The Academic Senate approved the appointment of the following members of staff to the Research Management Committee (RMC) and Board of Graduate Studies (BGS) for a 2 year term commencing on 1 July 2007:

RMC - Professor D Lamerle, Professor T Bossamaier, Professor A Smith, Dr A Bishop and Professor S Kemmis

BGS - Associate Professor M Keirnan, Associate Professor F Marine and Associate Professor A Bonner.

The recommendation pertaining to Academic Senate Process Improvement (WPI) Stage 1 report and a draft paper on the functions of Academic Senate were noted.

A report prepared by the Director, CELT on the CSU Subject Outline in CSU Interact was received and Senate gave in principle support to the integration of the CSU subject outline into CSU Interact. A report on the implementation of this project and of any amendments that may be required to be made to Academic Senate policies or academic regulations will come to the Learning and Teaching Committee and Academic Senate.

Approval was given, in relation to the 2007 Learning and Teaching PBF, for staff to qualify for funding under either the 2006 PBF criteria or the 2007 PBF criteria.

Amendments to the Credit Regulations were approved to allow Deans of Faculty to delegate authority to determine credit to officers within the Faculty.

The quorum for Faculty Board meetings was amended to twelve members of the Faculty Board and approval was given for Associate Deans to be ex officio members of the Faculty Board.

Changes to the 2007 Principal Dates were approved so that the 2007/2008 Summer Session is extended by one week.
Amendments to the Examination of Theses Procedures and Australian Postgraduate Awards Policy were approved.

A course modification document for the Doctor of Philosophy was approved.

A recommendation to council was made that the accreditation of the Research Institute for Professional Practice, Learning and Education (RIPPLE) as a CSU Centre of Research Excellence and the International Centre of Water for Food Security (IC-WATER) as a Strategic Research Centre be approved.

Additional credit for students entering the Bachelor of Health Science (Complementary Medicine) course was approved.

Amendments to the Dean’s List Policy were approved to clarify that students undertaking studies in integrated Bachelor (Honours) programs are eligible for consideration for inclusion in the Dean’s List.

The Statement of Graduate Attributes for Undergraduate Courses was amended to include integrated Honours programs (but not add-on Bachelor (Honour) programs).

Changes to the minimum internet access requirements for students were approved, effective from 1 January 2008. The Admission Regulations will be amended to indicate that the minimum number of access hours per week for students will be specified at the point of admission.

A report on the Online Evaluation of Subjects for 2006 was received.

A working party will be established by the DVC (Academic) to conduct a review on current arrangements for benchmarking course standards.

Approval was given for references in Academic Committee membership to be changed from the CSU Students’ Association to the CSU Student Senate.
Members noted that the Division of Information Technology is developing a program which will provide incentives for students to purchase their own laptops for use on campus.