GRIFFITH UNIVERSITY

PROGRAMS COMMITTEE

AGENDA 1/2009

A meeting of the Programs Committee will be held on 5 February, 2009 via videoconference from 9:30am in Room 2.06, Bray Centre (N54), Nathan Campus and Room 1.04, Chancellery (G34), Gold Coast Campus. Programs Committee members may attend either location for involvement in the meeting.

Colin Cadell
Secretary

SUPPLEMENTARY AGENDA

SECTION II: MATTERS REQUIRING RATIFICATION OR EXECUTIVE ACTION

1.0 HSV MAJOR CHANGE SUBMISSION (2008/0004898)
5169 MASTER OF HUMAN SERVICES (CHILDHOOD STUDIES)

1.1 The School of Human Services proposes the introduction of the Graduate Certificate in Childhood Studies (3250) as an entry/exit point to articulate with the existing Master of Human Services (Childhood Studies) (5169). The Graduate Certificate in Childhood Studies is designed for applicants who have an undergraduate degree in education, human services, law, nursing, other relevant areas or a relevant three-year Advanced Diploma or equivalent.

1.2 The School of Human Services is aware of a number of applicants who were intending to undertake the Childhood Studies strand of program (3166) in Semester 1, 2009. This proposal will enable these applicants to be accommodated within the Master of Human Services suite. There will be no resource impact, as the existing courses and program structure will be utilised.

Recommendation

1.3 The Programs Committee, on the executive recommendation of the Griffith Health Dean (Learning and Teaching) (9 December, 2008), is asked to ratify the executive action by the Chair of Programs Committee in recommending to the Academic Committee the Master of Human Services (Childhood Studies), Logan campus, for implementation in Semester 1, 2009.

For ratification

2.0 BPS MAJOR CHANGE SUBMISSION (2008/0005874)
2078 BIOMOLECULAR AND PHYSICAL SCIENCES HONOURS PROGRAM

2.1 Currently the array of award specialisations within the Biomolecular and Physical Sciences Honours Program (2078) includes a specialisation in Forensic Science which provides a pathway to an Honours qualification for students who have completed the Forensic Molecular Biology stream within the Bachelor of Forensic Science (1264) or the Bachelor of Forensic Science/Bachelor of Criminology and Criminal Justice (1265). In addition to the Forensic Molecular Biology stream, the Bachelor of Forensic Science and Bachelor of Forensic Science/Bachelor of Criminology and Criminal Justice also include a stream in Forensic Chemistry.
2.2 The School of Biomolecular and Physical Sciences proposes to rename the existing Forensic Science award specialisation within the Biomolecular and Physical Sciences Honours Program to Forensic Science – Forensic Biology and to introduce a new award specialisation in Forensic Science – Forensic Chemistry into this program. This new specialisation in Forensic Science – Forensic Chemistry will provide a pathway to an Honours qualification for students who have completed the Forensic Chemistry stream within the Bachelor of Forensic Science or the Bachelor of Forensic Science/Bachelor of Criminology and Criminal Justice.

Recommendation

2.3 The Programs Committee, on the executive recommendation of the Dean, Learning and Teaching (SEET) (10 December, 2008), is asked to ratify the executive action by the Chair of Programs Committee in recommending to the Academic Committee changes to the Biomolecular and Physical Sciences Honours Program (2078) (2008/0005874) for implementation, Nathan campus, Semester 1, 2009.

For ratification

3.0 HSV SPECIAL PURPOSE SUBMISSION (2008/0004899)

3.217 GRADUATE CERTIFICATE IN COMMUNITY REHABILITATION

3.1 The School of Human Services proposes a change to the program structure of the Graduate Certificate in Community Rehabilitation (3217). This program articulates to the Master of Community Rehabilitation, which currently comprises 5 core courses and 30CP of listed electives (total 80CP). The School of Human Services wishes to remove the listed elective content (10CP) from the Graduate Certificate in Community Rehabilitation and replace it with core course content (10CP).

3.2 This change will mean that the Graduate Certificate will now comprise 40CP of core courses with the replacement of elective content considered necessary to ensure that students receive core skills from all the relevant discipline areas and are well prepared for employment opportunities within the sector.

Recommendation

3.3 The Programs Committee, on the executive recommendation of the Griffith Health Dean (Learning and Teaching) (11 December, 2008), is asked to ratify the executive action by the Chair of Programs Committee in recommending to the Academic Committee changes to the Graduate Certificate in Community Rehabilitation (3217) for implementation, Logan campus, Semester 1, 2009.

For ratification

4.0 ENV SPECIAL PURPOSE SUBMISSION (2008/0005869)

1316 BACHELOR OF SCIENCE (WATER RESOURCES) – NATHAN
1317 BACHELOR OF SCIENCE (WATER RESOURCES) – GOLD COAST

4.1 The Griffith School of Environment proposes a change to the entry requirements of the Graduate Certificate in Community Rehabilitation (3217). The mathematics pre-requisite for the Bachelor of Science (Water Resources) is currently Maths B. In reviewing the low intake into this new degree in 2008, and the low projected QTAC/UAC numbers for 2009, the Maths B pre-requisite was considered to be a possible obstacle to enrolment for some potential students.

4.2 The program convenor and relevant academics resulted in the decision to change the pre-requisite to Maths A or B, and to allow students in their first semester of first year to select either 1002ENV Applied Mathematics or 1201BPS Mathematics 1A.
Recommendation

4.3 The Programs Committee, on the executive recommendation of the Griffith School of Environment Committee (4/2008), is asked to ratify the executive action by the Chair of Programs Committee in recommending to the Academic Committee changes to the Bachelor of Science (Water Resources) (1316/1317) (2008/0005869) for implementation, Nathan and Gold Coast campuses, Semester 1, 2009.

For ratification

5.0 ENG SPECIAL PURPOSE SUBMISSION (2008/0005854)

1323 BACHELOR OF ENGINEERING/BACHELOR OF INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY – GOLD COAST
1324 BACHELOR OF ENGINEERING/BACHELOR OF INFORMATION TECNOLOGY – NATHAN

5.1 The Griffith School of Engineering proposes changes to the degree requirements of the Bachelor of Engineering/Bachelor of Information Technology (1323/1324). The changes revise and rename a number of courses with some being recoded. The offerings of the Electronic and Computer Engineering elective courses will be run in alternate years alternating between Nathan and Gold Coast campuses.

5.2 Specialisations from Electronic and Computer Engineering and Civil engineering are also withdrawn and merged into listed electives.

5.3 The changes to the degree requirements affect continuing students but do not disadvantage them. The option of completing a 30CP specialisation within the Civil or Electronic and Computer Engineering disciplines will no longer be available. A range of courses previously listed as part of the specialisations will be offered as recommended electives. As the specialisations were never going to be listed on the Academic Transcript or Testamur, this change does not have a large impact on the students, but will allow the School to undertake some course rationalisation to reflect student numbers.

Recommendation

5.4 The Programs Committee, on the executive recommendation of the Dean, Learning and Teaching (SEET) (27 November, 2008), is asked to ratify the executive action by the Chair of Programs Committee in recommending to the Academic Committee the proposed changes to the Bachelor of Engineering/Bachelor of Information Technology (1323/1324) (2008/0005854) for implementation, Nathan and Gold Coast campuses, Semester 1, 2009.

For ratification

6.0 QCGU SPECIAL PURPOSE SUBMISSION (2008/0005854)

2051 BACHELOR OF MUSIC WITH HONOURS

6.1 The Queensland Conservatorium Griffith University proposes changes to the Advance Performance specialisation of the Bachelor of Music with Honours (2051). This is an elite strand intended for the best performance students and is highly selective. Only a handful of honours students complete this strand each year.
6.2 Within these honours programs, a variant set of formulae for calculation of honours classification exists which sets minimum criteria for Overall HWA, Dissertation HWA and Major Study HWA. This reflects the importance the Conservatorium attaches to the Major Study as a creative “research” output in this program. This set of formulae was approved early in 2008 (Programs Committee 1/2008). Prior to that, the student’s marks in the Major Study and the marks for the Dissertation components were combined together to give a cumulative “Dissertation” HWA.

6.3 Since that time, the University’s Honours policy was revised and the 50CP limit to the research component was removed. This meant that the aberrant structure for students in the Advanced Performance Major strand became no longer necessary. In addition, our change to the classification formulae, which established the Major Study HWA as a separate component in the calculation of the honours classification, also made the existing aberrant structure unnecessary. Indeed the aberrant structure for these students has been a source of confusion for students and has presented administrative difficulties in tracking this small cohort of students.

6.4 Due to the change in the Honours Policy and the change to our method of calculating Honours classification, we now wish to remove the aberrant structure for Advanced Performance Major students in our honours programs, and to revert to a more transparent and “standard” program structure in which these students would enrol in the usual Advanced Performance Major courses (4118QCM and 4128QCM, for a total of 40CP) and 4108QCM Major Study Extension would be removed from the program and discontinued.

Recommendation

6.5 The Programs Committee, on the recommendation of the Contemporary Arts, Music and Media Board (8 December, 2008), is asked to ratify the executive action by the Chair of Programs Committee in recommending to the Academic Committee changes proposed to the Bachelor of Music with Honours (2051) for implementation, South Bank campus, Semester 1, 2009.

For ratification
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