

**COMMITTEE OF CHAIRS OF ACADEMIC BOARDS/SENATES
OF UNIVERSITIES IN NSW AND THE ACT**
Thursday, 1 November 2001 at Southern Cross University

DRAFT SUMMARY POINTS

- We noted that the Chair had written to Professor Tony Blake, Chair of the NSWVCC, on issues discussed at the 23 May 2001 Committee of Chairs meeting, including the Committee's membership, terms of reference, the role of the Technical Committee on Scaling, financial procedures, legal considerations and reporting relationships. We noted that the NSWVCC would discuss further the Committee of Chairs' role and relationship to the NSWVCC and the role of its other committees at its meeting on 20 November 2001.
- We noted that all but one of the member Universities had paid the annual subscription to the Committee of Chairs.
- We discussed the role of Academic Boards, including structure, relationship with Council and Executive, the role of Chairs and Deputy Chairs and ways to improve functions (dot points attached).
- We noted that the NSW Board of Studies was holding a symposium on Human Society and its Environment Yrs 7-10. We noted the University nominated membership of BOS Curriculum Committees and that the BOS is streamlining nomination procedures. We also noted that the BOS has commenced working on advancing the study of languages. Procedures for HSC examination committees and the UAI are progressing well.
- We noted that Media Guidelines on the new HSC will be circulated to members.
- We discussed issues related to AUQA, noting that a trial audit had been held at UNSW, and that Australian Catholic University, Macquarie University and University of Newcastle are scheduled for audit in 2002.
- **Next Meeting** is scheduled for Thursday, 28 March 2002, at the University of Wollongong.
- **The National Committee of Chairs** will meet 8-9 February 2002 at the University of Canberra. We made a number of suggestions for the agenda of the national meeting, including the role of the Academic Board.