Academic Senate Meeting Summary
278th meeting of the Academic Senate, **Wednesday, 9 July 2008**

_Vice-Chancellor’s Report_

The Vice-Chancellor reported on the following items:
- A review by the Australian Medical Council of the Graduate School of Medicine.
- Construction plans for UOW’s medical research institute.
- The Federal and State education sectors.
- Appointment of the President of UOW Dubai and selection of a new Dean of Science.

The Vice-Chancellor welcomed Prof Judy Raper as Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Research) and thanked Prof Lee Astheimer for her successful tenure in that role over the past months.

_Chair’s Report_

The Chair reported on the following items:
- The recent UOW Planning Retreat
- Her planned attendance at the forthcoming Committee of Chairs of NSW/ACT Academic Boards/Senates meeting.

The Chair moved a vote of thanks to the outgoing Chair.

_Reports from Senior Executives_

The Acting Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Research) reported on the following items:
- Tiered rankings in the Federal Government’s new _Excellence in Research Australia_ initiative.
- Commercial research partnerships.

The Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Academic & International) reported on the preliminary preparations for the 2001 AUQA review.

The Vice-Principal (Administration) reported on the following items:
- Graduation ceremonies scheduled for next week.
- Cleanup operations following the recent heavy wind storms.
- Relocation of the Printery and recent changes in the food outlets on campus.

_Members’ Business and Student Members Business_

No business was raised.

_Election of Senate members to other committees_

- Dr Louise D’Arcens, Dr Charles Hawksley and Mr Ron Perrin were elected to the Senate Standing Committee.
- Dr Charles Hawksley was elected to the University Internationalisation Committee.

_Revised Electoral Procedures for Academic Senate_

The proposed new draft Academic Senate Electoral Rules were endorsed for submission to University Council for approval and immediate introduction.

_Other Items_

The following items were not starred for discussion at the meeting, and were approved, endorsed or noted:
- New and revised prize proposals from and change of membership for the Student Awards Committee
- Proposal for a major course revision of the Master of Science, a new major studies in the Master of Commerce and a new Graduate Diploma in Computer Science in Singapore
- Courses approved by the Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Academic & International)
- Committee and Faculty minutes

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