



The University of Sydney

Freedom of Information Policy

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Senate resolved to adopt the following recommendations of the Academic Board concerning the NSW Freedom of Information Act:

- that the Senate express its support for the intent of the Act and endorse the concept of Freedom of Information as University policy;
- that, for purposes of the Act, the Senate resolve that the University comprise any officer of the University and any part of the University that exists or operates by virtue of or subject to the authority of the Senate;
- that the Senate resolve that, for purposes of the Act, a document is the University's if it is a document to which the University has an immediate right of access, if it is a document that is in the possession, or under the control, of a person in that person's capacity as an officer of the University, or if it is a document created by an officer of the University in the normal course of that person's duties for the purposes of the University or for the purposes of the person as an officer of the University;
- that the Senate resolve that as far as is practicable, the University look to means of making information available that will obviate the need for formal applications to be made in accordance with the Act;
- that the Senate ask the appropriate officers of the University to maintain regular consultation with their counterparts in the other Universities in NSW with a view to achieving some consistency of approach in the implementation of the Act;
- that the Senate ask the Registrar to prepare a proposal for the further development of the University's FOI policy for consideration at the next meeting of the Senate in conjunction with any report from the Academic Board.