PROCEDURES FOR ALLEGATIONS

The University Council has approved procedures, proposed by the Vice-Chancellor, for the consideration of allegations against the professional competence of members of the academic or teaching staff. The procedures are:

1. Any complaint of neglect or misconduct or any report of a felony or misdemeanour as in subsection (3) of section 6 of By-law 3.6.1, on the part of a member of academic or teaching staff shall be in writing and shall, unless the Vice-Chancellor himself makes such complaint or report, be made to the Vice-Chancellor.

2. The Vice-Chancellor, after such consultations as he deems expedient, may decide whether or not any complaint or report should be brought to the attention of Council.

3. The Council shall consider any complaint or report brought before it and decide whether or not it is necessary to enquire into the capacity or conduct of the member of staff concerned.

4. If Council decides that it is necessary to enquire into the capacity or conduct of a member of staff, it shall, in order to meet the by-law requirement that it conduct a proper enquiry, constitute a Committee of Enquiry consisting of the Deputy Chancellor as Chairman, the Deputy Chairman of Senate, the Dean of the Faculty concerned, two members of the Council and two members of the academic staff of the University.

In the event of the Deputy Chairman of Senate or a Dean being either the subject of the enquiry or the person who initiated or made the complaint, his position on the Committee of Enquiry shall be taken by another Dean nominated by the Deputy Chancellor.

5. The member of staff concerned shall:

   (a) be given twenty-eight days notice of the nature of the enquiry and the time and place appointed for it;
   
   (b) have full right to attend and produce such statements and to give and adduce such evidence on his own behalf as may be relevant;
   
   (c) to have a representative attend and exercise on his behalf the rights set out in (b) above.

The Vice-Chancellor reported that within the framework of the By-laws he would handle any allegations against the professional competence of staff in accordance with the procedures submitted by him for Council's approval.
Council was given reports of progress made since its last meeting on preliminary work for several projects included in the University’s building programme.

Tenders for the construction of the Great Hall have been invited since last May and closed last Monday, September 21.

The Australian Universities Commission has given permission for the University to proceed with the construction of:

- Stage 1A of the Hall of Residence
- The Social Sciences Building
- Buildings B, C and D of the Engineering Complex
- The extension of the pavilion at the University Oval.

The target date for the completion of Stage 1A of the Hall of Residence and the Social Sciences Building is early in 1972. Tenders are expected to be called before the end of this year.

On August 21, the Vice-Chancellor signed a contract on behalf of the University for the construction of Buildings B, C and D of the Engineering Complex. These buildings should be ready for occupation by engineering departments in the third term of 1971.

The Council was told that, as regards Building E of the Engineering Complex, negotiations would take place with the builder of Buildings B, C and D with a view to a contract being signed for the construction of the building after tender documents had been completed soon.

Orders had been issued for various works associated with the construction of the Physics Field Station, including the construction of the station building, the antenna tower and associated site works.

NEW COURSE, AMENDMENTS

Commerce

Following a recommendation from Senate, the Council approved the introduction in 1971 of a course in the Department of Commerce leading to the award of the Diploma in Business Studies.

Senate reported that the Diploma had evolved from the one-year part-time course in Professional Accounting Studies which was introduced in the Department of Commerce in 1968.

It will be available to graduates in any discipline, subject to them meeting requisites for particular subjects. Others who have acceptable alternative professional qualifications and executive experience may also be admitted to the course.

Included eventually in the course will be a wide range of advanced studies in management, finance, marketing, system analysis, accounting, auditing, taxation, estate planning, corporate strategy and commercial applications of E.D.P.
Psychology

The Council approved a Senate recommendation that it be policy from next year until further notice that applicants for admission to the postgraduate Diploma in Applied Psychology (Clinical Specialty) be selected biennially instead of annually.

Economics and Commerce

The Dean of the Faculty of Economics and Commerce was given authority to permit part-time students to enrol in both Economics I and Accounting I in stage 1 if, in the Dean's opinion, there were good reasons why the students should do so. Normally Economics I is taken in Stage 1 and Accounting I in Stage 2.

HIGHER DEGREES APPROVED

Following a recommendation from Senate, the University Council approved the admission of the following candidates to the degrees specified:

Doctor of Philosophy

Mr. A. J. Clark, Department of Chemistry, thesis title: A Thermodynamic and Kinetic Study of Reactions Related to Oxycanlorination Catalysis; Mr. N. R. Cattell, Department of English, The Role of Give and Some Related Verbs in English Syntax; Mr. S. Vongpapitlerd, Department of Electrical Engineering, Passive Reciprocal Network Synthesis, the State-Space Approach; Mr. D. D. Diespecker, Department of Psychology, Vibrotactile Learning.

Mr. A. J. Hassall, Lecturer in the Department of English, has been awarded the degree of Doctor of Philosophy by Monash University. The title of Mr. Hassall's thesis is The Authorial Dimension in the Works of Henry Fielding.

Master of Arts

Mr. M. B. Scott, Department of English, thesis title: Ritual Structure in the Plays of Harold Pinter; Mr. I. C. Harris, Department of History, The Federal Council of Australia; Mr. K. C. Short, Department of Geography, Trade Areas and Consumer Behaviour: A Study of Intra-Urban Shopping Patterns in Newcastle, N.S.W.; Mr. W. P. Driscoll, Department of History, The Development of the Wine Industry in the Hunter Valley; Miss J. R. Dyce, Department of English, A Structuralist Approach to the Plays of Patrick White.

Master of Science

Mr. J. W. Lloyd, Department of Mathematics, thesis title: On Classes of Null Sets; Mr. B. J. Treacy, Department of Physics, A Study of Ero-Electron Emission from Abraded and Tensilely Deformed Aluminium.

Master of Commerce


Mr. P. E. Stonham, Senior Lecturer in the Department of Economics, has received permission from the Council to take a year's leave of absence from the end of November to enable him to accept a post with the United Nations.

Mr. Stonham will train candidates nominated by Governments of developing countries in Shipping Economics and Management.
The views of members of the academic staff and students as regards semester and quarter teaching systems are currently being sought by the special committee of Senate formed to report on the systems.

The committee's decision to invite views follows its preliminary consideration of the report on year-round teaching given to the Australian Vice-Chancellors' Committee by Professor D. Cochrane, of Monash University.

A questionnaire asking for views on semester and quarter teaching systems, together with the initial report of the Semester Committee to Senate, has been sent to every member of the academic staff and is being prepared for distribution to every student.

You are requested to use the questionnaire to indicate the merits or demerits, in your opinion, of various teaching systems and to return it by the required date.

Accompanying the questionnaires are submissions prepared by the Staff/Student Consultative Committee which ask for the views of members of staff and students on:

* Whether or not the electorate of the S.S.C.C. should be widened to include all students (at present only final-year or stage students can vote and only these and first-year postgraduate students are eligible to nominate for election).

* Whether or not the S.S.C.C. should be empowered to vary its constitution or terms of reference subject to no major objections being made within a month.

Slips on which members of staff and students are to indicate their views should be presented to Faculty Offices.

OV E R S E A S

Professor A. J. Carmichael, Head of the Department of Mechanical Engineering, is now in London and intends to visit Paris, as well as other overseas cities, while on a study leave tour which will end in January next year. Professor Carmichael has been a Visiting Professor at the University of Illinois. He has been invited to lecture at universities at Helsinki and Tokyo.

Professor B. L. Johns, Head of the Department of Economics, is a Visiting Fellow at St. Anthony's College, Oxford, and plans to revisit North America later this year. Professor Johns was a Visiting Professor at the University of British Columbia before going to England. He proposes to attend the International Association of Universities Congress in Montreal and visit M.I.T. before returning to Newcastle in the next vacation.

Professor J. B. Moore, Associate Professor in the Department of Electrical Engineering, is carrying out research on control and communications systems at the University of Maryland, where he is a Visiting Associate Professor. Professor Moore is on study leave and expects to return to Newcastle in January, 1971.
Mr. D. Williamson, who was awarded first-class Honours in Electrical Engineering last year and is now doing a Masters Degree, has made plans to go to Harvard University in February next year to begin a Ph.D. in control systems. As well as having been awarded a Fulbright Scholarship, Mr. Williamson has been offered a P. & O. Scholarship to enable him to travel to America.

Mr. R. P. Laidlaw, Lecturer in the Department of English, intends to leave in December to study at the Victorian Studies Centre, attached to the University of Leicester. He will examine closely Romance elements in 19th Century English literature, with a particular reference to Tennyson and Dickens, and also work with the collection of Tennyson manuscripts in Lincoln, Lincolnshire.

Mr. D. B. Stewart, ICIANZ Research Fellow in the Department of Mechanical Engineering, has made arrangements to go to Scotland in October to gain further experience in desalination. Mr. Stewart plans to work for Weir Westgarth Ltd. in Scotland.

**Coming Events**

**Ex-Students' Union**

Mrs. K. Dockrill, Part-time Tutor with the Department of French, will address the 18th reunion dinner of Newcastle Girls' High School Ex-Students' Union in the Technical College Union on September 25. Mrs. Dockrill will talk on her experiences in Britain and the Continent while taking postgraduate studies.

**Mathematics Seminar**

A seminar will be held in the Department of Mathematics on September 25 at 2 p.m. in Room G.09. Dr. R. T. Worley, of the Department of Mathematics, Monash University, will speak on: *Asymmetrical Problems in the Theory of Numbers.*

**Staff Premises**

The Committee of the Staff House Club is inviting members of the club to a stand-up-lunch on September 25 at 12.30 p.m. to welcome the staff of the Faculty of Architecture. The Vice-Chancellor has consented to propose the toast of welcome and provide the wherewithal to drink it. Donation, $1.00 (at door).

**History Talk**

Professor F. K. Crowley, Head of the School of History and Dean of the Faculty of Arts at the University of New South Wales, will speak on *History in University and School - An Imperial Sunset* on September 25 in the Main Lecture Theatre (B.01) at 3 p.m. The address has been arranged by the Department of History and the History Club.

**Professor Hogan Returns**

The next seminar in the series being conducted by local and visiting economists for the Department of Economics will be held on September 30 at 11 a.m. Professor W. P. Hogan will speak on *Capital Allocation in Less Developed Countries.* The speaker, formerly Head of the Department of Economics, is now attached to the University of Sydney.
Seminar in Metallurgy

Mr. D. Winborne, Ph.D., candidate in Metallurgy, will outline atomic absorption spectroscopy and its application in metallurgical thermodynamics at a seminar in the Metallurgy Lecture Room on October 12 at 11:15 a.m.

Dyason Lecture

The Staff House will be the venue for the address in Newcastle by the 1970 Dyason Lecturer, Mr. Leo Mates who is Director of the Institute for International Politics and Economics, Belgrade, Yugoslav. Mr. Mates, the first Dyason Lecturer from Eastern Europe, will speak on East and West Relations in Europe: A Yugoslav Perspective on October 14 after a buffet dinner beginning at 6 p.m. Dr. L. E. Fredman (Department of History) and the department's secretary can arrange for admission.

ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

Dr. Hilary H. Purvis, M.A. (Otago), Ph.D. (London), Lecturer in German, previously Teaching Fellow at Monash University, Lektor at Münster University (Germany) and Assistant German Mistress at Charles Edward Brooke School in London.

Mr. A. W. Page, A.S.T.C., B.E.Hons. (N.S.W.), Lecturer in Civil Engineering, previously Lecturer at Cambrian College of Applied Arts and Technology in Sudbury, Ontario.

SCHOLARSHIPS, AWARDS AVAILABLE

University of Melbourne - A. O. Copell Postgraduate Scholarship

Value $2,000 per annum, plus fees for study towards a higher degree involving research. Application forms available from the Dean of Graduate Studies, University of Melbourne, with whom applications must be lodged by December 19, 1970.

Commonwealth Postgraduate Research Awards - Overseas Study, Thesis Allowance and Dependents' Allowance

Advice has been received from the Department of Education and Science that the following conditions will apply from now in relation to the benefits associated with Overseas Study, Thesis Allowance and Dependents' Allowance under a Commonwealth Postgraduate Award.

Overseas Study

Commonwealth Postgraduate Research Awards are designed to assist students studying at Australian universities. However, provision may be made in special circumstances for a limited period of supervised study overseas. An Award holder who is required to pursue his studies abroad in order to complete his research programme should apply through the Registrar of his university to the Department of Education and Science for permission to continue receiving benefits from his Award while overseas. Approval may be given for part of the period of the Award to be spent abroad subject to the following conditions:

(a) the Award holder's supervisor certifies that the study abroad is a necessary and integral part of the Award holder's research programme;

(b) the period of absence from Australia will not exceed twelve months and the Award holder gives an undertaking through his university to return to Australia to complete his research programme immediately following the completion of his study abroad; (Note: An Award may be terminated if a student is abroad for a period in excess of twelve months).
(c) the Australian university certifies before the Award holder's departure that adequate supervision of his research programme abroad has been arranged;

(d) the Award holder remains enrolled at the Australian university; and

(e) the Australian university certifies that the period of overseas study will be credited towards the Award holder's degree or research programme;

(f) the Award holder does not leave Australia until after December 1, in the year in which the Award is made.

An Award holder should, after consultation with his supervisor, apply for approval to undertake overseas study through his Registrar at least three months before the proposed date of departure.

While an Award holder is abroad, his living allowance will be paid to an address or cheque account in Australia only. Any arrangements for the forwarding of money overseas will be the Award holder's responsibility. There is no provision under the Commonwealth Postgraduate Awards Scheme for the Department of Education and Science to assist with fares or other costs involved in overseas study.

Thesis Allowance

A Commonwealth Postgraduate Award holder has in the past been eligible for the thesis allowance provided that he submitted his thesis and was able to claim for the allowance within three months of the conclusion of his Award (with some special provisions for those who took up their Awards before 1969).

It has now been decided that the time limit for eligibility will be six months instead of three months.

Dependants' Allowance

Eligibility for dependants' allowance has in the past depended on the wife's income in the particular calendar year. It has now been decided that the basis for eligibility will be whether or not the wife is in employment. Therefore, the present condition is that a male Award holder with a wife and one or more children will be eligible for the dependants' allowance, provided that his wife is not in employment.

Should anyone wish to make further enquiries in relation to these matters then the Secretary or the Officer-in-charge of the Student Records Office will be pleased to assist.

Advertisements

"ATTENDANT (PATROL), Position Number N72/70. Men between the ages of 40 and 50 years are preferred. Previous experience as a caretaker or watchman would be an advantage, but is not essential. Applicants would be expected to produce evidence of trustworthiness and reliability. Initially, the appointee will work regular hours, Monday to Friday inclusive, but may be required to undertake seven day rotating shift work at some time after appointment. Commencing salary will be $49.81 per week with progression subject to satisfactory service to $60.47 per week. Allowances up to $9.00 per week are payable for shift work. Applications close October 3, 1970 and application forms may be obtained from the Personnel Section, Extension 251 during normal business hours."
EXAMINATIONS

The number of students expected to sit for examinations at the University at the end of this term is 2773, which is a record. The provisional time-table giving dates for examinations in all Faculties should be ready for placement on the board outside the Main Lecture Theatre (B.01) in the next week. Annual examinations begin on November 7 and finish on November 28.

SPORT SCOREBOARD

Squash

University Squash Club won the Newcastle Winter Competition. It was the A team's first overall competition victory. The number two team reached the final of the B2 competition. In their first attempt in C grade, the womens' team just missed being in the semi-final. Professor B. Newton-John presented the trophies to the following:
Open Champion, Brian Withers; Undergraduate Trophy, Ray Armstrong;
Open Plate, John Robson; Womens' Open, Margaret Bridson;
Womens' Beginners, Carolyn Cranfield; Mens' Beginners, Greg Meldrum;
Mens' Beginners Plate, Bernie Curran.

University has six teams entered in the Summer pennants competition. Mens' A1 and A2 teams have been entered for the first time.

Cricket

Practice for the 1970-71 season began last Saturday at University Oval. Included in the three fourth grade teams is that happy band known as the "Venerable Gentlemen". Practice sessions are held on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 3 p.m. and on Saturdays by arrangement. The first trial match: University V Charlestown, University Oval, September 27, noon to 5.30 p.m.

Table Tennis

University Table Tennis Championships were held in the Union Common Room on September 10. Standards of play were extremely high and the winners were stretched to the utmost to gain victory. Professor R. G. Tanner presented trophies to the following: Men's Singles, David Lai; Women's Singles, Margaret Bridson; Men's Doubles, E. C. Ch'ng, K.S. Linn; Mixed Doubles, Steven Tarbox, Margaret Bridson; Open Handicap, Vincent Ngui.

Rugby Union

Four University Rugby Union teams reached the semi-finals of their respective grades. The firsts were defeated in the final by The Waratahs. The seconds lost to Maitland in the grand final. The thirds played very well to force a draw in the semi-final. The fourth grade failed to gain a place in the final. The annual dinner and presentation of trophies will be held at The Waratahs Rugby Club on September 25.

Women's Hockey

Both First and A-reserve grade Women's Hockey teams were narrowly defeated in the finals and the number three team in C grade lost the semi-final by a small score.