SUPPLEMENTARY AGENDA ITEM: PART III

The following item has been requested to be placed on the agenda under Part III for discussion and decision. Please bring this along to the forthcoming Board meeting to be held on Tuesday, 12 February 2008 in the Senate Room.

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PART III – ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION AND DECISION

1. PROPOSED ESTABLISHMENT OF A FOUR-YEAR PHD COURSE INCLUDING PROGRAMS – REF: F

By R04/08, the Faculty of Life and Physical Sciences resolved to recommend to the Board of the Graduate Research School the establishment of a four-year PhD program with a coursework component.

The coursework component, which will be offered only in the first year of the program, will be administered by the Faculty of Life and Physical Sciences. The remaining years of the program (i.e. Years 2-4) will be administered by the Graduate Research School.

The structure of the program would include the following:

- Entry requirements to be the same as the existing PhD;
- 36 points coursework and 12 points research preparation in the first year (48 points to be satisfactorily completed in the first year in one of the programs: Biomedical Science, Human Science or Physical Science);
- Progression to second year would be conditional upon students
  o achieving a 65% pass mark for each unit undertaken in the first year,
  o satisfactorily completing the 48 points of coursework in the first year and
  o having submitted a research proposal which has been accepted by the Board of the Graduate Research School;
- Completion of a PhD thesis in Years 2-4

Students who do not achieve the 65% pass mark in all units undertaken in the first year would have the option to transfer to the Master of Science and Technology program.

Attached are the following for Member’s consideration:

- Extract from the minutes of the Faculty of Life and Physical Sciences meeting held on 21 January 2008
- Extract from the minutes of the Faculty of Life and Physical Sciences meeting held on 6 December 2007
- Proposed Draft rules
- Initial Proposal that was discussed at the Faculty level

For Discussion and decision