



The University of Sydney

Senate minutes summary, 19 February 2006

At its meeting held on Monday 19 February 2006 at 2.20 pm in the Lecture Room, Level 2, Reserve Bank of Australia's HC Coombs Centre, 122A Kirribilli Avenue, Kirribilli:

★ 1. **Addition or deletion of confidential items**

★ 2. **Starring**
 2.1 **Starring of items**
 2.2 **Unstarred items**

Resolution 1/06

Senate resolved as recommended with respect to all unstarred items.

★ 3. **Minutes of the previous meeting, 5 December 2005**

Resolution 2/06

Senate confirmed the minutes of the Senate meeting held on 5 December 2005 as a true and correct record, subject to the following amendment to paragraph 2 in item 7.11 (addition underlined):

In response to a question, the Vice-Chancellor advised that a search process including advertisement would be used for the position of Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Infrastructure) and the newly established position of Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Community).

4. **Urgent business**
 4.1 **Apologies for absence**

★ 4.2 **Amendment of the *University of Sydney (Academic Governance) Rule 2003***

Resolution 3/06

Senate approved the *University of Sydney Amendment (Election of Chair, Academic Board) Rule 2006*, as set out in the report presented, which extended eligibility for nomination as Chair of the Academic Board to Associate Professors.

4.3 **Election of Deputy Chancellor**

Resolution 4/06

Senate noted the report and congratulated Emeritus Professor Ann Sefton with acclamation on her re-election unopposed as Deputy Chancellor from 19 February 2006 to the Senate meeting in February 2008.

4.4 **Six Fellows of Senate appointed by the Minister for Education and Training**

Resolution 5/06

Senate noted the report and congratulated Mr Alec Brennan and Mr Joseph Skrzynski on their appointment and Mr Alan Cameron, Mr John McCarthy, Mrs Margaret Varady and the Hon John Aquilina on their re-appointment.

★ 4.5

Senate committees

4.5.1 Finance and Infrastructure Committee

Resolution 6/06

Senate

- (a) resolved to thank Mr David Hoare, former Chair of the Finance Committee, for the acumen, wisdom and dedication that marked his contribution to the University, its finances and its governance;
- (b) approved in principle the revised name, Terms of Reference, Constitution, Term of Office and Quorum for the Finance and Infrastructure Committee as amended at the meeting, subject to their review by Mr Cameron to give effect to the prescriptions of Senate, with consultation, in particular consulting the Chief Financial Officer as well as the Chancellor and Vice-Chancellor, and further review by the Chair of the Committee when elected at the March Senate meeting; and
- (c) noted the report on membership, and approved the deadline for return of nomination papers for members as being 5.00pm on Monday, 27 February 2006, with the Registrar being empowered to extend the time to 5.00pm on Thursday 2 March 2006 in the event that he considers there are insufficient nominations.

4.5.2 Advisory Committee for the Selection of Candidates for Honorary Awards

Chair Appointments Committee

Senate/Sports Liaison Committee

Senate/SRC Liaison Committee

Senate/SUPRA Liaison Committee

Student Academic Appeals Committee

Student Appeals Committee (Exclusions and Readmissions)

Resolution 7/06

Senate noted the report, and approved the deadline for return of nomination papers as being 5.00pm on Monday, 27 February 2006, with the Registrar being empowered to extend the time to 5.00pm on Thursday 2 March 2006 in the event that he considered there were insufficient nominations.

4.5.3 Audit and Risk Management Committee

Resolution 8/06

Senate

- (a) elected Mr Alan Cameron as Chair of the Audit and Risk Management Committee from 1 January to 30 November 2006;
- (b) approved in principle the revised Terms of Reference, Constitution, Term of Office and Quorum for the Audit and Risk Management Committee as amended at the meeting, subject to their review by Mr Cameron as Chair of the Committee to give effect to the prescriptions of Senate, with consultation, in particular consulting the Chief Financial Officer as well as the Chancellor and Vice-Chancellor;
- (c) confirmed the appointment of Ms Irene Moss, Mrs Margaret Varady, Mr Paul Davis and Mr David Smithers as members of the Committee with a term of office concluding on 30 November 2006; and
- (d) noted that Mr Cameron would come back to Senate with a recommendation to fill the vacancy in the category "Two external members, with appropriate professional expertise and experience, appointed by Senate on the nomination of the Chair with appropriate consultation for up to two years."

4.5.4 Investment and Commercialisation Committee

Resolution 9/06

Senate

- (a) approved the establishment of the Investment and Commercialisation Committee as a committee of Senate; and
- (b) approved in principle the Terms of Reference, Constitution, Term of office and Quorum for the Investment and Commercialisation Committee as amended at the meeting, subject to their review by Mr Cameron to give effect to the prescriptions of Senate, with consultation, in particular consulting the Chief Financial Officer as well as the Chancellor and Vice-Chancellor, and further review by the Chair of the Committee when elected at the March Senate meeting.

4.5.5 Remuneration Committee

Resolution 10/06

Senate resolved that Mr Ian Johnson be appointed to membership of the Remuneration Committee for a further term of term of two years to conclude at the February 2008 meeting of Senate and the Hon John Aquilina be appointed to the Committee for the lifetime of the present Parliament.

4.6 Next meeting

Resolution 11/06

Senate noted that the next Senate meeting would be held at 5.00pm on 6 March 2006 in the Senate Room.

☆ 5. Report of the Vice-Chancellor

5.1 Update for Senate's information

Resolution 12/06

Senate noted the Vice-Chancellor's report on processes taking place in terms of special professorships and professorial fellowships.

5.2 Paper on Green power

Resolution 13/06

Senate resolved to defer to the March meeting final consideration and discussion of the paper on green power on the basis that this would still allow the University to commit only after that to any new power contract.

6. Confidential minutes of the previous meeting, 5 December 2005

7. Confidential report of the Vice-Chancellor

The meeting closed at 3.45pm.