another misconduct platform outside of the University’s Academic Staff Enterprise Agreement.

Revisions to Authorship Policy
Following substantial debate, the Committee agreed that this Policy be withdrawn from the agenda and be referred back to the University Research Committee for further development and consultation.
Revisions to Code of Practice Teaching and Assessment
Substantial discussion was held regarding who was responsible for informing students at risk of failure of the learning support available. Several alternatives were proposed and the Committee approved a minor amendment to Clause 5.3i of the Code.

Revisions to Use of the University Name in Public Statements Policy
Members sought clarification about an aspect of the Policy relating to public statements made by staff members as private citizens.

Course proposals
The following course proposals were approved:
- International Bachelor of Communication and Media Studies (Honours) – New Course
- Bachelor of Communication and Media Studies – Major Amendment
- Bachelor of Arts (Spanish) – Major Amendment
- Bachelor of Commerce (Accountancy) – Major Amendment
- Bachelor of Commerce (Public Relations) – Major Amendment
- Graduate Certificate in Commerce – Major Amendment
- Bachelor of Physical and Health Education and Bachelor of Physical and Health Education (Honours) – New Course
- Graduate Certificate in Social Marketing for Health – New Course
- Bachelor of Nursing and Bachelor of Nursing (Honours) – Major Amendment
- Bachelor of Information Systems – New Course
- Bachelor of Information Technology – Major Amendment
- Master of Information and Communication Technology and Master of Information and Communication Technology (Advanced) – Major Amendment
- Master of Information Systems and Master of Information Systems (Advanced) – Major Amendment
- Graduate Certificate in Information and Communication Technology, Graduate Certificate in Information Systems and Graduate Diploma in Information Systems – Major Amendment
- Master of Business Coaching and Graduate Certificate in Business Coaching – New Course
- Master of Project Management and Graduate Certificate in Project Management – New Course
- Master of International Business and Graduate Certificate in International Business – Major Amendment
- Master of Management and Graduate Certificate in Management – Major Amendment
- Doctor of Business Administration – Major Amendment

Other Items
The following items were not starred for discussion at the meeting, and were noted or approved:
- Course Progress Policy – new policy due to changes in the National Code 2007
- Approval of nominees to Academic Probation Committee and Academic Promotion Committee
- Student Awards Committee – Prize Proposals
- Review of Academic Senate Standing Orders
- Courses approved by the Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Academic & International)
- Change of name and function for Planning and Development Committee
- Student Academic Consideration Policy
- Quality Improvement Plan – Report on progress
- Committee and Faculty minutes
- Future meeting dates for 2008

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