

## Resolutions covering the award of Honours in BE and Combined BE.

At the Faculty Board meeting of 18<sup>th</sup> March 2008, the faculty agreed to a final set of changes that will align its procedures for the award of Honours with the newly approved University policy on the award of Honours.

The BE degree is an “integrated” Honours model and while in all other aspects it follows the university policy on this type of Honours, the faculty has made the following changes to achieve full compliance.

a) A clear and well defined entry requirement for Honours in Engineering. This includes a definition of an entry level, Intermediate/Senior WAM (ISWAM) which will be added to the glossary of the resolutions.

b) A clear statement of the requirements for the award of the university medal to eligible HI students graduating in Engineering.

Changes to the Faculty resolutions are shown below.

- 1.3 Requirements for the Engineering degree with Honours
- 1.3.1 To qualify for the award of the degree with Honours, both in the single degree and the combined degree courses, a student must:
  - 1.3.1.1 gain entry to the Honours program in a nominated stream of Engineering.
  - 1.3.1.1.1 Entry requirement is a ISWAM obtained over 2nd and 3rd year units of 65% or above .
  - 1.3.1.2 complete the requirements for the pass degree; and achieve a level of performance as defined by the HWAM (Honours Weighted Average Mark);
  - 1.3.1.3 complete a research thesis of 12 cp or its equivalent.
  - 1.3.1.2 complete all requirements within a specified period of time for the degrees as indicated:
    - 1.3.1.2.1 5 years for the BE degree
    - 1.3.1.2.2 6 years for BE/BSc, BE/BCom, BE/BA, BE/BMedSc
  - 1.3.2 The HWAM used for honours assessment includes all attempts at all 2000, 3000 and 4000 level units of study completed while a student is enrolled in an Engineering or Combined Engineering degree at the University .
    - 1.3.2.1 Junior or 1000 level units are not included in the calculation.
    - 1.3.2.2 Units offered by other faculties as part of a single BE or a combined BE are included .
    - 1.3.2.3 Units at a level higher than 4000 are treated as level 4000 units.
    - 1.3.2.4 Research thesis units of study are given double weighting.
  - 1.3.3 The various classes of honours are awarded on the basis of a student's HWAM as follows:
    - 1.3.3.1 First Class: HWAM greater than or equal to 75
    - 1.3.3.2 Second Class/ Division 1: HWAM greater than or equal to 70 and less than 75
    - 1.3.3.3 Second Class/Division 2: HWAM greater than or equal to 65 and less than 70
  - 1.3.4 Any student who is eligible for First Class Honours and has achieved outstanding performance in their degree may be considered for a University medal.
    - 1.3.4.1 Outstanding performance is defined as,
      - 1.3.4.1.1 a minimum HWAM of 85
      - 1.3.4.1.2 top ranking in their stream or specialisation.
      - 1.3.4.1.3 where the top ranking is not clearly determined by at least 1 HWAM point, students may be considered equal and

more than one medal awarded for that stream.

1.3.4.1.4 Final determination of the award in individual cases will be made  
by a Faculty Honours committee.

1.3.5 In exceptional circumstances the Dean may recommend that the above  
conditions for the award of Honours be varied .