Academic Senate Meeting Summary
277th meeting of the Academic Senate, Wednesday, 21 May 2008

Vice-Chancellor’s Report
There was no Vice-Chancellor’s report as Professor Sutton was overseas on University business.

Election of Chair and Deputy Chair of Academic Senate
- A/Prof Di Kelly was elected as Chair of Academic Senate and A/Prof Damien Considine was re-elected Deputy Chair of Academic Senate for the term 1 July 2008 to 30 June 2010.

Chair’s Report
The Chair noted with sadness the passing last Friday, 16 May 2008 of Dr Hemant Deo from the Faculty of Commerce.

The Chair also reported that he will attend the Committee of Chairs of Academic Boards/Senates in NSW and ACT in June and will provide a report to Senate’s next meeting.

Reports from Senior Executive and Members of other University Committees
The Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Academic & International) reported on the following items:
- Outcomes from the recently announced Federal Budget.
- Prof Rob Whelan, Dean of Science, has been appointed President of UOW Dubai and will take up this role in August 2008. Prof Andrew Schultz, Dean of Creative Arts, will step down from this role in June 2008. Recruitment is underway to fill both these positions.

The Vice-Principal (Administration) reported on the following items:
- The impending formal opening on 27 June 2008 of the first building on the Innovation Campus.
- A working group has been formed to review UOW’s environmental management.
- The Student Experience project which is reviewing UOW’s enrolment and admissions processes.

Members’ Business and Student Members Business
No business was raised.

Higher Degree Research Appeals Committee Terms of Reference
Subject to making some minor grammatical corrections, the revised Terms of Reference were approved for submission to University Council.

The new Admissions and Advanced Standing Policy
Subject to minor amendments, the new Admissions and Advanced Standing Policy was endorsed for submission to University Council for approval.

Course proposals
There were no course proposals to be considered.

Other Items
The following items were not starred for discussion at the meeting, and were noted or approved:
- Revised Subject Approval Guidelines and Subject Proposal Forms
- Prize Proposals from the Student Awards Committee
- The proposal for a new Master of Business – Research
- Courses approved by the Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Academic & International)
- Committee and Faculty minutes

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