EXTRACT FROM MINUTES OF THE BACHELOR OF ARTS BOARD OF STUDIES MEETING
HELD ON TUESDAY, 5TH JUNE 2012 AT 10AM IN THE CHANCELLOR’S ROOM

9. ITEMS FROM THE FACULTY OF SCIENCES
9.1 MAJOR IN SOCIAL AND APPLIED PSYCHOLOGY: PROPOSED CHANGES EFFECTIVE FROM 2013 – Ref F29773

Members considered the following changes to the major in Social and Applied Psychology:

9.1.1. Proposed change to title of major

The Faculty of Sciences has proposed a change to the title of the Social and Applied Psychology major. The new title is proposed to read as: ‘Psychology in Society’.

Members noted the justification for this proposed change as follows: “The new title provides a clear separation between the two Psychology majors and is simpler, and also more adequately capture the content of the majors. Also, the two titles will enable students interested in Psychology to more easily locate the two majors in any alphabetic listing of UWA majors. There are also several reasons for the proposed switch from “Social and Applied Psychology” to “Psychology in Society”. First, social psychology encompasses only one of the units in this major, whereas applied psychology is a broad term that could encompass units in the BSc major as readily as it encompasses those in the BA major. “Psychology in Society” provides a title well-suited to the social, developmental, clinical, and industrial and organizational units in the BA major. It also provides for the future incorporation of content in the area of social change, which is a rapidly developing research field in the School of Psychology.”

[Executive Officer’s note: The title for the Neuropsychology and Cognitive Science major offered in the Bachelor of Science has been amended to read as ‘Psychological Science’.

It was suggested that if currently enrolled students were given the option to nominate the previously approved title (that is, Social and Applied Psychology) as their preferred title in academic transcripts, then those students should be required to complete the major in accordance with the rules governing that major.

RESOLVED – 29/12

To recommend to the Board of Coursework Studies that the title of the Social and Applied Psychology major offered in the Bachelor of Science be amended to read as ‘Psychological in Society’ effective immediately.
7.3. MAJOR IN NEUROPSYCHOLOGY AND COGNITIVE SCIENCE: PROPOSED CHANGES EFFECTIVE FROM 2013 – Ref F29770

Members considered the following changes to the major in Neuropsychology and Cognitive Science:

7.3.1. Proposed change to title of major

The Faculty of Sciences has proposed a change to the title of the Neuropsychology and Cognitive Science major. The new title has been proposed to read as: ‘Psychological Science’.

The justification for this proposed change is as follows: “The new title provides a clear separation between the two Psychology majors and is simpler, and also more adequately captures the content of the majors. Also, the two titles will enable students interested in Psychology to more easily locate the two majors in any alphabetic listing of UWA majors. One particular concern with the “Neuropsychology and Cognitive Science” title is that cognitive science can carry a restrictive connotation relating to the computational modelling of behaviour, which is not covered to any significant extent in the BSc major. Also, while all of the units in the BSc major take a scientific approach to the discipline, some of the units are not presented from a specific neuropsychological or cognitive-science perspective (e.g. PSYC2208/PSYC3308: Atypical Development, and several of the topics in PSYC3310: Specialist Research Topics). Finally, “Psychological Science” is a title with strong brand recognition, as indicated by the use of this title at numerous other Australian universities”.

[Executive Officer’s note: The title for the Social and Applied Psychology major offered in the Bachelor of Arts has been proposed to be amended to read as ‘Psychology in Society’.]

Noting that currently enrolled students might be given the option to nominate Neuropsychology and Cognitive Science as their preferred title, the Board

RESOLVED – 25/12

to recommend to the Board of Coursework Studies that the title of the Neuropsychology and Cognitive Science major offered in the Bachelor of Science be amended to read as ‘Psychological Science’ effective immediately.