

LA TROBE UNIVERSITY

ACADEMIC BOARD

Minutes of the four hundred and twenty-sixth meeting of the Academic Board held in the Council Chamber, John Scott Meeting House, La Trobe University, Bundoora Campus on Wednesday, 10 September 2008 at 9.30am

- PRESENT:** Professor M Rimmer (Chair), Professor R Adams, Professor T Angelo, Ms L A Basser, Dr S Beeton, Professor A Brennan, Dr A Brookes, Professor T Brown, Professor L Cahill, Professor J Chen, Dr L Crase, Dr M Davidson, Professor D De Vaus, Professor A Dewe, Mr D Ensor, Mr K Farrell, Professor D Finlay, Professor N Gough, Professor C Handley, Professor N Hoogenraad, Dr L Howie, Dr J Jackson, Dr B James, Professor P Johnson (Vice-Chancellor), Dr D Kirkby, Dr A Kokavec, Ms L Lavender, Dr J McArdle, Ms K Nix, Dr S O'Keefe, Professor R W Parish, Professor S Paxton, Mr J Penwill, Professor V Prain, Dr G Prince, Professor B Probert, Mr P Richardson, Dr M Ryan, Dr J Sita, Dr K Souter, Professor D Spencer, Dr P Stacey, Dr J Thomson, Professor L Tilley, Dr D Wilkinson and Mr Y Yang
- SECRETARIAT:** Ms R Bramwell
- IN ATTENDANCE:** Mr B Carboon, Ms L Carey, Ms M Durer, Mr L Lyell (for Mr J Molony) and Dr E Martens

PART A: PROCEDURAL MATTERS

(i) Apologies and Attendance

Apologies were received from Professor Allan Borowski, Professor Simon Crowe, Professor Geoffrey Durden, Dr Kerry Ferguson, Dr Kerry Fitzmaurice, Dr Peter Foreman, Professor Raymond Harbridge, Dr Russell Hoyer, Mr Greg Jamieson, Dr Elizabeth Johnson, Professor Marilyn Lake, Dr Katherine Legge, Professor Lorraine Ling (until item 426.5), Professor John Martin, Dr Howard Nicholas (until item 426.5), Dr Jennifer Oates, Professor Kenn Raymond, Professor Hal Swerissen and Professor Peter Wilson.

(ii) Approval of Agenda and ordering of Agenda Items

The Board resolved to approve the Agenda, as circulated, subject to the inclusion of an additional item:

- 2.4 Report of Selection Committee: Chair in Chemistry (tabled confidential report AB08/103).

(iii) Outstanding Matters

The Board received and noted report AB08/95.

(iv) Matters approved on behalf of Academic Board

The Board received report AB08/96 and noted the following matters which had been approved on its behalf since its last meeting:

- (a) Membership of Committees:
- (i) *Selection Committee: Professor of Media Studies*
Additional Member: Dr Susan Turnbull, Program Coordinator for Media Studies
 - (ii) *Selection Committee: Professor in Animal Genomics/Animal Health*
Professor German Spangenberg, Director, Plant Biotechnology Centre, Agriculture Victoria, Victorian Department of Natural Resources and Environment;

- (iii) *Selection Committee: Professor in Climate Change and Sustainability*
Professor German Spangenberg, Director, Plant Biotechnology Centre, Agriculture Victoria, Victorian Department of Natural Resources and Environment
- (iv) *Selection Committee: Professor in Plant Cell and Molecular Biology*
Professor German Spangenberg, Director, Plant Biotechnology Centre, Agriculture Victoria, Victorian Department of Natural Resources and Environment
- (b) Report of Selection Committees:
 - (i) Associate Professor and Head of School of Physiotherapy, as detailed in confidential tabled Attachment A to AB08/96.

(v) Report of the Vice-Chancellor

The Board received and noted tabled paper AB08/97, the Report of the Vice-Chancellor, which can be located at the following link: <http://www.latrobe.edu.au/academicboard/vc-reports.html>. The report included information regarding the following matters:

- (a) Organisational Change Program
- (b) Budget principles and 2009-11 Budgets
- (c) Curriculum taskforce
- (d) Senior management structure
- (e) Learning and Teaching successes

The Vice-Chancellor congratulated all staff awarded Citations for Outstanding Contribution to Student Learning in the Australian Learning and Teaching Council awards, across three Faculties and three campuses.

PART B: MATTERS FOR APPROVAL

426.1 CONFIRMATION OF THE MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting held on 13 August 2008 [AB08/93(M)] were confirmed.

426.2 ITEMS APPROVED WITHOUT DISCUSSION

426.2.1 Award of Degrees and Diplomas

The Board received tabled report AB08/98 and **resolved** to endorse the award of degrees and diplomas and award of higher degrees as detailed therein.

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426.2.2 Adjunct Appointments

The Board received report AB08/99 and noted that the Vice-Chancellor had recently made the following adjunct appointments:

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- (a) Adjunct Professor: Justice Dr Haji Hamid Sultan Bin Abu Backer (initial appointment).
- (b) Adjunct Professor: Dr Robert W Richards (initial appointment).
- (c) Adjunct Associate Professor: Dr Daryl Nielsen (re-appointment).

426.2.3 2009 Academic Board meeting dates

The Board received report AB08/100 and **resolved** that its meetings in 2009 be held on the following dates:

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11 February	12 August
18 March	9 September
13 May	14 October
10 June	11 November

The Board noted that all meetings would commence at 9.30am and would be held in the Council Chamber of the John Scott Meeting House, Bundoora Campus.

426.2.4 Report of Selection Committee: Chair in Chemistry

The Board received tabled confidential report AB08/103 and **resolved** to approve the recommendation of the Selection Committee that the Chair in Chemistry be offered to the person named therein.

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426.3 STANDING COMMITTEES OF ACADEMIC BOARD

426.3.1 Report of Academic Committee: 26 August 2008

The Board received report AB08/101.

(a) Proposal to revise and streamline all postgraduate nursing programs

The Board **resolved** to endorse a proposal from the Faculty of Health Sciences to revise and streamline all postgraduate nursing programs by introducing the following postgraduate courses, as detailed in Attachment A to report AB08/101:

Fac. Reg.

- Master of Nursing (MN)
- Master of Nursing (Research Methods) (MN(ResearchM))
- Master of Nursing (Acute Care) (MN(AcuteC))
- Master of Nursing (Breast Care) (MN(BreastC))
- Master of Nursing (Cancer/Palliative Care) (MN(CanPalC))
- Master of Nursing (Cardiac Care) (MN(CardC))
- Master of Nursing (Critical Care) (MN(CritC))
- Master of Nursing (Emergency Care) (MN(EmergC))
- Master of Nursing (Intensive Care) (MN(ICU))
- Maser of Nursing (Neonatal Intensive Care) (MN(NICU))
- Master of Nursing (Perioperative Care) (MN(PeriO))
- Master of Nursing (Perianaesthetic Care) (MN(PeriA))
- Master of Nursing (Renal Care) (MN(RenalC))
- Master of Nursing (Spinal Cord Injury) (MN(SpinalCI))
- Master of Nursing (Urological & Continence) (MN(UrolC))
- Master of Nursing (Nurse Practitioner) (MN(NP))
- Master of Midwifery (MM)

(b) Proposal to introduce a Bachelor of Information Systems/Master of Health Information Management

The Board **resolved** to endorse a proposal from the Faculty of Science, Technology and Engineering to introduce a Bachelor of Information Systems/Master of Health Information Management (BInfoSys/MHlthInfoMgmt) and a Bachelor of Information Systems/Master of Health Information Management (Honours) (BInfoSys/MHlthInfoMgmt(Hons)), as detailed in Attachment B to report AB08/101.

Fac. Reg.

(c) Proposal to revise the course structure of the Master of Biotechnology and Bioinformatics

The Board **resolved** to endorse a proposal from the Faculty of Science, Technology and Engineering to revise the course structure of the Master of Biotechnology and Bioinformatics, as detailed in Attachment C to report AB08/101.

Fac. Reg.

(d) Proposal to introduce the Master of Islamic Banking and Finance

The Board **resolved** to endorse a proposal from the Faculty of Law and Management to introduce the Master of Islamic Banking and Finance (MIBF), as detailed in Attachment D to report AB08/101.

Fac. Reg.

<p>(e) <i>Proposal to introduce the Master of Marketing Management and the Master of Marketing Management with Honours</i></p>	
<p>The Board resolved to endorse a proposal from the Faculty of Law and Management to introduce the Master of Marketing Management (MMarkMgt) and the Master of Marketing Management with Honours (MMarkMgt(Hons)), as detailed in Attachment E to report AB08/101.</p>	<p>Fac. Reg.</p>
<p>(f) <i>Proposal to introduce the Graduate Certificate in Corporate Responsibility</i></p>	
<p>The Board resolved to endorse a proposal from the Faculty of Law and Management to introduce the Graduate Certificate in Corporate Responsibility (GradCertCorpResp), as detailed in Attachment F to report AB08/101.</p>	<p>Fac. Reg.</p>
<p>(g) <i>Proposal to introduce the Master of International Business with Honours</i></p>	
<p>The Board resolved to endorse a proposal from the Faculty of Law and Management to introduce the Master of International Business with Honours (MIB(Hons)), as detailed in Attachment G to report AB08/101.</p>	<p>Fac. Reg.</p>
<p>(h) <i>Proposal to amend the Bachelor of Laws program</i></p>	
<p>The Board resolved to endorse a proposal from the Faculty of Law and Management to amend the Bachelor of Laws program, as detailed in Attachment H to report AB08/101.</p>	<p>Fac. Reg.</p>
<p>(i) <i>Articulation agreements</i></p>	
<p>The Board resolved to endorse the establishment of the following articulation agreements:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Albury-Wodonga campus: Wodonga Institute of TAFE. o Albury-Wodonga campus: TAFE NSW Riverina Institute. o Bendigo campus: Bendigo Regional Institute of TAFE. 	<p>Fac. Reg./ Campus Dir.</p>
<p>(j) <i>Articulation agreement tables</i></p>	
<p>The Board resolved to endorse a proposal from the Bendigo campus to establish an articulation agreement with the Bendigo Regional Institute of TAFE and to endorse the following tables:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Faculty of Education - Bendigo Regional Institute of TAFE: Diploma of Children's Services/Bachelor of Education o Faculty of Education - Bendigo Regional Institute of TAFE: Diploma of Arts (Professional Writing and Editing)/Bachelor of Education o Faculty of Education - Bendigo Regional Institute of TAFE: Diploma of Community Welfare Work/Bachelor of Education o Faculty of Education - Bendigo Regional Institute of TAFE: Diploma of Sustainable Agriculture, Diploma of Conservation and Land Management/Bachelor of Science o Faculty of Education - Bendigo Regional Institute of TAFE: Diploma of Accounting, Advanced Diploma of Accounting/Bachelor of Commerce o Faculty of Health Sciences - Goulburn Ovens Institute of TAFE: Certificate IV in Nursing/Bachelor of Nursing Division 2 Conversion o Faculty of Health Sciences - Wodonga Institute of TAFE: Certificate IV in Nursing/Bachelor of Nursing Division 2 Conversion o Faculty of Health Sciences - Bendigo Regional Institute of TAFE: Certificate IV in Nursing/Bachelor of Nursing Division 2 Conversion o Faculty of Health Sciences - Riverina Institute of TAFE: Certificate IV in Nursing/Bachelor of Nursing Division 2 Conversion 	<p>Fac. Reg./ Campus Dir.</p>
<p>(k) <i>Posthumous Awards Policy and Procedure</i></p>	
<p>The Board noted that the Committee had received the Posthumous Awards Policy and Procedures, which had been revised into the new Policy Framework style.</p>	

(l) *Report on Academic Misconduct during 2007*

The Board noted that the Committee had received a report on academic misconduct for 2007.

426.3.2 Establishment of a Curriculum, Teaching and Learning Committee

The Board **resolved** to endorse the establishment of an additional policy committee - the Curriculum, Teaching and Learning Committee - with the composition, membership and terms of reference as detailed in Attachment A to AB08/102, **subject to** the addition of a regional student representative to the membership.

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PART C: MATTERS FOR INFORMATION

426.5 ITEMS FOR INFORMATION

426.5.1 Minutes of the Faculty Boards

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

(a) Law and Management: 2 July 2008 FLM/FB08/03M

426.5.2 Minutes of the Library Committee: 25 July 2008

The Board received and noted the minutes of meeting of the Library Committee held on 25 July 2008 as detailed in report LIB08/26(M).

PART D: QUESTIONS WITH NOTICE

There were no "Questions with Notice" provided.

PART E: DISCUSSION

426.6 The next stage in La Trobe University's regional mission

The Chair introduced the discussion panel:

- Professor Belinda Probert, Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Academic)
- Miss Bethany Cooper, Teaching Fellow and doctoral student, Albury-Wodonga Campus
- Dr James McArdle, Head, School of Visual Arts & Design, Bendigo

Professor Belinda Probert

Professor Probert advised that she was speaking on behalf of Professor Hal Swerrisen and the team, which was in the process of developing a draft Regional Strategy for the University. The Board noted that currently the regional campuses catered for 22% of the student load of the University, employed 21% of total University staff and received 23% of funding allocation.

Board members were reminded that each regional campus was very different, demonstrating a range of strengths and facing distinctive challenges. However, across all the regional campuses the student profile was greatly weighted towards students from low socio-economic backgrounds who predominantly wished to study in professional preparation areas. The current data showed that students who trained in regional areas tended to stay in the same area after completing their degrees.

The following factors were identified as issues that needed to be considered during the review and development of the strategy:

- curriculum design and teaching;
- systematic pathways, including TAFE, to University;
- priorities for research income;
- Government partnerships;
- visible regional leadership in the senior management of the University.

Miss Bethany Cooper

Speaking as both an undergraduate and then as a PhD student at the Albury-Wodonga campus, Ms Cooper outlined the advantages she had experienced as a student at a regional campus. As a local student and the first generation from her family to attend university, she remarked on the value of an accessible regional campus in providing an opportunity to go to university. She also described the many unique advantages for her in studying at the Albury - Wodonga campus including the financial benefits of living in a student residence on the campus, the opportunity to achieve excellence in her chosen field of study, a strong research culture and the opportunity to engage in a number of local projects with industry.

Dr James McArdle

Dr McArdle spoke of the importance of University lecturers and researchers as prominent public figures in regional areas.

Board members noted that many students were actually moving from metropolitan areas to regional areas to study, due to the availability of cheaper accommodation and easily accessible campuses.

The importance of research opportunities offered by the regional campuses in such areas as sustainability, climate change and food and water issues was noted.

The discussion was opened to Board members. Questions included:

Was the University currently trying to attract International students to the regional campuses? Members noted that there was currently no systematic approach to this, although there were such students at various campuses, particularly where students were able to reside with family members now living in the regions.

Will the University expand the programs currently offered at the regional campuses, such as postgraduate possibilities for Psychology students at the Bendigo Campus? Members noted that these issues would be considered as part of the new strategy.

How will the University deal with the limited number of placement opportunities available to students in the regional areas? Professor Probert stressed that a more co-ordinated, strategic approach from the University as a whole would assist with this issue.

The meeting closed at 11.15am.

**NEXT MEETING: 9.30am
Wednesday, 8 October 2008
Council Chamber
John Scott Meeting House
Bundoora Campus**

CONFIRMED BY CHAIR _____

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