

## ACADEMIC BOARD – MEETING 8/04 (23 SEPTEMBER 2004)

### Zero Credit Point Subjects

The Academic Programs Committee reviewed the offering of compulsory zero point subjects by faculties. While such subjects have been created in order to achieve important educational objectives, under the Higher Education Support Act 2003 HECS students taking these subjects will use up part of their student learning entitlement with no equivalent gain of credit.

The Committee accordingly **recommends**:

- (1) that all compulsory zero point subjects, other than work experience in industry (WEI) subjects to which new DEST guidelines apply, should be cancelled and removed from the University handbook as soon as possible, and
- (2) zero point subjects that contain essential information, or which require students to undertake essential activities, for example as part of transition programs, should either:
  - (a) be made optional, or
  - (b) be integrated within other subjects entitling enrolled students to credit.