The following items are circulated for members’ consideration:

1. **Items from Academic Council**

   As the Academic Council meeting scheduled for 2 September was cancelled a number of items were circulated. Please see [http://committees.intranet.uwa.edu.au/acaboard/academic_council_(from_2010)/agendas/2010/1_september_circular](http://committees.intranet.uwa.edu.au/acaboard/academic_council_(from_2010)/agendas/2010/1_september_circular) As no objections have been received, the recommendations will be recorded as resolutions in the October minutes of Academic Council.


   A draft Issues and Options Paper has been prepared by Wayne Betts and Marion Bateman and will be considered by the Steering Committee when it meets on Friday 3 September at 11:00am.

   Feedback from the Steering Committee will be reflected in a final version, to be circulated to stakeholders in the week beginning Monday 6 September.

   **Faculties in particular are invited to submit a formal response to the Issues and Options Paper, not later than Monday 4 October 2010.**

3. **Calculator Policy**

   Members will recall that changes to the Calculator Policy were considered by the FAOs and Sub-Deans Group. Subsequently the following proposed changes were referred for consideration of any implications for the provisions of the Ancillary Fees Policy:

   (i) Each year a list of five machines be agreed by the Faculty of Engineering, Computing and Mathematics in collaboration with the Co-op Bookshop on campus. The five machines are to represent a range of complexity, brand and price. It is important that one inexpensive, low-functionality machine be available for students not requiring scientific functionality.

   (ii) The list of machines be published to new and existing students as the definitive and exclusive list of machines that can be purchased for use in UWA examinations.

   (iii) The Co-op Bookshop will affix a sticker to an approved machine at the point of sale. The Co-op has agreed to price-match (or beat) other WA retailers, based on bulk buying principles. Their opening hours exceed those that can be provided by Student Administration or the ECM Student Office (Eg they are open prior to Saturday morning examinations). In addition the Bookshop has agreed to affix stickers to compliant machines not purchased from them.

   (iv) Any machine currently bearing a sticker will continue to be accepted by Student Administration staff for examinations. The proposed new policy list is to be regarded as a “purchasing list”, not a “usage list”, therefore students will not be disadvantaged later in their studies by subsequent changes to the purchasing list, if their machine has been previously authorised.

   **Feedback has highlighted a number of matters for further consideration and these will be brought back to the next meeting of the FAO and Sub-Deans group.**

4. **Credit Policy**

   A draft policy on transfer of credit has been developed in consultation with the Framework and Definition of Degrees Working Party. The draft is attached.

   **Members are invited to provide feedback either before or at the next meeting of the FAO and sub-Deans Group.**