

**FACULTY MEETING
SCIENCE, ENGINEERING AND TECHNOLOGY**

Minutes of the Faculty Meeting held at 9.00am on Wednesday 29 June 2005 by video-link from Room B102 in Hobart, Room L023 in Launceston and Room B119 at Burnie.

MINUTES

PRESENT

Professor J. Reid (Dean and Chair), Dr C. Burke, Dr M. Cameron-Jones, Professor A. Canty, Professor C. Carter, Professor Y. Choi, Dr K. Dharmadasa, Professor J. Dickey, Dr R. Doyle, Dr S. Ellingsen, Professor R. Fay, Dr G. Faulkner, Mr M. Frith, Professor L. Forbes, A/Professor B. Gemmell, Professor G. Hallegraeff, Ms M. Hazelwood, Ms K. Hughes, Dr D. Jiang, Mrs C. Jones, Dr A. Kelarev, Dr A. Koutoulis, Dr D.J.H. Lewis, Dr T. Lewis, Ms C. McLeod, A/Professor A. McMinn, A/Professor D. McWilliam, Dr F. Martin, Ms J. Mollison, Dr M. Porter, Dr J. Purser, Dr R. Rose, Dr D. Russell, Dr A. Seen, Dr J. Smith, Mr M. Sumner, Mr R. Twining, Ms A. Tyson, Dr G. Unwin, Dr G. Walker, Mrs H. Williams, Ms J. Wills and A/Professor B. Yates.

A full attendance was not taken at Launceston. Ms N. Oliveira was present as Secretary.

APOLOGIES

Dr N. Bindoff, Dr J. Dermoudy, Professor A. Crawford, Ms S. Carling, Dr J. Ellison, Dr D. Fitzgerald, Dr G. Hannan, Mrs S. Jones, Dr B. Leon de la Barra, Professor J. McPhie, Dr N. Moltschaniskyj, A/Professor C. Skilbeck, Dr D. Steane, Dr E. Stratford, Dr G. Unwin, Professor F. Vanclay.

2. MINUTES

The minutes of the meetings held on 29 November 2004, were taken as read and confirmed.

3. PROCEDURAL MATTERS

Nil.

4. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE LAST MEETING

There were no matters arising.

5. DEAN'S REPORT

The Dean reported on a number of matters, including:

2005 Targets

Student enrolments in the areas of RHD, FFPOS and Honours have been positive for the Faculty this year. However, there has been a substantial decline in DEST enrolments (by approx. 370 students or 15% behind target) equating to \$3M in income. It was noted that this was a problem across the whole University and could be attributable to a number of factors - a predicted dip in the Year 12 cohort, a strong economy and the substantial growth targets imposed by the EDGE Agenda.

The Dean stressed the importance of recruiting undergraduate students and he mentioned the University's mid-year marketing campaign. It was also noted that the senior management would be reviewing targets but it was expected that for 2006 these would be set at 2005 targets.

2006 Budget Planning

Although in the early stages of planning, the Dean indicated that the budget was likely to be based on 2005 actuals plus indexation plus growth. However, funding for growth places would not be distributed but instead held in reserve.

The Dean commented that it would not be an easy budget for the Faculty next year with an estimated drop in income of \$3.9M (12%). The only way that the Faculty and Schools could improve the situation was by meeting growth place targets.

AUQA Visit

It was noted that the AUQA Visit would occur in the first week of August and lists of potential interviewees were being compiled centrally [Dean to ask that these be distributed]. The Dean asked that Heads of Schools provide support and mentoring to staff members regarding the importance of the exercise. It was also noted that the Schools of Aquaculture and Computing had been selected for full review and analysis.

Research Quality Framework/Research Groupings

It was noted that the PV-C (Research) had been conducting meetings with Schools to explain the new framework, which was likely to have an important bearing on the flow of research income. The Dean reported that Schools had between 6 -18 months to better position themselves for this exercise. Professor Canty also reported on the School of Chemistry's experience in trialing the research quality index.

It was also noted that debate on research groupings would be active over the next 6 months and the topic would be discussed in more detail at the Faculty Getaway (July 4/5) including the involvement of Institutes into groupings. Ways of maximising monetary returns and reputational outcomes would need careful consideration in formulating the research groupings.

New Chair

It was noted that Professor Lefroy had accepted the Chair of the Centre for Environment and was due to start in August.

6. FACULTY TEACHING & LEARNING COMMITTEE

A function of the Faculty Meeting is to comment on proposals for new courses and for significant amendments to existing courses. As such, the Dean reported on the following new course proposal, which had or were in process of being considered by the Faculty Executive Committee:

1. Bachelor of Marine Science (K3B) – a new named degree which will replace the BSc(MFAB) program consisting of a physical and biological stream. Membership of the course advisory committee to include Aquaculture will be raised with Professor Coleman.

The Faculty Meeting *resolved* to approve the introduction of the Bachelor of Marine Science in 2006.

2. Bachelor of Environmental Science with Honours (S4R) – an Honours degree for the Bachelor of Environmental Science program that was introduced into Launceston in 2005.

The Faculty Meeting *resolved* to approve the introduction of the Bachelor of Environmental Science with Honours in 2006.

3. Bachelor of Regional Resource Management – a special initiative for the Cradle Coast Campus to offer a distinctive program, which meets the researched needs of the community for generalist rather than technical graduates. It was noted that the Faculty would coordinate the degree and that the Faculty had a clear exit strategy should minimum enrolment numbers not be achieved.

The Faculty Meeting *resolved* to approve the introduction of the Bachelor of Regional Resource Management in 2006.

4. Bachelor of Engineering-Master of Business Administration – an innovative program that is likely to be attractive to international and local students alike because it value-adds to the Engineering program.

The Faculty Meeting *resolved* to support the introduction of the Bachelor of Engineering-Master of Business Administration subject to the approval of the Faculty Executive Committee.

5. Associate Degree in Aquaculture – a re-naming of the Diploma of Aquaculture without any resource implications.

The Faculty Meeting *resolved* to approve the introduction of the Associate Degree in Aquaculture in 2006.

6. Bachelor of Science (Advanced) with Honours – a new program, within the existing Bachelor of Science, has been designed to encourage well-performed students to remain in the State, expose students to research and reward and recognise good performance by being aligned to the Dean's Roll of Excellence.

In discussing the program, it was noted that separate units would not be taught and that there was no automatic right to go into advanced units. A scholarship at the point of entry was suggested for consideration.

The Faculty Meeting *resolved* to support the introduction of the Bachelor of Science (Advanced) Honours program subject to the approval of the Faculty Executive Committee.