Agency details

Agency number: 699
Agency title: Department of Information Systems
Start date: 1977
End date: 1988
Creation: 1977
Abolition: Council meeting 11th July 1988 (Resolution CL88/90)

Administrative history note:
In 1967 the School of Accountancy in the Faculty of Commerce introduced an elective subject within its Bachelor of Commerce Accountancy program called "Data Processing and Information Systems" (UNSW Calendar 1967 Vol 1: D92) and the following year a graduate level subject, "Information Systems", was offered. (UNSW Calendar 1968 Vol 1: D101) In 1973 "Information Systems" became a compulsory subject, and in 1975 final year students were able to specialise in Information Systems in conjunction with their Accountancy major. (Howitt, G. "History of Accounting Education and Research at the University of New South Wales" 1990: 9 SRF - Accountancy, School of) A chair in Information Systems was created within the Faculty of Commerce in 1974 which was filled by Professor Cyril Brookes (Howitt: 9) and in 1977 the Department of Information Systems was established within the School of Accountancy. (V633/25 Report of the Committee to Review the Faculties of Commerce and Professional Studies, October 1987: 28)

In July 1985 the Vice-Chancellor established a committee to review the faculties of Commerce and Professional Studies. One of the recommendations of the working party which was chaired by the Pro-Vice-Chancellor, Professor Ronayne, was that a "new School of Information Systems be established by altering the status of the present Department of Information Systems". (Focus 13 May 1988: 10)

At the Council meeting on 11 July 1988 major administrative changes were instituted including that the name of the faculty be changed from the Faculty of Commerce to the Faculty of Commerce and Economics and that certain departments within the existing schools within the faculty become schools in their own right. As a consequence, the Department of Information Systems within the School of Accountancy became the School of Information Systems effective from 1 August 1988 (resolution 88/90).

Unregistered preceding agencies:

Succeeding agencies:         Succession date
256 School of Information Systems     1988 - 1999     1988

Unregistered succeeding agencies:

Superior agencies:         Period of relationship