ACADEMIC BOARD

1.00 pm, Tuesday 21 July 2020 by video conference

Members Present: A/Prof Tony Masters (Chair, Academic Board); Prof Jane Hannahan (Chair, Academic Standards & Policy Committee); A/Prof Wendy Davis (Chair, Academic Quality Committee); A/Prof Michael Kertesz (Chair, Graduate Studies Committee) Dr Michael Spence AC (Vice-Chancellor and Principal); A/Prof Helen Agus (Science (Life and Environmental Sciences)); A/Prof Tihomir Ancev (Arts & Social Sciences (Economics)); Prof Kathy Belov (Pro-Vice-Chancellor (Global Engagement)); Prof Simon Bronitt (Dean, Law); Charlotte Bullock (Student Representative Council nominee); Dr Stephen Cribbom (University of Sydney Business School); Dr Susan Coulson (Health Sciences); A/Prof Steven Cumming (Health Sciences); Prof Glen Davis (Health Sciences); A/Prof Haryana Dhillon (Science (Psychology)); Liam Donohoe (President, Student Representative Council); Narjis Fatima (PG Student, Science); Prof Alan Fekete (Engineering (Computer Science)); Prof Stephen Garton (Senior Deputy Vice-Chancellor); Dr Tom Goldfinch (Engineering (Civil)); Shrutika Goradia (UG Student, Medicine & Health); Prof Mark Gorrell (Medicine & Health (Centenary Institute)); A/Prof Thomas Grewal (Medicine and Health (Pharmacy)); Katarina Grobler (UG Student, Conservatorium); Dr Christopher Hartney (Arts & Social Sciences (Literature, Art & Media)); Prof Jason Harris (Law); Dr Daniela Helbig (Science, History & Philosophy of Science); Dr Grant Hooper (Law); Dr Syeda Zakia Hossain (Health Sciences); Cameron Howlett (PG Student, University of Sydney Business School); Dr Wenyue Hu (Architecture, Design & Planning); Prof Duncan Ivison (Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Research)); Prof Lisa Jackson Pulver AM (Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Indigenous Strategy and Services)); Shervin Jivani (PG Student, Architecture, Design & Planning); Prof Cheryl Jones (Heads of School Committee representative, Medicine & Health); A/Professor Craig Jin (Engineering, Electrical & Information Engineering); Hamidreza Kahlæe (Science, Life & Environmental Sciences); Patty Kamvoumas (University of Sydney Business School); Dr Claudia Keitel (Science (Life and Environmental Sciences)); Philip Kent (Director, University Libraries); James Kite (Medicine & Health (Medical Sciences)); A/Prof Ghena Krayem (Law); Dr Liwei Li (Engineering (Electrical)); Minran Liu (Co-President, Sydney University Postgraduate Representative Association); A/Prof Sandra Loschke (Architecture, Design & Planning); A/Prof John Lynch (Conservatorium); Dr Anne Mai-Prochnow (Engineering (Chemical and Biomolecular Engineering)); A/Prof Lynda Matthews (Health Sciences); Dr Slade Matthews (Medicine & Health (Medical School)); Elaine Mcdadezian (Faculty Academic Services Committee nominee); Prof Barbara Messerle (Provost and Deputy Vice-Chancellor); Dr Carolyn McKay (Law); Shurui Miao (Sydney University Postgraduate Representative Association nominee); Sayan Mitra (PG Student, Science); A/Prof Rebekah Moles (Medicine & Health (Pharmacy)); A/Prof Lenka Munoz (Chair, Undergraduate Studies Committee); Dr Shanika Nanayakkara (Medicine & Health (Dental School)); Brendon Nelson (Director, Student Administrative Services); A/Prof Maurice Peat (University of Sydney Business School); Dr Fernanda Penaloza (Arts & Social Sciences (Philosophical & Historical Enquiry)); Prof Heiko Spallek (Heads of School Committee representative, Medicine & Health); Dr Sanat Du Toit (Health Sciences); Dr Gareth Vio (Engineering (Aeronautical, Mechanical & Mechatronic Engineering)); Dr Olaf Werder (Arts & Social Sciences (Languages and Media)); A/Prof Andrew Wait (Arts & Social Sciences (Economics)); A/Prof Tim Wilkinson (Engineering (Civil)); Prof Peter Wilson (Arts & Social Sciences (Philosophical & Historical Enquiry)); Prof Bronwyn Winter (Arts & Social Sciences (Languages and Culture)); A/Prof Derek Wyman (Science (Geosciences)); Dr Narelle Yeo (Conservatorium); Prof Iain Young (Dean, Science); A/Prof Jingdong Yuan (Arts & Social Sciences (Social and Political Sciences)); Xiner Yuan (Sydney University Postgraduate Representative Association nominee); and Dr Sanaa Zaki (Science (Veterinary Science)).

Apologies: James Ardouin (Student Representative Council, UG nominee); Dr Vasiliki Bethavas (Medicine & Health (Nursing School)); Dr Francois Blancia (Architecture, Design & Planning); A/Prof Leo Davies (Medicine & Health (Medical School)); Courtney Diggins (UG Student, Engineering); Prof Robyn Dowling (Head of School & Dean, Architecture, Design & Planning); Dr Astrid Frojold (Medicine & Health (Nursing and Midwifery)); Lina Goh (HDR Student, Health Sciences); Prof Paul Groundwater (Medicine and Health (Pharmacy)); Trent Hammond (HDR Student, Medicine & Health); Tiffany Hanna (UG Student, Health Sciences); Prof Annamarie Jagose (Dean, Arts & Social Sciences); Prof Eric Knight (Pro-Vice-Chancellor (Research- Enterprise and Engagement)); A/Prof Angela Knox (University of Sydney Business School); Prof Richard Miles (Pro Vice-
Chancellor (Education – Enterprise and Engagement)); A/Prof Stuart Lane (Medicine & Health (Nepean Clinical School)); A/Prof Sarah Lewis (Health Sciences); Dane Luo (UG Student, University of Sydney Business School); Dr Stephen Mould (Conservatorium); Duy Nguyen (HDR Student, Engineering); A/Prof John O’Byrne (Science (Physics)); Prof Philippa Pattison (Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Education)); Dr Vijayasarathi Ramanathan (Medicine & Health (Westmead Clinical School)); Prof Anna Reid (Dean, Conservatorium); Prof Laurent Rivory (Pro-Vice-Chancellor (Research)); Prof Robyn Ward (Dean, Medicine & Health); Prof Greg Whitwell (Dean, University of Sydney Business School); Xinheng Wu (Sydney University Postgraduate Representative Association nominee); Dr James Parkinson (Science (Mathematics & Statistics)); Dr Vijayasarathi Ramanathan (Medicine & Health (Westmead Clinical School)); Prof Anna Reid (Dean, Conservatorium); Prof Laurent Rivory (Pro-Vice-Chancellor (Research)); Prof Robyn Ward (Dean, Medicine & Health); Prof Greg Whitwell (Dean, University of Sydney Business School); Xinheng Wu (Sydney University Postgraduate Representative Association nominee); and Prof Willy Zwaenepoel (Dean, Engineering).

Attendees: Kate Calhau (Executive Assistant to Chair, Academic Board); Prof Ross Coleman (Director Graduate Research); Edwina Grose (Director, Student Operations); Kerrie Henderson (University Policy Manager); Kiuyan Hone (Committee Officer); Andrew Horne (Senior Policy and Projects Officer); Katie Humphries (Committee Officer); A/Prof Peter McCallum (Registrar and Academic Director, Education Policy & Quality); David Pacey (Secretary to Senate); Tim Payne (Director of Higher Education Policy & Projects); Medicine & Health); Kate Small (Deputy Chief of Staff); Cory Thomas (Committee Officer); Alyssa White (Manager Governance (Senate & Academic Board)); Rachael Weiss (University Quality Manager); and Lucinda Wright (Governance Support Officer).

Visitors: Honorary Associate Professor Rod Yager (Macquarie University).

UNCONFIRMED MINUTES

☆ This symbol indicates items that have been starred for discussion at the meeting.

☆ 1 WELCOME AND APOLOGIES

Note for the Record
The Chair welcomed members to the meeting.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT TO COUNTRY

Note for the Record
The Chair acknowledged the Traditional Owners of Australia and paid respects to the Gadigal people of the Eora Nation and to their Elders, past, present and emerging. The Chair recognised their continuing connection to land, country and culture, and also paid respects to the elders of the people of the lands on which the many members of the Academic Board are situated.

☆ 2 PROCEDURAL MATTERS

2.1 Starring of Items and adoption of unstarred items

Resolution AB2020/4-1
The Academic Board resolved to note that no additional items had been starred.

Note for the Record
The Chair requested that in the Board’s consideration of Item 7.1 Admission to Nursing post-registration admission, section 4 (4) (c) remain within the document. This was supported by the Board.

Action: AB 2020/4-1
The University Secretariat to note the inclusion of this section when registering the approved document.

2.2 Minutes of Previous Meeting

Resolution AB2020/4-2
The Academic Board resolved to confirm the minutes of the previous meeting held on 9 June 2020 as a true and accurate record.

2.3 Business Arising

There was no business arising.

3 STRATEGIC ITEMS OF BUSINESS

3.1 ATAR Reflections

Resolution AB2020/4-3
The Academic Board resolved to note the reflections on the ATAR.

Note for the Record
Honorary Associate Professor Rod Yager, Chair of the UAC Technical Committee on Scaling shared his reflections on the possible impacts of COVID-19 on the ATAR, specifically in regard to ATAR distribution and ramifications for university selection.

The purpose of the HSC is to assess how students have performed against the NESA standards and the ATAR calculation and scaling process is intended to calculate in a fair and equitable way, academic performance of each student ranked relative to the performance of the school leaving age population in their state. Accordingly, this year’s year 12 students who would have achieved ATAR of 95 and over in a normal year (i.e. in the top 5%) will still achieve at that level, despite the overall quality of work being adversely impacted.

Modelling was completed to understand the impact of COVID-19 on university selection. The findings show that if there was reduction of 15% students eligible for the ATAR in NSW this year, there would be minimal impact on student numbers for the University of Sydney. The makeup of the student cohort however, i.e. the individual students, will be different than in a non-pandemic year, due to the variation in individual experiences of advantage or disadvantage to academic performance as a result of pandemic conditions. NESA is working to better understand the impact of COVID-19 on students and the adjustments that may be made to ease these effects.

Members considered the challenge of normalising across schools and by region to account for conditions that impact adversely on performance, given cohort factor in the variation of performance from year to year. As adjustments are already made at the ATAR level, there is a risk of double adjustment. Members also discussed the role of university selection and admission in addressing socio-economic disadvantage through entrance adjustments and schemes, and also considered whether broader low SES adjustments are valid adjustments at school level given that SES is based on postcode, and within a single postcode, there may be differently advantaged schools.

On the subject of the reliability of year 11 predictors correlating to the final ATAR, it was reported that NESA is in the process of understanding the correlation between year 11 and year 12 performance. The lack of standardisation of the year 11 marks across schools remains a challenge for universities in considering admission on the basis of year 11 performance.

3.2 Higher Education Reform Package Update

Resolution AB2020/4-4
The Academic Board resolved to note the verbal update on the Higher Education Reform Package.

Note for the Record
Dr Michael Spence (Vice-Chancellor & Principal) and Tim Payne (Director, Higher Education Policy and Projects) presented an update on the Government’s Higher Education Reform Package, the context of the reforms, including trends of government funding for tertiary education, and details of the package.
The Higher Education Reform Package seeks to provide more Commonwealth supported places; to increase rates of Higher Education participation from regional and disadvantaged areas; to incentivise study in area of industry need; to provide greater flexibility for universities to match places to demand; to foster closer engagement with industry.

The Vice-Chancellor and Principal, and Director, Higher Education Policy and Projects, outlined in detail the concerns of the University regarding the package and showed members a breakdown of funding gain and loss by discipline in 2021 and impact without transitional funding.

The implications for students were explained. There is uncertainty in the timing of communicating changes to students and implementation of system changes, given the postponement of Parliament until August.

Members noted that the discussions with the Government are of an ongoing and sensitive nature, and that any public response to the package must take into consideration the need for the Government’s support of the international student corridor.

4 REPORT OF THE CHAIR

4.1 General Report

Resolution AB2020/4-5
The Academic Board resolved to note the report from the Chair and note the following Executive Approvals made by the Chair:

1. the approval of a proposal from the Faculty of Medicine and Health to amend the Doctor of Medicine course resolutions, with effect from Semester 2 2020;
2. the approval of a request from the Faculty of Medicine and Health for a revised calendar for a number of courses, to retain the original Semester 2 2020 teaching dates, with effect from Semester 2 2020; and
3. the approval of a proposal from the Office of the Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Education) to offer Graduate Certificates in the areas of Infection and Immunity, and Agriculture and Environment, as part of the Government’s COVID-19 response short course scheme, with effect from Semester 2 2020.

Note for the record
The Chair referred to the written report of the Chair and highlighted the request for feedback from staff on the draft international collaboration principles, which have been developed as a response to the government’s guidelines to counter foreign interference in the Australian University sector. The Chair also updated members on the developments of changes to the pathway to a Silver Award for the Science in Australia Gender Equity (SAGE), and referred members to the report outlining SAGE plans for 2020/2021 including implementation of the Bronze Action Plan.

In recognition of the excellence and celebrate contributions of staff, members were encouraged to submit nominations for the Vice-Chancellor’s Awards for Excellence 2020.

Action: AB 2020/4-2
Executive Dean, Faculty of Medicine and Health and Faculty General Manager to note the Chair of Academic Board’s executive approval of the proposal to amend the Doctor of Medicine course resolutions, with effect from Semester 2 2020.

Action: AB 2020/4-3
Executive Dean, Faculty of Medicine and Health and Faculty General Manager to note the Chair of Academic Board’s executive approval of a revised calendar for Semester 2 2020 to apply to the following courses offered by the Faculty of Medicine and Health, with effect from Semester 2 2020:

1. Master of Brain and Mind Sciences MABRMISC-01
2. Graduate Diploma in Brain and Mind Sciences GNBRMISC-01
3. Graduate Certificate in Brain and Mind Sciences GCBRMISC-01
4. Master of Advanced Surgery (Breast Surgery) MAADVSUR1BSU
5. Graduate Diploma in Advanced Surgery (Breast Surgery) GNADVSUR1BSU
6. Master of Medicine (Child and Adolescent Health) MAMEDICI4CHA
7. Graduate Diploma in Medicine (Child and Adolescent Health) GNMEDICI2CHA
8. Master of Clinical Trials Research MACLITRR-01
9. Graduate Diploma in Clinical Trials Research GNCLITRR-01
10. Graduate Certificate in Clinical Trials Research GCCLITRR-01
11. Master of Medicine (Critical Care Medicine) MAMEDICI4CCM
12. Graduate Diploma in Medicine (Critical Care Medicine) GNMEDICI2CCM
13. Graduate Certificate in Medicine (Critical Care Medicine) GCMEDICI2CCM
14. Master of Medicine (General Practice and Primary Health Care) MAMEDICI4GPC
15. Graduate Certificate in Medicine (General Practice and Primary Health Care) GCMEDICI2GPC
16. Master of Medicine (Genomics and Precision Medicine) MAMEDICI4GPM
17. Master of Medicine (Internal Medicine) MAMEDICI4ITM
18. Graduate Diploma in Medicine (Internal Medicine) GNMEDICI2ITM
19. Graduate Certificate in Medicine (Internal Medicine) GCMEDICI2ITM
20. Master of Medicine (Metabolic Health) MAMEDICI4MBH
21. Master of Science in Medicine (Metabolic Health) MASCMEDI1MBH
22. Master of Medicine (Pain Management) MAMEPAMA-02
23. Graduate Diploma in Pain Management GNPAIMGT-01
24. Graduate Certificate in Pain Management GCPAIMGT-02
25. Master of Science in Medicine (Pain Management) MASMPAMA-02
26. Master of Medicine (Pain Management) in Orofacial Pain MAMEPAMA3ORF
27. Master of Science in Medicine (Pain Management) in Orofacial Pain MASMPAMA3ORF
28. Master of Medicine (Pharmaceutical and Medical Device Development) MAMEDICI4PMV
29. Master of Science in Medicine (Pharmaceutical and Medical Device Development) MASCMEDI1PMV
30. Graduate Diploma in Science in Medicine (Pharmaceutical and Medical Device Development) GNSCMEDI1PMV
31. Graduate Certificate in Medicine (Sexual and Reproductive Health) GCMEDICI2SRH
32. Master of Medicine (Sexual and Reproductive Health) MAMEDICI4SRH
33. Graduate Certificate in Medicine (Sexual and Reproductive Health) in HIV and STIs GCMEDICI2SRV
34. Master of Science in Medicine (Sexual and Reproductive Health) in HIV and STIs MAMESRHIHV
35. Graduate Certificate in Medicine (Sexual and Reproductive Health) in Psychosexual Therapy GCMEDICI2SRT
36. Master of Medicine (Sexual and Reproductive Health) in Psychosexual Therapy MAMESRHTHER
37. Master of Medicine (Sexual and Reproductive Health) in Reproductive Health and Fertility MAMESRHRF
38. Master of Science in Medicine (HIV, STIs and Sexual Health) in Clinical Medicine MAMESRHIHV
39. Master of Science in Medicine (HIV, STIs and Sexual Health) in Counselling MASCMED1HSC
40. Master of Science in Medicine (Sexual and Reproductive Health) MASCMEDI1SRH
41. Graduate Diploma in Science in Medicine (Sexual and Reproductive Health) GNSMED1SRH
42. Master of Science in Medicine (Sexual and Reproductive Health) in HIV and STIs MASCMEDI1SRV
43. Graduate Certificate in Science in Medicine (Sexual and Reproductive Health) in HIV and STIs GCSCMED1SRV
44. Master of Science in Medicine (Sexual and Reproductive Health) in Psychosexual Therapy MASCMED1SRT
45. Graduate Diploma in Science in Medicine (Sexual and Reproductive Health) in Psychosexual Therapy GNSMED1SRT
46. Master of Science in Medicine (Sexual and Reproductive Health) in Public Health MASCMED1SRP
47. Master of Science in Medicine (Sexual and Reproductive Health) in Reproductive Health and Fertility MASCME1SRR
48. Graduate Diploma in Science in Medicine (Sexual and Reproductive Health) in Reproductive Health and Fertility GNSCMED1SRR
49. Master of Surgery MASURGER-02
50. Graduate Diploma in Surgery GNSURGER-02
51. Graduate Certificate in Surgery GCSURGER-01
52. Master of Surgery (Breast Surgery) MASURGER1BSU
53. Graduate Certificate in Surgery (Breast Surgery) GCSURGER1BSU
54. Master of Surgery (Cardiothoracic Surgery) MASURGER1CTS
55. Master of Surgery (Colorectal) MASURGER1CLT
56. Master of Surgery (Head and Neck) MASURGER1HNE
57. Master of Surgery (Neurosurgery) MASURGER1NEU
58. Master of Surgery (Orthopaedic) MASURGER1ORP
59. Master of Surgery (Otorhinolaryngology) MASURGER1OTO
60. Master of Surgery (Plastic/Reconstructive Surgery) MASURGER1PRS
61. Master of Surgery (Surgical Anatomy) MASURGER1SUN
62. Master of Surgery (Surgical Outcomes) MASURGER1SOU
63. Master of Surgery (Surgical Sciences) MASURGER1SUS
64. Graduate Certificate in Surgical Sciences GCSURGSTC01
65. Master of Surgery (Surgical Skills) MASURGER1SSK
66. Master of Surgery (Trauma Surgery) MASURGER1TSU
67. Master of Surgery (Upper Gastrointestinal Surgery) MASURGER1UGS
68. Master of Surgery (Urology) MASURGER1URO
69. Master of Surgery (Vascular Surgery and Endovascular Surgery) MASURGER1VES
70. Graduate Certificate in Advanced Clinical Skills (Surgical Anatomy) GCADCLSK1SUN
71. Master of Medicine (Clinical Neurophysiology) MAMEDICI4CNP
72. Graduate Diploma in Medicine (Clinical Neurophysiology) GNMEDICI2CNP
73. Master of Science in Medicine (Clinical Neurophysiology) MASCME1CNP
74. Graduate Diploma in Science in Medicine (Clinical Neurophysiology) GNSCMED1CNP
75. Graduate Certificate in Science in Medicine (Clinical Neurophysiology) GCSCME1CNP
76. Master of Medicine (Ophthalmic Science) MAMEOPSC-01
77. Graduate Diploma in Ophthalmic Science GNOPHTSC-01
78. Master of Medicine (Paediatric Medicine) MAMEDICI4PAM
79. Master of Medicine (Psychiatry) MAMEDICI4PSR
80. Master of Medicine (Trauma-Informed Psychotherapy) MAMEDICI4TIP
81. Master of Science in Medicine (Trauma-Informed Psychotherapy) MASCME1TIP
82. Graduate Certificate in Science in Medicine (Trauma-Informed Psychotherapy) GCSCME1TIP
83. Master of Science in Medicine (Psychotherapy) MASMPSYC-01
84. Doctor of Clinical Surgery TCCLISUR-01
85. Sydney Professional Certificate in Fundamentals of Immunotherapy GSFNDIMT-01
86. Sydney Professional Certificate in Intraoperative Neuromonitoring GSINOPNM-01
87. Sydney Professional Certificate in Oncoplastic Breast Surgery GSONBRSR-01
88. Sydney Professional Certificate in Orofacial Pain Science GSORFSPC-01
89. Master of Cancer and Haematology Nursing MACAHANU-01
90. Graduate Diploma in Cancer and Haematology Nursing GNCAHANU-01
91. Graduate Certificate in Cancer and Haematology Nursing GCCAHANU-01
92. Graduate Certificate in Clinical Nursing GCCLINUR-02
93. Graduate Certificate in Emergency Nursing GCEMINUR-02
94. Graduate Certificate in Intensive Care Nursing GCINCURN-02
95. Graduate Certificate in Pharmacy Practice GCPHAPRA-01
96. Graduate Certificate in Primary Health Care Nursing GCPRHECA-01
97. Graduate Diploma in Advanced Nursing Practice GNADNUPR-01
98. Graduate Diploma in Emergency Nursing GNEMENUR-02
99. Graduate Diploma in Intensive Care Nursing GNINCURN-02
100. Master of Advanced Nursing Practice MAADNUPR-01
101. Master of Emergency Nursing MAEMENUR-02
102. Master of Intensive Care Nursing MAINCURN-02
103. Master of Mental Health Nursing MAMEHNUR-02
104. Master of Nursing (Nurse Practitioner) MANUNUPR-02
105. Master of Primary Health Care Nursing MAPRHECA-01
106. Sydney Professional Certificate in Metabolic Management GSMETBMG-01
107. Sydney Professional Certificate in Neurological Electrodiagnosis GSNRLELD-01
108. Sydney Professional Certificate in Qualitative Health Research GSQLHLTR-01
109. Master of Medicine (Advanced) MAMEDADV-01
110. Master of Medicine (Advanced) (Critical Care Medicine)* MAMEDADV1CCM
111. Master of Medicine (Advanced) (Child and Adolescent Health)* MAMEDADV1CHA
112. Master of Medicine (Advanced) (Clinical Neurophysiology)* MAMEDADV1CNP
113. Master of Medicine (Advanced) (General Practice and Primary Health Care)* MAMEDADV1GPC
114. Master of Medicine (Advanced) (Genomics and Precision Medicine)* MAMEDADV1GPM
115. Master of Medicine (Advanced) (Internal Medicine)* MAMEDADV1ITM
116. Master of Medicine (Advanced) (Metabolic Health)* MAMEDADV1MBH
117. Master of Medicine (Advanced) (Pharmaceutical and Medical Device Development)* MAMEDADV1PMV
118. Master of Medicine (Advanced) (Psychiatry)* MAMEDADV1PSR
119. Master of Science in Medicine (Advanced) MASCMEAD-01
120. Master of Medicine (Sexual and Reproductive Health) and Master of Philosophy MAMEDPHL-01
121. Master of Science in Medicine (Sexual and Reproductive Health) and Master of Philosophy MASCMPHL-01

**Action: AB 2020/4-4**
Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Education), Executive Dean and the Faculty General Manager of the Faculty of Medicine and Health, and Dean and Faculty General Manager of the Faculty of Science to note the Chair of Academic Board’s executive approval of the proposal to offer Graduate Certificates in the areas of Infection and Immunity, and Agriculture and Environment, as part of the Government’s COVID-19 response short course scheme, with effect from Semester 2 2020.

### 4.2 Student Members’ Report

**Resolution AB2020/4-6**
The Academic Board resolved to note the report of the student members of the Academic Board.

**Note for the Record**
The President of SUPRA reported on the joint submission with the SRC to the Office of the Minister of Skills and Tertiary Education for an amendment to COVID-19 crisis accommodation criteria and updated members on the distribution of PPE to students; and SUPRA survey on postgraduate students’ online learning experience in Semester 1 2020, the results of which will be reported to the DVC Education.

The President of the SRC reported on the work of the SRC in preparing for Semester 2 elections, and provided an update on the mutual aid program; case work service; academic integrity issues and appeal management; tenancy issues and disputes, and plans to support the University in lobbying and corresponding with the crossbench in relation to the Higher Education Reform Package. The President, SRC voiced concerns around the availability of exam review sessions, and registered their interest in discussing offline with the DVC Education and Registrar and Academic Director (Education), issues relating to academic integrity concerns and ProctorU.

Members noted the ongoing concerns of the student body regarding the lack of availability of certain units of study in Semester 2.

**Action: AB 2020/4-5**
The DVC Education, Registrar and Academic Director (Education) and President of the SRC to discuss academic integrity and ProctorU.
4.3 Honours and Distinctions

Resolution AB2020/4-7
The Academic Board resolved to note the report of the Chair of the Academic Board on honours and distinctions.

Note for the Record
The Chair referred to the list of honours and distinctions and specifically extended his congratulations to Board member Professor Stephen Garton (Senior Deputy Vice-Chancellor) for his achievement.

Action: AB 2020/4-6
Chair of Academic Board to write to recipients congratulating them on their honours and distinctions.

5 REPORT OF THE VICE-CHANCELLOR

Resolution AB2020/4-8
The Academic Board resolved to note the Vice-Chancellor’s report.

Note for the Record
The Vice-Chancellor and Principal updated members on the progress towards re-introducing an on-campus experience for students in Semester 2 2020, acknowledging the rapidly changing health situation and possibility of transition back to online delivery if deemed necessary. Consultation is underway with Transport NSW to support the return to campus planning, however, given the recent announcement advising commuters to avoid catching public transport, there is still a degree of uncertainty.

In relation to the prolonged financial impact of COVID-19 on the University in the event that the international student numbers do not recover for Semester 1 2021, planning is in progress to model the scale of this impact. Staff communications will be released to provide further information on the University’s financial outlook, and a review of Semester 2 2020 will be completed in October 2020 to inform response for Semester 1 2021.

A member queried the communications for S2 2020 international students, and the Vice-Chancellor referred to the existing communications available to support students during the COVID-19 pandemic. Members discussed the return to campus planning and social distancing in classrooms and labs and noted that whether a return to campus is practical will depend on the evolving health situation in NSW.

6 QUESTION TIME

A member asked “Have we the Academic Board responded to the best of our abilities with regard to our responsibilities and opportunities?” regarding the Academic Board’s contribution to the selection process for the next Vice-Chancellor. It was clarified that the Academic Board was consulted as part of a Strategic Item of Business at the 5 May 2020 Board meeting. At this meeting, the Chair of the Senate Fellow and Chair of Senate People and Culture Committee, Professor Alan Pettigrew attended to detail the recruitment process for the new Vice-Chancellor, and extended the opportunity for feedback from Board members.

7 REPORT OF THE ACADEMIC STANDARDS AND POLICY COMMITTEE

Resolution AB2020/4-9
The Academic Board resolved to note the report from the meeting of the Academic Standards and Policy Committee (ASPC) held on 30 June 2020.

7.1 Minor amendments to the Admissions Standards – English Language Proficiency

Resolution AB2020/4-10
The Academic Board resolved to approve the proposal from the Sydney Nursing School, Faculty of Medicine and Health to amend the faculty-specific English language requirements
for the Nursing pre-registration programs in the Admissions Standards – English Language Proficiency document, with immediate effect.

**Action: AB 2020/4-7**
Faculty of Medicine and Health to amend the faculty-specific English language requirements for the Nursing pre-registration programs in the Admissions Standards – English Language Proficiency document.

### 7.2 Amendments to the University of Sydney (Academic Board) Rule 2017

**Resolution AB2020/4-11**
The Academic Board resolved to endorse and recommend that the University of Sydney Senate approve the proposed amendments to the University of Sydney (Academic Board) Rule 2017.

### 8 REPORT OF THE UNDERGRADUATE STUDIES COMMITTEE

**Resolution AB2020/4-12**
The Academic Board resolved to note the report from the meetings of the Undergraduate Studies Committee held on 2 June 2020.

#### 8.1 Faculty of Medicine and Health: Bachelor of Advanced Studies (Honours, Human Movement), project units

**Resolution AB2020/4-13**
The Academic Board resolved to approve the proposal from the Faculty of Medicine and Health to amend the Bachelor of Advanced Studies (Honours, Human Movement) and the subsequent amendment of the unit of study tables arising from the proposal, with effect from 1 January 2021.

**Action: AB 2020/4-8**
Dean and Faculty General Manager, Faculty of Medicine and Health to note the Academic Board’s approval of the proposal from the Faculty of Medicine and Health to amend the Bachelor of Advanced Studies (Honours, Human Movement) and the subsequent amendment of the unit of study tables arising from the proposal, with effect from 1 January 2021.

#### 8.2 Faculty of Science: Bachelor of Veterinary Biology/Doctor of Veterinary Medicine, admissions amendment

**Resolution AB2020/4-14**
The Academic Board resolved to approve the proposal from the Faculty of Science to amend the Bachelor of Veterinary Biology/Doctor of Veterinary Medicine and the subsequent amendment to the course resolutions arising from the proposal, with effect from 1 January 2021.

**Action: AB 2020/4-9**
Dean and Faculty General Manager, Faculty of Science to note the Academic Board’s approval of the proposal from the Faculty of Science to amend the Bachelor of Veterinary Biology/Doctor of Veterinary Medicine and the subsequent amendment to the course resolutions arising from the proposal, with effect from 1 January 2021.

#### 8.3 Faculty of Engineering: Bachelor of Advanced Computing, addition of 0 cp shell unit for Honours mark

**Resolution AB2020/4-15**
The Academic Board resolved to approve the proposal from the Faculty of Engineering to amend the Bachelor of Advanced Computing and the subsequent amendment to the unit of study tables arising from the proposal, with effect from 1 January 2021.

**Action: AB 2020/4-10**
Dean and Faculty General Manager, Faculty of Engineering, to note the Academic Board’s approval of the proposal from the Faculty of Engineering to amend the Bachelor of Advanced Computing and the subsequent amendment to the unit of study tables arising from the proposal, with effect from 1 January 2021.

8.4 **Faculty of Engineering**: Bachelor of Advanced Computing, Computer Science major, additional selective unit

Resolution AB2020/4-16
The Academic Board resolved to approve the proposal from the Faculty of Engineering to amend the Bachelor of Advanced Computing Table A Computer Science major and the subsequent amendment of the unit of study tables arising from the proposal, with effect from 1 January 2021.

**Action: AB 2020/4-11**
Dean and Faculty General Manager, Faculty of Engineering, to note the Academic Board’s approval of the proposal from the Faculty of Engineering to amend the Table A Computer Science major and the subsequent amendment of the unit of study tables arising from the proposal, with effect from 1 January 2021.

8.5 **Faculty of Engineering**: Bachelor of Engineering Hons Civil Engineering stream core unit

Resolution AB2020/4-17
The Academic Board resolved to approve the proposal from the Faculty of Engineering to amend the Civil Engineering stream in the Bachelor of Engineering Honours; Bachelor of Engineering Honours and Bachelor of Arts; Bachelor of Engineering Honours and Bachelor of Commerce; Bachelor of Engineering Honours and Bachelor of Design in Architecture; Bachelor of Engineering Honours and Bachelor of Laws; Bachelor of Engineering Honours and Bachelor of Project Management; and Bachelor of Engineering Honours and Bachelor of Science, and the subsequent amendment to the unit of study tables arising from these proposals, with effect from 1 January 2021.

**Action: AB 2020/4-12**
Dean and Faculty General Manager, Faculty of Engineering, to note the Academic Board’s approval of the proposal from the Faculty of Engineering to amend the Civil Engineering stream in the Bachelor of Engineering Honours; Bachelor of Engineering Honours and Bachelor of Arts; Bachelor of Engineering Honours and Bachelor of Commerce; Bachelor of Engineering Honours and Bachelor of Design in Architecture; Bachelor of Engineering Honours and Bachelor of Laws; Bachelor of Engineering Honours and Bachelor of Project Management; and Bachelor of Engineering Honours and Bachelor of Science, and the subsequent amendment to the unit of study tables arising from these proposals, with effect from 1 January 2021.

8.6 **Faculty of Engineering**: Bachelor of Project Management Table A Built Environment, major core unit

Resolution AB2020/4-18
The Academic Board resolved to approve the proposal from the Faculty of Engineering to amend the Bachelor of Project Management Table A Built Environment major, and the subsequent amendments to the unit of study tables arising from the proposal, with effect from 1 January 2021.

**Action: AB 2020/4-13**
Dean and Faculty General Manager, Faculty of Engineering, to note the Academic Board’s approval of the proposal from the Faculty of Engineering to amend the Bachelor of Project Management, and the subsequent amendments to the unit of study tables arising from the proposal, with effect from 1 January 2021.
9 REPORT OF THE GRADUATE STUDIES COMMITTEE

Resolution AB2020/4-19
The Academic Board resolved to note the report from the meeting of the Graduate Studies Committee held on 2 June 2020.

9.1 HDR Scholarships Committee: HDRSSC Terms of Reference

Resolution AB2020/4-20
The Academic Board resolved to approve the proposal from the HDR Scholarships Subcommittee to amend the Terms of Reference of the HDR Scholarships Subcommittee.

Action: AB 2020/4-14
The Chair, HDR Scholarships Committee to note the Academic Board’s approval of the proposal from the HDR Scholarships Subcommittee to amend the Terms of Reference of the HDR Scholarships Subcommittee.

9.2 HDR Scholarships Committee: Scholarships Office Grants in Aid Recommendations

Resolution AB2020/4-21
The Academic Board resolved to approve the recommendations of the HDR Scholarships Subcommittee and the Scholarships Office with respect to Grants in Aid to:

a) increase the value of the funding allocation from $2500 to $5000 and change the method of determining the amount of funding allocated from a predetermined allocation to a needs-based method;

b) update the current terms and conditions to correctly reflect the trust conditions and donors’ wishes;

c) include a requirement under “ongoing eligibility” that the scholarship recipient will need to retain the evidence of travel for a minimum of 12 months from the time they are awarded the scholarship;

d) amend the clause “currently enrolled students and graduates of University of Sydney” in the eligibility criteria to include our currently enrolled students in the eligible cohort for the identified scholarships as presented; and

e) update Terms and Conditions to the new template format.

Action: AB 2020/4-15
The Chair, HDR Scholarships Subcommittee and the Scholarships Office to note the Academic Board’s approval of the recommendations to amend the Grants in Aid.

9.3 Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences: Executive Master of Arts and Social Sciences, suspension of admission

Resolution AB2020/4-22
The Academic Board resolved to approve the proposal from the Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences to suspend admissions to the Executive Master of Arts and Social Sciences, with effect from 1 January 2021; and recommend that Senate approve the amendment to the Senate Resolutions, with effect from 1 January 2021.

Action: AB 2020/4-16
Dean and Faculty General Manager, Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences to note the Academic Board’s approval of the proposal from the Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences to suspend admissions to the Executive Master of Arts and Social Sciences, with effect from 1 January 2021; and recommend that Senate approve the amendment to the Senate Resolutions, with effect from 1 January 2021.

9.4 Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences: Executive Master of Public Administration, amendment to unit of study tables

Resolution AB2020/4-23
The Academic Board resolved to approve the proposal from the Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences to amend the Executive Master of Public Administration and the subsequent
amendments to the course resolutions and unit of study tables, with effect from 1 January 2022.

**Action: AB 2020/4-17**
Dean and Faculty General Manager, Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences to note the Academic Board’s approval of the proposal from the Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences to amend the Executive Master of Public Administration and the subsequent amendments to the course resolutions and unit of study tables, with effect from 1 January 2022.

9.5 **Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences:** Master of Arts (Research); Master of Education (Research); and Master of Philosophy (Arts and Social Sciences), thesis examination update

**Resolution AB2020/4-24**
The Academic Board resolved to approve the proposal from the Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences to amend the Master of Arts (Research), Master of Education (Research), and Master of Philosophy (Arts and Social Sciences), and the subsequent amendments to the course resolutions arising from the proposal, with effect from 1 January 2021.

**Action: AB 2020/4-18**
Dean and Faculty General Manager, Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences, to note the Academic Board’s approval of the proposal from the Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences to amend the Master of Arts (Research), Master of Education (Research), and Master of Philosophy (Arts and Social Sciences), and the subsequent amendments to the course resolutions arising from the proposal, with effect from 1 January 2021.

9.6 **Faculty of Engineering:** Master of Professional Engineering, introduction of core unit

**Resolution AB2020/4-25**
The Academic Board resolved to approve the proposal from the Faculty of Engineering amend the Master of Professional Engineering, and the subsequent amendments to the unit of study tables arising from the proposal, with effect from 1 January 2021.

**Action: AB 2020/4-19**
Dean and Faculty General Manager, Faculty of Engineering, to note the Academic Board’s approval of the proposal from the Faculty of Engineering amend the Master of Professional Engineering, and the subsequent amendments to the unit of study tables arising from the proposal, with effect from 1 January 2021.

9.7 **Faculty of Science:** Bachelor of Veterinary Biology/Doctor of Veterinary Medicine, admission and credit amendments

**Resolution AB2020/4-26**
The Academic Board resolved to approve the proposal from the Faculty of Science to amend the Bachelor of Veterinary Biology/Doctor of Veterinary Medicine, and the subsequent amendments to the course resolutions arising from the proposal, with effect from 1 January 2021.

**Action: AB 2020/4-20**
Dean and Faculty General Manager, Faculty of Science, to note the Academic Board’s approval of the proposal from the Faculty of Science to amend the Bachelor of Veterinary Biology/Doctor of Veterinary Medicine, and the subsequent amendments to the course resolutions arising from the proposal, with effect from 1 January 2021.

9.8 **Faculty of Science:** Master of Sustainability; Graduate Diploma in Sustainability; and Graduate Certificate in Sustainability, amendment of elective list

**Resolution AB2020/4-27**
The Academic Board resolved to approve the proposal from the Faculty of Science to amend Master of Sustainability; Graduate Diploma in Sustainability; Graduate Certificate in
Sustainability, and the subsequent amendments to the unit of study table, with effect from 1 January 2021.

**Action: AB 2020/4-21**
Dean and Faculty General Manager, Faculty of Science, to note the Academic Board’s approval of the proposal from the Faculty of Science to amend Master of Sustainability; Graduate Diploma in Sustainability; Graduate Certificate in Sustainability, and the subsequent amendments to the unit of study table, with effect from 1 January 2021.

### REPORT OF THE ACADEMIC QUALITY COMMITTEE

**Resolution AB2020/4-28**
The Academic Board resolved to note the report from the meeting of the Academic Quality Committee (AQC) held on Tuesday 30 June 2020.

#### 10.1 Educational Integrity Report 2019

**Resolution AB2020/4-29**
The Academic Board resolved to approve the Educational Integrity Annual Report 2019.

**Action: AB 2020/4-22**
Chair, Academic Quality Committee to note the Academic Board’s approval of the Educational Integrity Annual Report 2019.

#### 10.2 Membership of the HDR Examinations Subcommittee (HDRESC)

**Resolution AB2020/4-30**
The Academic Board resolved to approve the renewal of two-year appointment terms to the HDR Examinations Subcommittee, as follows:

- a) Professor Tim Allender, Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences, from August 2020 to July 2022;
- b) Dr Danijela Gnjidic, Faculty of Medicine and Health, from September 2020 to August 2022; and
- c) Professor Frank Lovicu, Faculty of Medicine and Health, from September 2020 to August 2022.

**Action: AB 2020/4-23**
Chair, HDR Examinations Subcommittee to note the approval of the renewal of two-year appointment terms.

#### 10.3 Course Review - Bachelor of Liberal Arts and Science (BLAS) Course Review

**Resolution AB2020/4-31**
The Academic Board resolved to note the Academic Quality Committee’s approval of the course review from the Faculty of Science for the Bachelor of Liberal Arts and Science.

#### 10.4 Course Review - Master of Logistics and Supply Chain Management (and embedded courses)

**Resolution AB2020/4-32**
The Academic Board resolved to note the Academic Quality Committee’s approval of the course review from the Sydney Business School for the Master of Logistics and Supply Chain Management (and embedded courses).

#### 10.5 Request for Course Review Delay for the Master of Clinical Psychology and the Master of Clinical Psychology/Doctor of Philosophy

**Resolution AB2020/4-33**
The Academic Board resolved to note the Academic Quality Committee’s approval of:

1. that the course review for the Master of Clinical Psychology be rescheduled to 2022;
2. that the course review for the Master of Clinical Psychology/Doctor of Philosophy be rescheduled to 2022.

10.6 **Academic quality assurance process for reviewing Table R**

**Resolution AB2020/4-34**

The Academic Board resolved to note the Academic Quality Committee's endorsement of the academic quality review template, to be used to formally review the effectiveness of Table R for HDR coursework.

11 **GENERAL BUSINESS**

11.1 **Academic Board Guideline – Grade Descriptors**

**Resolution AB2020/4-35**

The Academic Board resolved to approve the publication of the Academic Board Guideline – Grade Descriptors.

**Action: AB 2020/4-24**

The Secretariat to promulgate the Academic Board Guideline – Grade Descriptions for publication.

11.2 **Pilot of Curriculum Approval Submission Templates**

**Resolution AB2020/4-36**

The Academic Board resolved to approve the pilot of the Curriculum Suspension and Deletion Template and the Minor Course Amendment Template.

**Action: AB 2020/4-25**

The Secretariat to commence the pilot of the Curriculum Suspension and Deletion Template and the Minor Course Amendment Template.

11.3 **SAGE Program Report**

**Resolution AB2020/4-37**

The Academic Board resolved to note the SAGE Program Report.

11.4 **Indigenous Strategy Academic Board Working Group**

**Resolution AB2020/4-38**

The Academic Board resolved to endorse the creation of a working group to investigate ways in which the Academic Board can be involved with the development and implementation of the new Indigenous Strategy – One Sydney, Many People.

**Action: AB 2020/4-26**

The Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Indigenous Strategy and Services) to note the Academic Board’s approval of the creation of an Indigenous Strategy Academic Board Working Group.

11.5 **Any other business**

No other business was raised.

**Meeting closed at 3.10pm.**

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