



New South Wales

# **University of Sydney Amendment (Academic Governance) By-law 1996**

under the

University of Sydney Act 1989

His Excellency the Governor, with the advice of the Executive Council, has approved the following By-law made by the Senate of the University of Sydney under the *University of Sydney Act 1989*.

THE HON JOHN AQUILINA, MP

Minister for Education and Training

## **Explanatory note**

The object of this By-law is to amend the *By-laws of the University of Sydney* so as:

- to reconstitute the Academic Board, and provide for the Senate to make rules regarding the Board, and
- to establish an Academic Forum, and provide for the Senate to make rules regarding the Forum.

This By-law is made under the *University of Sydney Act 1989*, including section 15 (Academic Board), section 36 (By-laws) and section 37 (Rules).

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The Senate of the University of Sydney, in pursuance of the *University of Sydney Act 1989*, makes the following By-law:

### 1 Name of By-law

This By-law is the *University of Sydney Amendment (Academic Governance) By-law 1996*.

### 2 Commencement

This By-law commences on 1 August 1996.

### 3 Amendment of By-laws of the University of Sydney

The *By-laws of the University of Sydney* are amended as set out in Schedule 1.

### 4 Notes

The explanatory note does not form part of this By-law.

## Schedule 1 Amendment of By-laws of the University of Sydney

(Clause 3)

### Chapter 8

Omit the Chapter. Insert instead:

### Chapter 8 Academic governance

#### 1 Academic Board

- (1) The Academic Board:
  - (a) is the University's primary academic advisory body, and
  - (b) consists of the membership, and has the functions, prescribed by rules made by the Senate.
- (2) The Academic Board reports directly to the Senate.

## **2 Academic Forum**

There is to be an Academic Forum which:

- (a) is an advisory body that reports directly to the Academic Board, and
- (b) consists of the membership, and has the functions, prescribed by rules made by the Senate.

## **3 First election of the Academic Forum**

- (1) The first election of members of the Academic Forum must be held on or before 30 September 1996.
- (2) Of the members of the Academic Forum elected at the first election of members of the Academic Forum:
  - (a) half (selected by lot) remain members until 31 December 1997, and
  - (b) the other half remain members until 31 December 1998.

## **4 First election of the Academic Board**

- (1) An election of members of the Academic Board (other than the Chair and the Deputy Chairs) must be held within 8 weeks of the declaration of the first election of the Academic Forum.
- (2) The Academic Board members elected as undergraduate or postgraduate student members at the first election remain members until 31 December 1997.
- (3) Of the other Academic Board members elected at the first election:
  - (a) half (selected by lot) remain members until 31 December 1997, and
  - (b) the other half remain members until 31 December 1998.
- (4) An election of the Chair and the Deputy Chairs of the Academic Board must be held on or before 1 June 1997.

**5 Savings and transitional provisions consequent on the reconstitution of the Academic Board**

- (1) On the commencement of the University of Sydney Amendment (Academic Governance) By-law 1996, the membership of the Academic Board is to consist of those persons who, immediately before that commencement, held office as members of the Academic Board.
- (2) The members continue to hold office:
  - (a) in the case of the Chair or a Deputy Chair—until a new Chair and new Deputy Chairs are declared to be elected under clause 4 (4), and
  - (b) in any other case—until new members are declared to be elected under clause 4 (1).

**6 Making of rules**

- (1) The Senate may make rules for or with respect to the Academic Board and the Academic Forum.
- (2) The Academic Board may also make rules for or with respect to the meeting procedures of the Academic Board.
- (3) If there is any inconsistency between a rule made by the Senate under subclause (1) and a rule made by the Academic Board under subclause (2), the rule made by the Senate prevails to the extent of any inconsistency.
- (4) A rule made under this clause must be displayed on all official University notice boards for at least 24 hours. Such a rule takes effect:
  - (a) on the first day after the day on which it is displayed, or
  - (b) on a later day, if such a day is specified in the rule.
- (5) A rule made under this clause must also be published in at least one official publication of the University. Failure to do so does not invalidate the rule.