On 12 July 1954 Council in principle approved the formation of the Faculty of Commerce and at the same time resolved to establish a foundation chair in Economics (resolution 431iii). On 14 November 1955 (resolution 651) Council accepted the appointment of D. C. Rowan to this chair and so when he took up his position on 1 June 1956, the School of Economics was formed with Professor Rowan as the first head of school. The formal establishment of the Faculty of Commerce was officially approved at the 11th March 1957 meeting of Council (resolution 57/37), with Economics as one of the faculty’s first three schools.

As a result of a review of the Faculty of Commerce, on 11 July 1988 Council altered the faculty’s name to the Faculty of Commerce & Economics effective 1 August 1988 (resolution 88/90).

On 3 July 2006 Council proposed the amalgamation of the Faculty of Commerce of Economics and the Australian Graduate School of Management into the newly formed Faculty of Business and consequently the School of Economics became part of this faculty (resolution CL06/68). The inaugural meeting of the faculty took place on 23 November 2006, but by 18 June 2007 the name of the faculty was changed to the Australian School of Business at UNSW (Council resolution CL07/33).

On 2 July 2014 the Vice-Chancellor's Advisory Committee approved a change in name of the faculty to the UNSW Australia Business School, effective from 23 July 2014.

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540 Department of Economic History  
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