

Report on Statements on School Governance and Management

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Noted at Academic Board meeting 2 December 2003

That the Academic Board notes the report on Statements on School Governance and Management and their accessibility to School staff.

Issue

Update on the Statements on School Governance and Management.

Background

The Academic Board has been facilitating the development of Statements of School Governance and Management within Faculties (Resolution AB02/30). A review was conducted by the Policy Advisory Committee on the initial submissions from Schools to their Faculties, and progress reports have been provided by the Presiding Member of each Faculty.

Discussion

The majority of Schools have completed the exercise, and have in place Statements on School Governance and Management that are consistent with the Guidelines approved by Academic Board. Delays have been experienced by a few Schools, and these delays can be attributed to several factors including changes in school structure, and management changes. The relevant Presiding Members have reported that although there have been delays, the development and implementation of appropriate Statements is still progressing.

Across the Faculties and Schools, there has been variability in how the Statements are made available to staff. The use of the web has been the most common approach, but other approaches have been by promotion through School meetings, provision of hard copy, and provision of information on request. It is important that such Statements are available to staff, and easily accessible

The following is a summary of progress on a Faculty basis.

Faculty	Progress
Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences	The majority of Schools have Statements consistent with the Guidelines. Verification on the status of two Schools is awaited.
Faculty of the Built Environment	The Faculty/School has a Statement consistent with the Guidelines. The Statement has not been made public, but is available on request.
Faculty of the College of Fine Arts	All Schools have Statements consistent with the Guidelines.
Faculty of Commerce and Economics	All Schools have Statements consistent with the Guidelines.
Faculty of Engineering	The majority of Schools have Statements consistent with the Guidelines; one School does not. Availability of the statements is progressing, and verification on the status of four Schools is awaited.
Faculty of Law	The Faculty/School and ATAX have Statements consistent with the Guidelines.
Faculty of Medicine	All Schools have Statements consistent with the Guidelines.
Faculty of Science	The majority of Schools have Statements consistent with the Guidelines; two Schools nearing completion. Verification on availability is awaited.
Australian Graduate School of Management	The AGSM has a separate governance and management structure.
UNSW @ ADFA	All Schools have Statements consistent with the Guidelines.