

THE AUSTRALIAN NATIONAL UNIVERSITY
UNIVERSITY EDUCATION COMMITTEE
SUPPLEMENTARY AGENDA

Meeting No. 2, 2007 to be held on Friday, 20 April 2007
at 10.00 am in the Ross Hohnen Room of the Chancelry

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PART 2: REPORTS AND POLICY ITEMS (continued)

***ITEM 17. COURSEWORK REVIEW AND APPEAL POLICY**

PURPOSE:

To consider amendments to the coursework review and appeals policy statement.

BACKGROUND:

Advice received at the February meeting of the Committee pointed to a level of overlap and potential confusion between the *Examinations Rules 2006* and the University's *Assessment Review and Appeals* policy. This position is summarised in the paper from the Head of School, ANU College of Law.

The confusion appears where a note in the *Rules* exhorts a student to undertake the review procedures set out in the policy before seeking redress under the *Rules*. The policy sets out an escalating process of consultation at the lecturer/Course Authority level followed by review at the departmental level, followed by appeal at the decanly level either by the Dean alone or advised by a panel. The *Rules* provide for an appeal at the decanly level, either by the Dean alone or advised by a panel. The effect is potentially to require a Dean to undertake two separate reviews of the same appeal under broadly similar procedures leading, one would reasonably assume, to a broadly similar outcome.

The amended *Assessment Review and Appeals* policy continues to provide for reviews at the lecturer and departmental levels but for only one appeal to the Dean and that through the *Rules*. The opportunity has also been taken to update wording in the document.

Attachments:

- Draft *Assessment Review and Appeals* policy (293/2007
http://info.anu.edu.au/Policies/_REG/Policies/Assessment_Review_and_Appeals.asp?tab=1)
- "Confusion in Student Appeal and Review processes" from Professor Bottomley
- *Examinations Rules 2006* (see: <http://www.anu.edu.au/cabs/rules/ExamsRules.pdf>) and *Assessment Review and Appeals* (at http://info.anu.edu.au/Policies/_REG/Policies/Assessment_Review_and_Appeals.asp)

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RECOMMENDATION:

That the Committee endorse the revised *Assessment and Review Appeals* policy and procedures (293/2007) for introduction from 1 May 2007.