

**THE UNIVERSITY OF NEW SOUTH WALES
COUNCIL ADVISING
16 DECEMBER 2002**

RESOLVED CL002/103

(1) That Council approve the following policy on the award of Pass with Distinction:

- (i) that formal recognition on the testamur be given of excellence in overall academic performance in undergraduate pass degree programs where an award with Honours is not available;
- (ii) that the award of Pass with Distinction be available when a Distinction level of performance based on a weighted average mark (WAM) of at least 75% has been achieved in all courses completed since enrolment at UNSW which are credited to the relevant award;
- (iii) that the recognition of other specified levels of academic performance for pass degree programs on the testamur will not be permitted, specifically any award based on levels other than Distinction;
- (iv) that the application for the award of Pass with Distinction for undergraduate pass degree programs must be approved by the relevant committees of the University (Faculty Education Committee, and Faculty Standing Committee, Undergraduate Studies Committee and Academic Board), and must comply with (i) and (ii) above. (File: 2002/2747)

(2) That Council approve the award of Pass with Distinction for the following undergraduate pass degree programs, consistent with the policy approved under (1) above, effective 1 January 2003:

Bachelor of Commerce (3502), Bachelor of Economics (3543), Bachelor of Science (Information Systems) (3979), Bachelor of Commerce in Marketing, Tourism and Hospitality Management (3571), Bachelor of International Studies (3413-3416) and associated programs including combined degrees, and Bachelor of Taxation (4620).

(Files: 001803-01, 001803-02, 2002/1857, 00405, 870632, 001304, 901921, 001806)

(3) That Council note that effective 1 January 2003:

- (i) students currently enrolled in the Bachelor of Taxation, Bachelor of Commerce, and Bachelor of Economics who may qualify for the Pass degree with Merit will be given the option to take out the degree with Merit or with Distinction; for the latter option, students must satisfy the requirements of the policy approved above;

- (ii) no commencing students will be permitted to take out the award of Bachelor of Taxation with Merit, Bachelor of Commerce with Merit, or Bachelor of Economics with Merit and that nomenclature will be discontinued.

(File: 901921, 001802-01, 001803-02, 2002/1857)

- (4) That Council request the Academic Board to report on an annual basis the number of graduates eligible to receive the award of Pass with Distinction and the number who did receive it. (File: 2002/2747)