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**THE UNIVERSITY OF MELBOURNE**

**ACADEMIC BOARD**

**MEETING 3/04**

A meeting of the Academic Board was held in the Council Chamber on Thursday, 22 April 2004 at 2.15 pm.

**Present**

President (Professor F Rickards) in the Chair

Vice-Chancellor (Professor K Lee Dow)

Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Academic) (Professor P McPhee)

Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Research) (Professor F Larkins)

Assistant Vice-Chancellor (Regional Victoria) (Professor R Richardson)

Assistant Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Research) (Professor M Britz)

Vice-President (Professor L Skene)

Deputy Vice-President (Professor P Pattison)

Senior Vice-Principal (Mr I Marshman)

Vice-Principal (Information) (Ms L O'Brien)

Vice-Principal (Information) (Mr R Peacock)

Vice-Principal and Academic Registrar (Ms L Martin)

Professor M Abernethy, Professor J Anderson, Professor J Angus, Professor W Bebbington, Professor G Brown, Professor R Brown, Professor M Bryan, Professor C Bull, Professor B Caldwell, Associate Professor J Camakaris, Professor D Chan, Professor M Chong, Professor W Coaldrake, Dr C Cordner, Professor M Crommelin, Professor K Dovey, Professor L Doyle, Professor R Fincher, Professor B Galligan, Associate Professor K Gayler, Professor A Gleadow, Professor A Goodwin, Mr T Gould, Professor P Griffin, Professor P Grimshaw, Associate Professor H Grossman, Professor I Harper, Ms T Healy, Professor D Holm, Professor L Johnston, Professor C Kulik, Professor M Lewis, Professor J Lo Bianco, Associate Professor A Lovegrove, Professor S Macintyre, Professor D Macmillan, Professor N McBrien, Professor J McCalman, Associate Professor A McDougall, Professor C McInnis, Professor J McMeeken, Professor C Miller, Associate Professor R Misson, Professor A Moffat, Dr G Moore, Professor S Nelson, Professor C Nettelbeck, Mr J Osborn, Associate Professor P Otto, Professor B Raban, Ms C Rhoden, Professor H Rubinstein, Associate Professor A Sagona, Associate Professor D Scott, Professor D Smith, Professor E Sonenberg, Professor L Sterling, Professor G Stevens, Professor G Taylor, Professor P Vinden, Professor R Volkas, Professor A Wearing, Associate Professor O Woodman, Professor N Yeomans, Associate Professor C Zika.

**Observers** Dr P Allotey, Associate Professor K Bennell, Associate Professor S Elliott, Dr M Gladwin, Associate Professor J Gunn, Associate Professor J Hoorn, Associate Professor P Tregloan, Dr J Wilkinson-Berka.

**In Attendance** Dr M Emison, Mr J Green, Ms M McMaster and Mr I L L Powell (Academic Secretary).

**Business**

**1. Welcome to New Member and Observers**

The President reported that Professor Ian Anderson, Foundation Professor of Indigenous Health, had joined the Board since the last meeting.

The President welcomed as observers, the following participants in this year's Women in Leadership Program:

Dr P Allotey, Key Centre for Women's Health  
 Associate Professor K Bennell, Department of Physiotherapy  
 Associate Professor S Elliott, Faculty Education Unit, Medicine, Dentistry and Health Sciences  
 Associate Professor J Gunn, Department of General practice  
 Associate Professor J Hoorn, Department of Art History, Cinema, Classics and Archaeology  
 Dr J Wilkinson-Berka, Department of Physiology

Dr M Gladwin from the Equal Opportunity Unit was also welcomed.

## 2. **Tabled Papers**

The following documents were tabled:

- Six honorary degree citations
- A report from the Vice-Principal and Academic Registrar on University implementation of Nelson reforms
- A supplementary report from the Selection Procedures Committee.

## 3. **Starring of Additional Items (Item A.0)**

Item C.1.2 was unstarred.

The following additional items were starred: A.2, C.2.2, C.2.6, C5.8 and C.5(a).

## 4. **Minutes (Item A.1)**

The minutes of meeting 2/04 held on 25 March 2004 were confirmed.

The minutes of the special meetings held on 24 March and 30 March 2004 were confirmed.

## 5. **Matters Arising from the Minutes (Item A.2)**

### 5.1 **Implementing the Nelson Reforms (Minute 11.3)**

The Board received a tabled paper from the Vice-Principal and Academic Registrar setting out matters that required urgent action by the University following Council's approval on 8 March of recommendations contained in the University's response to the Nelson reforms – the Planning and Budget Committee paper, "Differentiating the Melbourne Undergraduate Experience".

In relation to the Commonwealth requirement that each subject carry a unique credit point value, the Vice-Principal and Academic Registrar reported that 48 subjects with variable credit points had been identified across the University. Compliance is required by 1 January 2005. All changes will be reported to Academic Programs Committee.

The President advised that he had held preliminary discussions with the Vice-Principal and Academic Registrar and the Chair of Selection Procedures Committee