

**THE AUSTRALIAN NATIONAL UNIVERSITY**  
**UNIVERSITY EDUCATION COMMITTEE**  
**SUPPLEMENTARY AGENDA**

**Meeting No. 4, 2007 to be held on Friday, 17 August 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 14. EXAMINATION PROCEDURE**

**PURPOSE:**

For consideration of policies and procedures for the setting of examination papers and access to previous papers.

**BACKGROUND:**

Attachment:

- Examination Procedures (840/2007)

The ANUSA has received a number of student concerns about the content of some examination papers set for the end of Semester I, 2007 examination sessions. The Association is requesting information about current ANU College policies and practices.

**SPONSOR:**           President, ANUSA

**RECOMMENDATION:**

That the Committee refer the issues raised in relation to the setting of examination papers to ANU College Deans for advice about College policies and procedures to be forwarded to the Deputy Vice-Chancellor.

## EXAMINATION PROCEDURE

At the end of the first semester examination period, ANUSA received a number of student concerns about the content of certain exam papers. This raised questions about the process by which exam papers are set.

### **Student Concerns**

Student concerns were generally centered upon perceived inequalities arising from the availability of material prior to examinations which directly correlated with the content of exam papers. The following specific concerns were raised:

- The use of a semester 2, 2006 open-book exam paper as the semester 1, 2007 exam paper, without any amendment to content.
- The availability of “model” past exam answers to students in an open-book exam where the exam paper was recycled.
- The publication of exam questions in a closed-book exam on webCT, the day before the exam.

### **Requested Advice**

ANUSA is therefore seeking advice in relation to current ANU College policies concerning:

1. The extent to which it is acceptable for exam papers to reflect the content of past exam papers.
2. The manner and extent of an examiner’s ability to release exam questions to students prior to a closed book exam.
3. The extent to which it is acceptable for students to access past papers, and past “model” HD answers.

## PART 3: PROGRAMS AND COURSEWORK

### ITEM 10. UNDERGRADUATE PROGRAMS

#### 10.2 Changes to Programs

- Marine Sciences Major ([819/2007](#)) in the Bachelor of Science and Bachelor of Interdisciplinary Studies (Sustainability)
- Environmental Policy Major ([727/2007](#)) in the Bachelor of Science
- Chemistry Major and Double Major (revised for the Bachelor of Science) ([837/2007](#) web link only)

### ITEM 11. GRADUATE PROGRAMS (continued)

#### 11.1 New Programs

Additional Information:

- Master of Environment *MEnv 48 units* (669/2007) Ungraded; Master by coursework and research (25%-50% research component)
- Master of Culture, Health and Medicine (716/2007)  
The program has been deferred pending consideration by the ANU CMHS.
- Master of Visual Effects *MVFX 48 units* ([535a/2007](#)) Master by coursework; graded
- Master of Social Research *MSocRes 48 units* ([681/2007](#)) Master by coursework; graded

New Item:

- Master of Archaeological Science *MArchSc 48 units* (452/2007) Master by coursework; graded  
*ARCH8028 Introduction to Archaeological Science* (453/2007)  
*ARCH8029 Supervised Project in Archaeological Science* (454/2007)  
*ARCH8030 Archaeological Science Research Project 1* (455/2007)  
*ARCH8031 Archaeological Science Research Project 2* (456/2007)

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