

ITEM 9. BOARD OF STUDIES RECOGNITION OF UNIVERSITY STAFF

Text of an emailed message with item for discussion by Committee of Chairs

Dear Kevin

I am a Deputy Chair of Academic Board at UTS and I will be coming to the next Chairs of Academic Boards meeting in place of Tony Baker and was wondering if this item (see below) could be put onto the agenda. Thank you very much for this and I look forward to meeting you on Oct 31st.

With kind regards
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As you may remember I applied to act as a HSC Chief Examiner and was successful. It looks to be a very interesting and demanding role. One aspect I did not fully appreciate was the potential for the demand in time to attend Board of Studies meetings to clash with teaching commitments at UTS. Fortunately between favours from colleagues and my Head of School funding relief lecturers I have been able to meet all commitments so far in the HSC Chief Examiners role. The nature of the Chief Examiners role makes it difficult for me to dictate meeting times as the schedule to complete an examination paper is driven by the HSC timetable

Why I bring this to you attention is that the Board of Studies will fund relief teachers for school and TAFE teachers but not for university teaching. When I broached this subject at the HSC Chief Examiner training session the explanation given was that the universities have never asked for reimbursement. It is to me inequitable that funding for university relief teaching is not available but school and TAFE relief teaching is funded. Would it be appropriate for a proposal that the funding of teaching relief for university staff members to attend Board of Studies activities be raised at a Chairs of Academic Boards meeting so that an approach can be made Board of Studies to fund university teaching relief.

I am most happy that I applied for the HSC Chief Examiner position and am looking forward to the challenges and rewards involved. It is just that over the eighteenth month period that the Chief Examiner job involves the university should receive some assistance as do other education providers to facilitate its staff participation.

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