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## Senate minutes summary, 6 March 2006

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*At its meeting held on Monday 6 March 2006 at 5.00 pm in the Senate Room at the University, Senate:*

- ☆ 1. **Addition or deletion of confidential items**
- ☆ 2. **Starring**
  - 2.1 **Starring of items**
  - 2.2 **Unstarred items**

**Resolution 18/06**  
Senate resolved as recommended with respect to all unstarred items.
- ☆ 3. **Proposal for changes to Senate procedures**

**Resolution 19/06**  
Senate resolved to adjourn debate to its next meeting, with a revised paper incorporating Fellows' comments and with an hour being allocated for discussion.
- 4. **Senate business**
  - 4.1 **Apologies for absence**

**Resolution 20/06**  
Senate accepted apologies for absence from Mr Brennan for the following Senate meetings: 19 June, 18 September and 4 December 2006.
  - 4.2 **Non-confidential minutes of the previous Senate meeting, 19 February 2006**

**Resolution 21/06**  
Senate confirmed the non-confidential minutes of the Senate meeting held on 19 February 2006 as a true and correct record.
  - 4.3 **Business arising out of the minutes not dealt with elsewhere in the agenda**
  - ☆ 4.4 **Vice-Chancellor: Australia Day 2006 honour**

**Resolution 22/06**  
Senate congratulated the Vice-Chancellor with acclamation on being made an officer of the Order of Australia in the Australia Day honours.
  - ☆ 4.5 **Retirement of Fellow of Senate, Mr David Hoare on 31 December 2005**

**Resolution 23/06**  
Senate recorded its formal appreciation for and noted in detail the contribution made by Mr David Hoare, who retired as a Fellow of Senate on 31 December 2005.
  - ☆ 4.6 **Retirement of Fellow of Senate, the Hon Henry Tsang on 31 December 2005**

**Resolution 24/06**  
Senate recorded its formal appreciation for and noted in detail the contribution made by the Hon Henry Tsang, who retired as a Fellow of Senate on 31 December 2005.

**4.7 Senate committees: Membership**

**4.7.1 Advisory Committee for the Selection of Candidates for Honorary Awards**

**Resolution 25/06**

Senate noted

- (i) that Ms Kim Anderson, Dr Robin Fitzsimons, Professor Margaret Harris, Mr John McCarthy and Mrs Margaret Varady had been declared elected to membership of the Advisory Committee for the Selection of Candidates for Honorary Awards in the category "Not more than six other Fellows, elected by Senate for two years" from 6 March 2006 to the Senate meeting in February 2008; and
- (ii) that Fellows were invited to self-nominate for the remaining vacancy on this Committee via an email to the Registrar.

**4.7.2 Audit and Risk Management Committee**

**Resolution 26/06**

Senate noted that Mr Alan Cameron had been declared elected Chair of the Audit and Risk Management Committee for two years from 6 March 2006 to the Senate meeting in February 2008.

**4.7.3 Chair Appointments Committee**

**Resolution 27/06**

Senate noted

- (i) that Mr Alan Cameron, Dr Robin Fitzsimons, Professor Margaret Harris and Associate Professor Iqbal Ramzan had been declared elected to membership of the Chair Appointments Committee in the category "Five other Fellows, elected by Senate for two years" from 6 March 2006 to the Senate meeting in February 2008; and
- (ii) that Fellows were invited to self-nominate for the remaining vacancy on this Committee via an email to the Registrar.

**4.7.4 Finance and Infrastructure Committee**

**(a) Chair**

**Resolution 28/06**

Senate noted that Mr Alexander Brennan had been declared elected as Chair of the Finance and Infrastructure Committee from 6 March 2006 to the Senate meeting in February 2008.

**★ (b) Members**

**Resolution 29/06**

Senate elected Dr Roslyn Bohringer and Mr Jack Clegg to membership of the Finance and Infrastructure Committee in the category "Two other Fellows elected by Fellows of Senate for two years" from 6 March 2006 to the Senate meeting in February 2008.

**4.7.5 Investment and Commercialisation Committee - Chair**

**Resolution 30/06**

Senate noted that Mr Joseph Skrzynski had been declared elected as Chair of the Investment and Commercialisation Committee from 6 March 2006 to the Senate meeting in February 2008.

**4.7.6 Senate/Sports Liaison Committee**

**Resolution 31/06**

Senate noted that Associate Professor Anthony Masters, Mr John McCarthy and Mr Adam Spencer had been declared elected to membership of the

Senate/Sports Liaison Committee in the category "Not less than three Fellows of Senate, elected by Senate for two years" from 6 March 2006 to the Senate meeting in February 2008.

#### **4.7.7 Senate/SRC Liaison Committee**

##### **Resolution 32/06**

Senate noted that Dr Roslyn Bohringer, Mr Alan Cameron and Mr Adam Spencer had been declared elected to membership of the Senate/SRC Liaison Committee in the category "Three other Fellows elected by Senate for two years" from 6 March 2006 to the Senate meeting in February 2008.

#### **4.7.8 Senate/SUPRA Liaison Committee**

##### **Resolution 33/06**

Senate noted that Mr Alan Cameron, Associate Professor Iqbal Ramzan and Mr Adam Spencer had been declared elected to membership of the Senate/SUPRA Liaison Committee in the category "Three other Fellows elected by Senate for two years" from 6 March 2006 to the Senate meeting in February 2008.

#### **4.7.9 Student Academic Appeals Committee**

##### **Resolution 34/06**

Senate noted that Ms Irene Moss and Mr Adam Spencer had been declared elected to membership of the Student Academic Appeals Committee in the category "Two Fellows of Senate who are not members of the academic staff, elected by Senate for two years" from 6 March 2006 to the Senate meeting in February 2008.

#### **4.7.10 Student Appeals Committee (Exclusions and Readmissions)**

##### **Resolution 35/06**

Senate noted that Professor Margaret Harris, Associate Professor Iqbal Ramzan, Mr Adam Spencer and Ms Kim Wilson had been declared elected to membership of the Student Appeals Committee (Exclusions and Readmissions) in the category "Up to four other Fellows, elected by Senate for two years" from 6 March 2006 to the Senate meeting in February 2008.

#### **★ 4.8 Senate committees: Revised Terms of Reference**

##### **4.8.1 Audit and Risk Management Committee**

##### **Resolution 36/06**

Senate approved the revised Terms of Reference of the Audit and Risk Management Committee.

##### **4.8.2 Finance and Infrastructure Committee**

##### **Resolution 37/06**

Senate approved the revised Terms of Reference of the Finance and Infrastructure Committee, subject to further refinement by the Chair of the Committee, Mr A Brennan, and the Committee.

##### **4.8.3 Investment and Commercialisation Committee**

##### **Resolution 38/06**

Senate

- (i) approved the revised Terms of Reference of the Investment and Commercialisation Committee, subject to further refinement by the Chair of the Committee, Mr J Skrzynski, and the Committee; and

- (ii) authorised Mr Cameron to work out the appropriate decision-making provisions for the Committee in consultation with the Vice-Chancellor and Mr Skrzynski, for the next Senate meeting.

#### **4.9 Induction for Fellows 2006**

##### **Resolution 39/06**

Senate noted the following induction program provided for Fellows of Senate (there being a further opportunity for those who missed out):

- 8.45am – 2.45pm, 8 February 2006: Orientation Day for Senate Fellows and members of financial committees with the Chief Financial Officer and his senior managers to provide background financial information on the University.
- 7.30 – 9.00am, 13 February 2006: Chancellor's breakfast for new Fellows
- Detailed induction material was sent to all new Fellows.

#### **4.10 Senate representation**

##### **Resolution 40/06**

Senate noted the report on Senate representation during January and February 2006.

#### **4.11 Next meeting**

##### **Resolution 41/06**

Senate noted that the next Senate meeting would be held at 5.00pm on 1 May 2006 in the Senate Room, Quadrangle.



### **5. Report of the Vice-Chancellor and Principal**

#### **5.1 Update for Senate's information**

#### **5.2 Renaming of Schools in the Faculty of Engineering**

##### **Resolution 42/06**

Senate approved the renaming of the Department of Civil Engineering as the School of Civil Engineering, and the Department of Chemical Engineering as the School of Chemical and Biomolecular Engineering.

#### **5.3 Establishment of the Sydney Institutes of Health and Medical Research (SIHMR) and the Bosch Institute**

##### **Resolution 43/06**

Senate:

- (i) established the Sydney Institutes of Health and Medical Research ("SIHMR") as a company limited by guarantee and that the University of Sydney become a founding member of SIHMR;
- (ii) established the Bosch Institute as a company limited by guarantee and that the University of Sydney become a founding member of the Bosch Institute; and
- (iii) authorised the Vice-Chancellor, with the advice of the Dean of the Faculty of Medicine and the General Counsel, and in consultation with the Chair of the Audit and Risk Management Committee and the Chair of the Investment and Commercialisation Committee, to enter into appropriate Memoranda of Understanding covering the elements broadly described by the General Counsel in a paper tabled at the meeting and to approve appropriate constitutions for SIHMR and the Bosch Institute based on the draft constitutions tabled likewise upon such advice and after such consultation, in order to define and give effect to the University's relationships with the Central Sydney Research Hub and the Bosch Institute and to ensure that the University is in a position to conform with any mandatory requirements, State and Commonwealth, with respect to each of those entities including without

limitation, those applicable by reason of their being "controlled entities" and as maximises the capacity of the University to obtain Government funding while safeguarding its legitimate interests.

#### **5.4 Green Power**

##### **Resolution 44/06**

Senate endorsed the University's strategy as outlined in the paper presented, noting that funds of \$1M over three years, corresponding to more than the proposed Green Power premium, would be additional to funds already expended and would be used partly for supporting international and collaborative research in sustainable energy, with particular encouragement of linkage grants with industry, and for improvements in the University's Energy Savings Programs.

#### **5.5 EOWA Employer of Choice for Women**

##### **Resolution 45/06**

Senate noted the report that the Equal Opportunity for Women in the Workplace Agency had again cited the University of Sydney as an EOWA Employer of Choice for Women in 2006.

#### **5.6 Restructuring of the Faculty of Education and Social Work**

##### **Resolution 46/06**

Senate noted the report that the Vice-Chancellor had approved the disestablishment of the three schools in the Faculty of Education and Social Work and the establishment of a single school of Education and Social Work.

#### **5.7 Life After Cronulla**

##### **Resolution 47/06**

Senate noted the report on a program of events from 20 to 24 February organised by the Australian Lebanese Foundation which was aimed at improving understanding of Lebanese culture and heritage.

#### **5.8 International Visits**

##### **Resolution 48/06**

Senate noted the Vice-Chancellor's report on his visit to Singapore and the USA between 4 and 18 February 2006.

#### **5.9 International**

##### **Resolution 49/06**

Senate noted the International report.

#### **5.10 University Relations**

##### **Resolution 50/06**

Senate noted the report on University Relations.

#### **5.11 Rescission of a Resolution of the Senate**

##### **Resolution 51/06**

Senate resolved to rescind the following 1993 resolution of the Senate: *Senate approved the conferring of the title of Professor on non-professorial Deans for the duration of their terms of office, and the title of Professor on non-professorial Chairs of the Academic Board for the duration of the Chairs' terms of office.*

- 6. Reports of the Audit and Risk Management Committee**
- 6.1 Audit and Risk Management Committee meeting, 14 December 2005**
- 6.1.1 Minutes of the Meeting held on 18 October 2005**
  - 6.1.2 Auditor-General's Management Letter: Status Report of the University of Sydney's Implementation Outcomes**
  - 6.1.3 Auditor-General's Management Letter: Clarification on Excluded Parties under the Charitable Fundraising Act**
  - 6.1.4 Vice-Chancellor's Report**
  - 6.1.5 CFO's Report**
  - 6.1.6 Risk Management Office Report**
  - 6.1.7 Internal Audit and Review Report**
  - 6.1.8 Audit Office Annual Client Service Plan for Year Ending 30 December 2005**
  - 6.1.9 Audit and Risk Management Committee Charter – Frequency of Meetings and Secretary**
  - 6.1.10 Next Meeting**

**Resolution 52/06**

Senate noted the report of the Audit and Risk Management Committee.

- 6.2 Audit and Risk Management Committee meeting, 3 February 2006**
- 6.2.1 Audit and Risk Management Committee Meeting and Decisions**

**Resolution 53/06**

Senate validated the Audit and Risk Management Committee meeting and decisions held on 3 February 2006.

- 6.2.2 Minutes of the Meeting held on 14 December 2005**
- 6.2.3 Foundations Project: Update**
- 6.2.4 University Unions: Potential Risks**
- 6.2.5 Internal Audit & Review Annual Report for 2005**
- 6.2.6 University Compliance with Workplace Surveillance**
- 6.2.7 Draft 2005 Annual Financial Report**
- 6.2.8 Next Meeting**
- 6.2.9 Other Business – Avian Flu**

**Resolution 54/06**

Senate noted items 6.2.2 – 6.2.9 of the report of the Audit and Risk Management Committee.

- 7. Report of the Academic Board, 14 December 2005**
- 7.1 Amendment of the Resolutions of the Senate**
- 7.1.1 Faculty of Health Sciences**

**Resolution 55/06**

Senate approved the amendment of the Resolutions of the Senate relating to the Constitution of the Faculty of Health Sciences with immediate effect, as set out in the report presented.

- 7.1.2 Faculty of Economics and Business**
- 7.1.2.1 Master of Business and Master of Commerce**

**Resolution 56/06**

Senate:

- (a) endorsed the Academic Board's approval of the proposal from the Faculty of Economics and Business to amend the Master of Business and Master of Commerce courses; and
  - (b) approved the amendment of the Resolutions of the Senate relating to these courses
- with effect from 1 January 2006, as set out in the report presented.

### **7.1.2.2 Master of Philosophy in Economics and Business**

#### **Resolution 57/06**

Senate approved the amendment of the Resolutions of the Senate relating to the Master of Philosophy in Economics and Business in the Faculty of Economics and Business, with effect from 1 January 2006, as set out in the report presented.

### **7.1.3 Faculty of Education and Social Work**

#### **7.1.3.1 Master of Philosophy in Education**

#### **Resolution 58/06**

Senate approved the amendment of the Resolutions of the Senate relating to the Master of Philosophy in Education in the Faculty of Education and Social Work, with effect from 1 January 2006, as set out in the report presented.

#### **7.1.3.2 Master of Policy Studies**

#### **Resolution 59/06**

Senate approved the amendment of the Resolutions of the Senate relating to the Master of Policy Studies in the Faculty of Education and Social Work, with effect from 1 January 2006, as set out in the report presented.

### **7.1.4 Faculty of Engineering: Bachelor of Engineering (Electrical (Power Engineering))**

#### **Resolution 60/06**

Senate:

- (a) endorsed the Academic Board's approval of the proposal from the Faculty of Engineering to amend the Bachelor of Engineering course; and
  - (b) approved the amendment of the Resolutions of the Senate relating to this course,
- with effect from 1 January 2007, as set out in the report presented.

### **7.1.5 Faculty of Law: Master of Environmental Law, Master of Environmental Science and Law; Master of Taxation; Graduate Diploma in Corporate, Securities and Finance Law; Graduate Diploma in Environmental Law and Graduate Diploma in Taxation**

#### **Resolution 61/06**

Senate approved the amendment of the Resolutions of the Senate relating to the Master of Environmental Law, Master of Environmental Science and Law; Master of Taxation; Graduate Diploma in Corporate, Securities and Finance Law; Graduate Diploma in Environmental Law and Graduate Diploma in Taxation in the Faculty of Law, with effect from 1 January 2006, as set out in the report presented.

### **7.1.6 Faculty of Science: Master of Applied Science; Graduate Diploma in Applied Science; Graduate Certificate in Applied Science and Graduate Diploma in Psychology**

#### **Resolution 62/06**

Senate approved the amendment of the Resolutions of the Senate relating to the Master of Applied Science; Graduate Diploma in Applied Science; Graduate Certificate in Applied Science and Graduate Diploma in Psychology in the Faculty of Science, with effect from 1 January 2006, as set in the report presented.

**7.1.7 Sydney Conservatorium of Music: Master of Music Studies (Performance); Master of Music Studies (Opera) and Graduate Diploma in Music (Performance)**

**Resolution 63/06**

Senate:

- (a) endorsed the Academic Board's approval of the proposal from the Sydney Conservatorium of Music to amend the Master of Music Studies (Performance), the Master of Music Studies (Opera) and the Graduate Diploma in Music (Performance); and
  - (b) approved the amendment of the Resolutions of the Senate relating to this course
- with effect from 1 January 2006, as set out in the report presented.

**7.2 Minor course amendments**

**7.3 Semester and Vacation Dates 2006**

**Resolution 64/06**

Senate noted items 7.2 and 7.3 of the report.

**8. Report of the Senate/Sports Liaison Committee, 1 March 2006**

**9. General business**

☆ **9.1 Students' Representative Council: Constitution**

**Resolution 65/06**

Senate noted that this item had been withdrawn.

☆ **9.2 Sydney University Sport: Constitution**

**Resolution 66/06**

Senate approved the proposed amendments to the Constitution of Sydney University Sport as set out in the report presented.

☆ **9.3 University of Sydney Sport Foundation: Constitution**

**Resolution 67/06**

Senate approved the proposed amendments to the Constitution of The University of Sydney Sport Foundation, as set out in the report presented.

☆ **9.4 University of Sydney Union: Constitution**

**Resolution 68/06**

Senate

- (i) approved amendment of the Constitution of the University of Sydney Union, as set out in the report presented, with the exception of proposed amendments relating to life membership and compulsory subscriptions, save as to any amendment which would render the Constitution or any provision thereof not in conformity with the Commonwealth's *Higher Education Support Amendment (Abolition of Compulsory Up-Front Student Union Fees) Act 2005* and without prejudice to any future changes that may be made to the Constitution as may be agreed by the Union following Senate's future consideration of a report anticipated from the "VSU Task Force"; and
- (ii) deferred consideration of proposed amendments relating to life membership and compulsory subscriptions to the next meeting.

**9.5 Warren Centre for Advanced Engineering**

**Resolution 69/06**

Senate approved the appointment of Governor, Directors and Honorary Governors and the reappointment of Director and Honorary Governor to the Warren Centre for Advanced Engineering, as set out in the report presented.

**9.6 Graduation ceremonies (March/April/May 2006)**

**Resolution 70/06**

Senate noted the report on graduation ceremonies in March, April and May 2006.

★ **10. Notice of motion**

**10.1 Notice of motions provided by Mr Jack Clegg**

**Resolution 71/06**

Senate resolved as follows:

- (i) That Senate and The University of Sydney are committed to there being independent and adequate representative, welfare, advice and advocacy services for all University of Sydney students.
- (ii) That in light of the introduction of Voluntary Student Unionism (VSU) legislation, the Senate and The University of Sydney reaffirm their commitment to the principle of student leadership of student affairs.
- (iii) That the Senate and The University of Sydney recognise the important role of student organisations in achieving the strategic goal of 1:5:40.

★ **11. Question time**

★ **12. Any other business**

**12.1 Security**

**12.2 Sporting news**

**12.3 Student publication**