

LA TROBE UNIVERSITY

ACADEMIC BOARD

Minutes of the four hundred and fifth meeting of the Academic Board held in the Davidson Room, Glenn College, La Trobe University, Bundoora Campus on Wednesday 15 February 2006 at 9.00am

PRESENT: Professor R W Parish (Chair), Professor C Adams, Ms E Brown, Professor M Chanock, Professor H Clarke, Dr L Crase, Dr R Croome, Professor D de Vaus, Professor K Dodd, Professor D Finlay, Professor A Frost, Professor E Gow, Mr J Griffiths, Professor C Handley, Professor R Harbridge, Dr T Hogan, Professor N Hoogenraad, Dr L Howie, Dr J Jackson, Professor M Lake, Ms L Lavender, Professor G Leder, Professor L Ling, Dr A McClelland, Ms V Mansel Lees, Dr P Martin, Dr G Mayer, Dr G Murphy, Dr J Oates, Mr A Pagliaro, Professor S Paxton, Ms J Porter, Dr V Prain, Professor M Rimmer, Professor I Robinson, Dr J Russell, Dr M Ryan, Ms F Sheean, Dr K Souter, Professor G Stephenson, Dr D Stockley, Professor B Stoddart (Vice-Chancellor), Professor P Sullivan, Professor H Swerissen, Dr L Thwaites, Mr G Villalta, Dr A Vongalis-Macrow and Professor G Walker.

SECRETARIAT: Ms A Cowburn

IN ATTENDANCE: Professor A Aikhenvald, Mr B Carboon, Mr R Cook, Professor R Dixon, Dr K Ferguson, Professor D Kirkpatrick, Professor R La Polla, Dr E Martens, Professor A Perry, Professor D Phillips and Professor P Tait.

PART A: PROCEDURAL MATTERS

(i) Apologies and Attendance

Apologies were received for Dr S Beeton, Professor S Crowe, Dr J Fahey, Mr B Goddard, Ms A Kelly, Ms L Lang, Mr K Reed, Mr P Richardson, Mr D Stuchbery, Dr D Tillett, Dr S Tobias, Ms G Verrinder and Professor R Walker.

(ii) Approval of Agenda and ordering of Agenda Items

The Board resolved to approve the Agenda, as circulated.

The Board received the following tabled papers:

- AB06/03 *Attachment B*, Report of Selection Committee: Chair of Philosophy
- AB06/03 *Attachment C*, Report of Selection Committee: Chair of Education
- AB06/03 *Attachment D*, Report of Selection Committee: Chair of Educational Studies
- AB06/03 *Attachment E*, Report of Selection Committee: Chair in Economics
- AB06/03 *Attachment F*, Report of the Honorary Degrees Committee
- AB06/03 *Attachment G*, Report of Higher Doctorates Committee
- AB06/03 *Attachment H*, Report of Standing Committee on Level D Academics
- AB06/07 Award of Degrees and Diplomas
- AB06/18 Report of the Personal Chairs Committee

(iii) Outstanding Matters

The Board received and noted report AB06/02.

(iv) **Matters approved on behalf of Academic Board**

The Board received report AB06/03 and noted the following matters which had been approved on its behalf since its last meeting:

- (a) Award of degrees and diplomas, as detailed in Attachment A to report AB06/03;
- (b) Report of Selection Committees:
 - (i) Chair of Philosophy, as detailed in confidential tabled Attachment B to report AB06/03;
 - (ii) Chair of Education, as detailed in confidential tabled Attachment C to report AB06/03;
 - (iii) Chair of Educational Studies, as detailed in confidential tabled Attachment D to report AB06/03;
 - (iv) Chair in Economics, as detailed in confidential tabled Attachment E to report AB06/03;
- (c) Visiting Professor: Professor A Mathieson (to 31.12.2008);
- (d) Report of the Honorary Degrees Committee, as detailed in confidential tabled Attachment F to report AB06/03;
- (e) Report of the Higher Doctorates Committee, as detailed in confidential tabled Attachment G to report AB06/03;
- (f) Report of the Standing Committee on Level D Academics, as detailed in confidential tabled Attachment H to report AB06/03;
- (g) Establishment of prizes:
 - (i) Faculty of Education: Faculty of Education Dean's Medal for Academic Excellence, as detailed in Attachment I to report AB06/03;
 - (ii) Faculty of Science, Technology and Engineering: The Peechelba Beef Scholarship in Agricultural Science at Albury-Wodonga, as detailed in Attachment J to report AB06/03;
 - (iii) Faculty of Science, Technology and Engineering: The La Trobe University-Grasslands Society of Southern Australia Scholarship in Agricultural Science at Albury-Wodonga, as detailed in Attachment K to report AB06/03;
 - (iv) Faculty of Science, Technology and Engineering: The North East Local Government Scholarship in Agricultural Science at Albury-Wodonga, as detailed in Attachment L to report AB06/03;
 - (v) Faculty of Science, Technology and Engineering: The La Trobe University-Riverland Scholarship in Agricultural Science at Mildura, as detailed in Attachment M to report AB06/03;
 - (vi) Faculty of Science, Technology and Engineering: The La Trobe University-JC Tanloden Scholarship in Agricultural Science at Bendigo, as detailed in Attachment N to report AB06/03;
 - (vii) Faculty of Science, Technology and Engineering: The Bendigo Consultants Scholarship in Agricultural Science at Bendigo, as detailed in Attachment O to report AB06/03;
- (h) Membership of Committees:
 - (i) *Selection Committee: Chair of Education, Chair of Educational Studies:* Professor R Parish [additional member];
 - (ii) *Selection Committee: Chair of Outdoor Education and Environment:* Dr Lorraine Smith *vice* Professor Stuart Hill;
 - (iii) *Academic Misconduct Review Committee:* Dr L Howie *vice* Ms L Lavender;
 - (iv) *Higher Doctorates Committee:* Professor A Perry *vice* Professor M Morris;
- (i) Composition of Committees:
 - (i) *Committee on Outside Studies Programs*, as detailed in Attachment P to report AB06/03;
 - (ii) *Academic Committee*, as detailed in Attachment Q to report AB06/03;
 - (iii) *Standing Committee on Level D Academics*, as detailed in Attachment R to report AB06/03;
 - (iv) *Academic Promotions Committee*, as detailed in Attachment S to report AB06/03;

- (j) University Development Committee:
 - (i) *Associate Professor of Allied Health, Faculty of Health Sciences*: re-advertisement of the position;
 - (ii) *Professor/Associate Professor in Health Service Management, Faculty of Health Sciences*: approval to establish and advertise the position;
 - (iii) *Associate Professor of Mental Health, Faculty of Health Sciences*: re-advertisement of the position;
- (k) Course proposals:
 - (i) Proposal from the Faculty of Law and Management to introduce an Honours year to the existing Bachelor of Business (Sport and Leisure Management), as detailed in Attachment T to report AB06/03;
 - (ii) Proposal from the Faculty of Health Sciences to introduce a Bachelor of Oral Health Science, as detailed in Attachment U to report AB06/03;
 - (iii) Proposal from the Faculty of Law and Management to introduce a Graduate Diploma in Fraud Investigation, as detailed in Attachment V to report AB06/03;
 - (iv) Proposal from the Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences to introduce a Bachelor of Urban, Rural and Environmental Planning, as detailed in Attachment W to report AB06/03;
 - (v) Proposal from the Faculty of Law and Management to amend the Bachelor of Business (Honours) with a Financial Management major, as detailed in Attachment X to report AB06/03;
 - (vi) Proposal from the Faculty of Health Sciences to introduce a Doctor of Psychology in Counselling Psychology, as detailed in Attachment Y to report AB06/03; and
 - (vii) Proposal from the Faculty of Law and Management to amend the structure of the Master of International Business, as detailed in Attachment Z to report AB06/03.

Mr Pagliaro advised that he had a number of queries regarding the proposal from the Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences to introduce a Bachelor of Urban, Rural and Environmental Planning, as detailed in Attachment W to report AB06/03, which had been approved out-of-session by the Vice-Chancellor on behalf of the Board. It was agreed that Mr Pagliaro should email his queries to the Chair.

Mr A
Pagliaro/
Chair

(v) Report of the Vice-Chancellor

The Vice-Chancellor reported on a number of matters of current interest, as detailed in report AB06/04.

- (a) Amendments had been made to the venue, structure and regulations of Academic Board to stimulate academic debate.
- (b) At a special meeting, held on 5 February, Council unanimously confirmed the recommendation from the Council Executive Committee that Professor Brian Stoddart be appointed until at least 31 December this year as Vice-Chancellor and that full title is now in operation.
- (c) Council also accepted a recommendation from the Council Executive Committee that an executive search firm be identified to advise on possible selection processes for the Vice-Chancellor position in the long term. It was also agreed that a full consultation program be conducted within the University, most likely through Academic Board. Further details would be advised as Council resolves formally upon the procedures to be adopted.
- (d) The State Department of Industry, Innovation, Research and Development (DIIRD) announced that the University had been awarded \$2 million in support of building developments at Shepparton. That was in addition to the \$1.5 million already allocated by DEST during 2005. The formal DIIRD announcement was made in Shepparton by the Minister, Mr John Brumby, on 10 February 2006.

- (e) There was little update at present from DEST in relation to the Research Quality Framework, and until such time as that detail became available, La Trobe University would be holding off on the full application of the additional research moneys allocated within the 2006 budget. The reason for that would be understandable to Board members: until the criteria under which the Research Quality Framework would work could be assessed, allocation of large sums of money would be ill-advised.
- (f) The Board would, in due course, have opportunity to discuss the possibility of the University adopting in future a Faculty-specific Common First Year (CFY). This point was discussed initially at the first meeting of the Senior Management Group and was now listed for discussion through Faculties. There would be several opportunities for academic staff to discuss this possible option, but it was worth pointing out at this juncture that the introduction of such a program would most likely have a beneficial impact upon several issues including Staff Student Ratios, the first year learning experience (with reference to the Learning and Teaching Performance Fund matter), further opportunities for postgraduate student enrolment in teaching, and related areas.
- (g) While overall the University enrolments look likely to at least equal and possibly exceed the 2005 position, there were some areas of concern. Nursing has had a substantial and welcome turn around from 2005, the Faculty of Education and Faculty of Health Sciences have performed well, as has the Faculty of Law and Management. The Faculty of Science, Technology and Engineering and the Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences were still vulnerable and the overall position of the University would most likely require a serious campaign for a mid-year enrolment cohort. While the enrolment pattern for 2006 had been somewhat unusual, there were some clearly continuing patterns within our enrolment profile and this would need to be considered seriously, looking towards the 2007 intake.
- (h) International numbers were fluid, but the University had equalled and possibly even bettered the equivalent enrolment patterns for last year, although there was an apparently substantial shortfall in postgraduate enrolments.
- (i) Professorial appointments:
- Dr Frank Hardman had accepted the offer for the Chair of Educational Studies.
 - Dr Xiangkang Yin had accepted appointment as Professor of Economics and Finance.
 - Dr Gary Magee had accepted appointment as Chair in Economics.
 - Dr Vaughan Prain had accepted appointment as Chair of Education (Bendigo).
 - Professor Andrew Brennan had accepted appointment to the Chair of Philosophy.
 - Professor Gerry Farrell had accepted appointment as Professor of Nursing and Head of the School of Nursing and Midwifery.
- (j) The University was in the final stages of appointing a Pro Vice-Chancellor (Research) for a 12 month fixed-term. An announcement should be made in the next few days.
- (k) The University has continued to lobby the government regarding the development of a medical school.
- (l) A special meeting of Council would be held on Thursday 16 February to discuss the proposed National Biosecurity Centre.
- (m) The opening of the Victorian Agriscience Building by the Premier would be held today at 10.30am.

PART B: MATTERS FOR APPROVAL

405.1 CONFIRMATION OF THE MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting held on 9 November 2005 [AB05/162(M)] were confirmed.

405.2 MATTERS ARISING

405.2.1 Structure of the Academic Year, 2007 and Beyond (previous reference – 404.5.4, AB05/162(M) – 09.11.05)

At the November Academic Board meeting, the Board agreed to defer a decision on the structure of the 2007 academic year and agreed that feedback on the paper provided to that meeting be provided to the Deputy Vice-Chancellor and the Manager, Academic Services.

The Board received report AB06/05, a discussion paper provided by the Manager, Academic Services and based on the responses of four faculties, and report AB06/06, a response from the Faculty of Health Sciences.

The Manager, Academic Services, spoke to his report. The Deans also made the following comments:
Faculty of Health Sciences:

- There were differing views in the Faculty.
- Clinical arrangements in the Faculty were already anomalous.

Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences:

- End of year was more difficult than mid year, therefore starting a week early would not assist the Faculty.

Faculty of Law and Management:

- Supported the retention of 2 x 13 week semesters.
- An additional week during the mid year break would assist the Faculty.
- Professional accreditation of courses could be an issue if reducing the semesters to 12 weeks.

Faculty of Education:

- There were differing views in the Faculty.
- Education already starts earlier than the rest of the University.
- Professional accreditation could also be an issue.

Faculty of Science, Technology and Engineering:

- Supported the retention of 2 x 13 week semesters.
- Fitting in clinical work could become an issue if the semesters were reduced.
- An additional week during the mid year break would assist the Faculty.

Professor Paxton raised the issue of research. It was noted that ARC grant applications were due at the beginning of March and an earlier commencement date could place pressure on research grant applicants.

Professor Handley and Mr Pagliaro suggested that summer school and bridging courses held out of semester could be affected if the commencing date for semester one was moved forward by a week.

The Board **resolved** to make no change to the structure of the academic year for 2007 and agreed that the Manager, Academic Services, should proceed with publishing the approved 2007 year.

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405.3 ITEMS APPROVED WITHOUT DISCUSSION

405.3.1 Award of Degrees and Diplomas

The Board received tabled report AB06/07 and **resolved** to recommend to Council the award of degrees and diplomas as detailed therein.

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405.3.2 Establishment of prizes

The Board **resolved** to establish formally the following Prizes:

- Faculty of Health Sciences: renaming of 'Mt Alvernia Mercy Midwifery Award' to 'St John of God Midwifery Award' and change of value, as detailed in report AB06/08;
- Faculty of Health Sciences: CRS Australia Award for Excellence in Vocational Rehabilitation, as detailed in report AB06/09;
- Faculty of Health Sciences : Musculoskeletal Physiotherapy Prize, as detailed in report AB06/10;

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Ms S Went
Ms A Forden

- (d) Faculty of Health Sciences : Health Information Management Association of Australia (Victorian Branch) Prize [*amendment*], as detailed in report AB06/11;
- (e) Faculty of Health Sciences : Cliveden Hill Private Hospital Award [*amendment*], as detailed in report AB06/12;
- (f) Faculty of Law and Management: Hoyle Da Silva Prize for Civil Procedure, as detailed in report AB06/13; and
- (g) Faculty of Law and Management: Oxford University Press Prize in Jurisprudence, as detailed in report AB06/14.

405.3.3 Membership of Committees

- (a) *Composition of Selection Committee: Professor of Counselling and Psychotherapy*
The Board **resolved** to appoint membership to the Selection Committee: Professor of Counselling and Psychotherapy, as detailed in report AB06/15. Dr J Carr
- (b) *Composition of Selection Committee: Associate Professor of Allied Health*
The Board **resolved** to appoint membership to the Selection Committee: Associate Professor of Allied Health, as detailed in report AB06/16. Dr J Carr
- (c) *Academic Promotions Committee*
The Board **resolved** to appoint membership to the Academic Promotions Committee, as detailed in report AB06/17. Ms L Cooper

405.3.4 Report of the Personal Chairs Committee

The Board received confidential tabled report AB06/18 and **resolved** to recommend to Council the award of personal chairs to the persons named therein. EO(Sec)

405.3.5 Disbandment of the University Development Committee

The Board received report AB06/19 and **resolved** to endorse the disbandment of the University Development Committee, a policy Committee of Academic Board. EO(AB)

405.3.6 Award of 2005 D M Myers Medals

The Board received report AB05/20 and **resolved** to award a 2005 D M Myers Medal to:
(a) Science, Technology and Engineering Mr Andrew Walter Fac. Reg./ Ms C Hind

405.4 STANDING COMMITTEES OF ACADEMIC BOARD

405.4.1 Report of Research and Graduate Studies Committee: 28 October 2005

The Board received report AB06/21.

- (a) *Results of Applications for NHMRC Funding, submitted in 2005*

The Board noted that the Research and Graduate Studies Committee had expressed disappointment regarding the results of the applications submitted for NHMRC funding in the 2005 round.

It was suggested that the University continue to support the 'near miss' applicants, not as at present but with a requirement for critical review of the unsuccessful applicants and associated assessors reports and panel reports, possibly by a person external to the University. A case would also be required of 'near miss' applicants as to how special funding assistance from the University would lead to a better outcome the succeeding year. It was also suggested that a more strategic approach might need to be applied to non-competitive applications which had been submitted a number of times.

The Board noted that the Research and Graduate Studies Committee had agreed that NHMRC applications in the coming round would not be submitted to NHMRC by the University without signoff by two academic readers per application.

(b) *Meeting of Deans and Directors of Graduate Study, October 2005*

The Board noted that a meeting of Deans and Directors of Graduate Study had been held in Perth on 6-7 October, 2005, where the following was discussed:

- the Research Quality Framework;
- assessing of the quality of research training;
- collaboration with the CSIRO, including top-up scholarships;
- the Australian Digital Theses project;
- generic capabilities of higher degree graduates; and
- insurance cover for postgraduates on fieldwork.

(c) *Research Quality Framework*

The Board noted that the Chair of the Research and Graduate Studies Committee had reported on recent meetings among Deputy Vice-Chancellors (Research), Sir Gareth Roberts and representatives from DEST. The discussions remained inconclusive with respect to the weight to be given to impact factors and the distribution of funding. It was also noted that the application of research investment funds within the University would need to take into account the RQF indicators and requirements.

(d) *La Trobe University Postgraduate Scholarships*

The Board noted that the Research and Graduate Studies Committee had approved an increase to the level of La Trobe University Postgraduate Scholarships and the David Myers Scholarship. From 1 January 2006, the La Trobe University Postgraduate Scholarship stipend would be set at \$19,231 per annum and the David Myers Scholarship would be set at \$21,000 per annum.

(e) *Membership of Sub-Committees and Working Parties*

(i) *Genetic Manipulation Supervisory Committee*

- The Board noted that Dr S Cutts, School of Molecular Sciences, had been appointed as a Category I member of the Genetic Manipulation Supervisory Committee, for the period 10 October 2005 to 9 October 2007.

(ii) *Publications Committee*

- The Board noted that the Research and Graduate Studies Committee had appointed Mr G Puig, Faculty of Law and Management, to the Publications Committee, for the period 1 January 2006 to 31 December 2007.
- The Board noted that the Research and Graduate Studies Committee had reappointed Dr G Murphy, Faculty of Health Sciences, for the period 1 November 2005 to 31 December 2007.

(iii) *Human Ethics Committee*

- The Board noted that the Research and Graduate Studies Committee had endorsed the appointment of Professor S McDonald as Chair of the Human Ethics Committee, for a two year term.

405.4.2 Report of Research and Graduate Studies Committee: 18 November 2005

The Board received report AB06/22.

(a) *Results of Applications for ARC Funding, submitted in 2005*

The Board noted that the Research and Graduate Studies Committee had discussed the results of La Trobe University applications submitted for ARC funding through the Discovery, Linkage Projects and Linkage Infrastructure Equipment and Facilities Schemes in the 2005 round. The results for the Innovative Research Universities (Australia) group were also considered.

It was noted that there were some encouraging developments with a number of individuals who did not have ARC track records receiving grants. However, members expressed disappointment in the overall result.

(b) *Research Quality Framework*

The Board noted that Dr Bavin had reported on the experience of the Faculty of Science, Technology and Engineering in its Research Quality Framework trial exercise to the Research and Graduate Studies Committee.

(c) *La Trobe University Postdoctoral Research Fellowships Scheme*

The Board noted that the Research and Graduate Studies Committee had considered changes to the La Trobe University Postdoctoral Research Fellowships Scheme in light of the proposed Research Quality Framework. The Committee had agreed that, for Fellows commencing in 2007, the Fellowship term be three years.

(d) *Membership of Sub-Committees and Working Parties*

(i) *African Research Institute Review Panel*

The Board noted that the Research and Graduate Studies Committee had approved the membership of the African Research Institute Review Panel as follows:

- Professor G Leder, Chair
- Dr David Lucas (Category B external member)
- Associate Professor P Darby (Category B external member)
- Professor T Murray (Category C internal member)
- Professor J Camilleri (Category C internal member)

405.4.3 Report of Academic Committee: 22 November 2005

The Board received report AB06/23.

(a) *Proposal to offer the Bachelor of Nursing/Bachelor of Nursing (Division 2 Conversion) at the Shepparton campus in 2006*

The Board **resolved** to approve a proposal from the Faculty of Health Sciences to offer the Bachelor of Nursing/Bachelor of Nursing (Division 2 Conversion) at the Shepparton campus in 2006, as detailed in Attachment A to report AB06/23.

Fac. Reg.

(b) *Proposal to amend the Master of Counselling Psychology*

The Board **resolved** to approve a proposal from the Faculty of Health Sciences to amend the Master of Counselling Psychology, as detailed in Attachment B to report AB06/23.

Fac. Reg.

(c) *Proposal to offer the Graduate Diploma in Deaf Studies (Language) at the Bendigo campus*

The Board **resolved** to approve a proposal from the Faculty of Health Sciences to offer the Graduate Diploma in Deaf Studies (Language) at the Bendigo campus, as detailed in Attachment C to report AB06/23.

Fac. Reg.

<p>(d) <i>Proposal to amend the Bachelor of Arts/Bachelor of Science</i></p> <p>The Board resolved to approve a proposal from the Faculty of Science, Technology and Engineering to amend the Bachelor of Arts/Bachelor of Science, as detailed in Attachment D to report AB06/23.</p>	<p>Fac. Reg.</p>
<p>(e) <i>Proposal to amend the Bachelor of Agricultural Science/Bachelor of Business</i></p> <p>The Board resolved to approve a proposal from the Faculty of Faculty of Science, Technology and Engineering to amend the Bachelor of Agricultural Science/Bachelor of Business, as detailed in Attachment E to report AB06/23.</p>	<p>Fac. Reg.</p>
<p>(f) <i>Proposal to amend the Bachelor of Laws/Bachelor of Science</i></p> <p>The Board resolved to approve a proposal from the Faculty of Science, Technology and Engineering to amend the Bachelor of Laws/Bachelor of Science, as detailed in Attachment F to report AB06/23.</p>	<p>Fac. Reg.</p>
<p>(g) <i>Proposal to amend the Bachelor of Medicinal Chemistry</i></p> <p>The Board resolved to approve a proposal from the Faculty of Science, Technology and Engineering to amend the Bachelor of Medicinal Chemistry, as detailed in Attachment G to report AB06/23.</p>	<p>Fac. Reg.</p>
<p>(h) <i>Proposal to amend the Bachelor of Computer Systems Engineering, Bachelor of Computer Network Engineering and Bachelor of Software Engineering</i></p> <p>The Board resolved to approve a proposal from the Faculty of Science, Technology and Engineering to amend the Bachelor of Computer Systems Engineering, Bachelor of Computer Network Engineering and Bachelor of Software Engineering, as detailed in Attachment H to report AB06/23.</p>	<p>Fac. Reg.</p>
<p>(i) <i>Proposal to amend the entry requirements for the LLM in Global Business Law</i></p> <p>The Board resolved to approve a proposal from the Faculty of Law and Management to amend the entry requirements for the LLM in Global Business Law, as detailed in Attachment I to report AB06/23.</p>	<p>Fac. Reg</p>
<p>(j) <i>Proposal to offer the Bachelor of Business in conjunction with the Jiangsu University of Science and Technology</i></p> <p>The Board resolved to approve a proposal from the Faculty of Law and Management to offer the Bachelor of Business in conjunction with the Jiangsu University of Science and Technology, as detailed in Attachment J to report AB06/23.</p>	<p>Fac. Reg.</p>
<p>(k) <i>Proposal to change the unit offerings within the Bachelor of Business in Singapore and Hong Kong in partnership with the Asia Pacific Management Institute of the Asia Pacific School of Business</i></p> <p>The Board resolved to approve a proposal from the Faculty of Law and Management to change the unit offerings within the Bachelor of Business in Singapore and Hong Kong in partnership with the Asia Pacific Management Institute of the Asia Pacific School of Business, as detailed in Attachment K to report AB06/23.</p>	<p>Fac. Reg.</p>
<p>(l) <i>Proposal to change the unit offerings within the Bachelor of Business at Bendigo</i></p> <p>The Board resolved to approve a proposal from the Faculty of Law and Management to change the unit offerings within the Bachelor of Business at Bendigo, as detailed in Attachment L to report AB06/23.</p>	<p>Fac. Reg.</p>

(m) *Structure of the Academic Year, 2007 and Beyond*

The Board noted that Academic Committee had made the following comments regarding the recommendations concerning the structure of the academic year, 2007 and beyond, made at the November Academic Board meeting:

- Associate Deans (Teaching & Learning) to be aware that there will have to be a 12/13 decrease in hours and that the impact this will have on programs will need to be stated clearly;
- clinical placements may need to occur outside teaching periods;
- the reduction in hours needs to be done in an organised way; and
- alternative means of delivery (ie block mode) may need to be reviewed.

(n) *Special and supplementary examinations/assessment and conceded passes*

The Board noted that the amended policy had been referred back to the Faculties for further comment.

(o) *Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences: review of programs*

The Board noted that Academic Committee had received and noted the reviews of the following programs in the Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences:

- Art History
- Italian Studies
- Cinema Studies

(p) *Termination of the APESMA/La Trobe University joint program*

The Board noted that the Vice-Chancellor had written to APESMA, on the advice of the Faculty of Law and Management, giving notice of termination of the APESMA/La Trobe University joint program.

It was also noted that there would be a phased withdrawal of the program whereby no new students would be taken into the program after second semester 2006.

405.5 OTHER MATTERS

405.5.1 Amendments to Promotion Procedures, Level A to Level B Academic and Level B to Level C Academic

The Board received and noted report AB06/24, amendments to promotions procedures, Level A to Level B academic and Level B to Level C academic.

The Board **resolved** to endorse the proposed amendments to Section 5.12 of the *Human Resources Manual*, as detailed in report AB06/24.

Ms L Cooper

405.5.2 Professorial Reports

(a) *Professor Alan Borowski (Social Work and Social Policy)*

The Board received and noted, for referral to Council, a professorial report submitted by Professor Alan Borowski (Social Work and Social Policy), as detailed in report AB06/25.

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405.5.3 Annual Report of the Committee on Outside Studies Programs

The Board received report AB05/26 and **resolved** to accept and endorse the Annual Report for 2005 of the Committee on Outside Studies Programs.

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405.5.4 2004 Annual Reports of the Faculties

(a) *Humanities and Social Sciences*

The Board received and noted the 2004 Annual Report of the Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences, as detailed in report AB06/27.

405.5.5 2005 Annual Report of the Philippines Australia Studies Centre (PASC)

The Board received and noted report AB06/28, the 2005 Annual Report of the Philippines Australia Studies Centre (PASC).

405.5.6 2005 Annual Report of the Thesis Eleven Centre for Critical Theory

The Board received and noted report AB06/29, the 2005 Annual Report of the Thesis Eleven Centre for Critical Theory.

PART C: MATTERS FOR INFORMATION

405.6 ITEMS FOR INFORMATION

405.6.1 Regulation 7.1, Composition, Procedures and Election of the Academic Board

The Board received and noted report AB06/30, the revised Regulation 7.1, *Composition, Procedures and Election of the Academic Board*, as approved by Council Executive Committee on 30 January 2006.

405.6.2 Minutes of the Faculty Boards

The Board received and noted the following minutes of the Faculty Boards:

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| (a) Health Sciences: 7 December 2005 | FHS/FB05/10M |
| (b) Humanities and Social Sciences: 5 October 2005 | LHUSS/FB2005/121M |
| (c) Humanities and Social Sciences: 2 November 2005 | LHUSS/FB2005/132M |
| (d) Law and Management: 4 October 2005 | FLM/FB05/6M |
| (e) Science, Technology and Engineering: 1 September 2005 | LST/FB/05/7M |
| (f) Science, Technology and Engineering: 3 November 2005 | LST/FB/05/7M |

405.6.3 Minutes of the Library Committee: 21 October 2005

The Board received and noted the minutes of the Library Committee, as detailed in report LIB05/35.

The meeting closed at 9.35am.

**NEXT MEETING: 9.30am
Wednesday 22 March 2006
John Scott Meeting House
Bundoora Campus**

CONFIRMED BY CHAIR _____ DATE _____