

## APPROVED RULE CHANGES

Pursuant to the UTS By-law (Part 4, clause 44), the following rule changes have been made by UTS Council.

At its 18/6 meeting on 28 November, Council approved the following amendments to the UTS Rules:

### COU/18-6/128

#### 5.5 Report from Academic Board

Council resolved to:

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- .4 approve amendments to G3 Rules, Division 3 on functions and powers of Academic Board as detailed in this report;
- .5 approve the amendments to Student Rule 11.23 on discontinuation of candidature as detailed in attachment 3 of document 5.4;
- ...
- .8 approve the changes to Student Rule 3.6 in relation to changes to courses as detailed in attachment 7 of document 5.4;
- .9 approve the changes to Rule G3-1(2) in relation to constitution of the Academic Board as detailed in this report;

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### COU/18-6/129

#### 5.6 Report from the Honorary Awards Committee

Council resolved to:

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- .20 approve the changes to the Student Rules (section 14) as outlined in attachment 5;

...

## THE APPROVED AMENDMENTS TO THE UTS RULES ARE PROVIDED BELOW

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## STUDENT RULES

### Section 3 – Course and subject requirements

[...]

#### 3.6 Changes to courses

3.6.1 Academic Board ~~has~~ **and Executive Committee of Academic Board have** authority to approve the phasing out, discontinuation, revision or variation of an existing course.

3.6.2 When Academic Board **or Executive Committee of Academic Board** exercises its authority under Rule 3.6.1, it must ensure that the approved course documentation:

[...]

3.6.3 Faculty Boards have the authority to approve changes to a course once a course has been accredited by Academic Board **or Executive Committee of Academic Board**, in accordance with the relevant Board's course change approval procedures, except for the following types of course changes which must be approved by Academic Board **or Executive Committee of Academic Board**:

- (1) courses that involve an external partner, an offshore course, or a new offshore location for an existing course;
- (2) the introduction of a new language version of an approved onshore course offered in languages other than English (LOTE); or
- (3) changes to the total credit point value of a course.

[...]

### Section 11 – Graduate Research

#### 11.23 **Withdrawal or Discontinuation** of candidature

11.23.1 A student who wishes to withdraw permanently from candidature in a research course must lodge an application for withdrawal in accordance with procedures prescribed by the Dean, Graduate Research School.

11.23.2 The University may discontinue a student's candidature in a research course in certain circumstances including but not limited to:

- (1) unsatisfactory progress:
  - (a) where a student has not submitted a thesis for examination within the approved period of candidature as specified in Rule 11.7 (refer Rule 11.8.3 and 11.10);
  - (b) where a student has not satisfied progress requirements (refer Rule 11.13);
  - (c) where a student has not satisfied candidature assessment requirements (Rule 11.15);

(d) where the principal supervisor and the Responsible Academic Officer decline to certify that a thesis is ready for examination (refer Rule 11.19.7);

**(e) where a student is absent without leave for a period exceeding six months;**

in which case the student's candidature in the course will be discontinued and the result for the thesis component will be recorded as withdrawn.

[...]

**(4) supervisory arrangement ceases and an appropriate alternative cannot be identified; in which case the student's candidature in the course will be discontinued and the result for the thesis component will be recorded as withdrawn.**

**(5) when a student's project is no longer viable and an appropriate alternative cannot be identified; in which case the student's candidature in the course will be discontinued and the result for the thesis component will be recorded as withdrawn.**

[...]

## **Section 14 – Honorary awards of the University**

### **14.1 Honorary Awards**

14.1.1 Council has determined that there shall be the following honorary awards:

[...]

(12) UTS Distinguished Service Award;

**(13) Emeritus awards.**

### **14.2 Determination of recipients**

14.2.1 Council may, on the recommendation of the Honorary Awards Committee, the Chancellor or the Vice-Chancellor, resolve to confer an honorary award upon a person who has satisfied the criteria determined by Council as being appropriate to the specific award in question.

14.2.2 Such determination shall be in accordance with the **University Honours Policy** **Honorary Titles and Awards Policy** approved by Council from time to time.

## **GENERAL RULES**

### **G3 — Rules relating to Academic Board, Faculty Boards and Elections**

#### **Part 1 — Academic Board**

#### **Division 1 — Constitution of the Academic Board**

1. (1) Academic Board is to include:

[...]

(2) The ex officio members of Academic Board are to be the person or persons holding the positions of:

[...]

(o) **Deputy Chair, Courses Accreditation Committee;**

**(ep)** Deputy Chair, Research Committee; and

**(pq)** Deputy Chair, Teaching and Learning Committee;

[...]

### **Division 3 – Functions and Powers of Academic Board**

12. (1) Without limiting the effect of Rule G3-13 Academic Board shall:

(a) report to, or advise Council or the Vice-Chancellor on, any aspect of:

[...]

(ii) the quality, standards and benchmarks appropriate to all aspects of the academic work of the University (including teaching, learning, scholarship, research training and research) **which are underpinned by the Academic Standards Framework approved by Academic Board;**

[...]