



# The University of Sydney

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## Senate Agenda, 6 August 2001

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**MEMORANDUM TO:** Fellows of Senate

An ordinary meeting of the Senate of the University will be held at **3.45pm** on **Monday 6 August 2001** in the Senate Room. The agenda for the meeting is set out below.

The Senate Room is in the Quadrangle on the Camperdown Campus, above the Ante Room.

☆ This symbol indicates items which have been starred for discussion at the meeting.

Dr W G Adams

**Registrar**

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### PART 1

- ☆ 1. **Confidential items** **Appendix A**
- The confidential items will be dealt with at the beginning of the meeting before observers are permitted to enter the Senate Room. Fellows who wish any other item to be treated as confidential should so indicate before observers are permitted to enter the Senate Room or should raise the matter with the Chancellor or Vice-Chancellor beforehand.
2. **Routine Business** **Appendix B**
- ☆ 2.1 **Starring**  
*# that Senate resolve as recommended with respect to all unstarred items.*
- 2.2 **Minutes of the previous Senate meeting and adjourned meeting, 2 and 23 July 2001** (*page B1*)  
*# that Senate confirm the minutes of the previous Senate meeting and adjourned meeting held on 2 and 23 July 2001 as a true and correct record.*
- 2.3 **Leave of absence** (*page B1*)  
*# that Senate grant leave requested.*
- 2.4 **2002 Senate meeting dates** (*page B1*)  
*# that the Senate meeting schedule for 2002 be as listed in the report:*
- 2.5 **Senate Colloquium, 2 July 2001** (*page B1*)

*# that Senate note the report.*

- 2.6 Business arising out of the minutes not dealt with elsewhere in the agenda



### 3. Notice of motions

### Appendix C

- 3.1 The Deputy Chancellor has given notice that she intends to move that Senate resolve in the following terms:

*That the Chancellor does not have the confidence of Senate.*

- 3.2 Dr G Butler has given notice that he intends to move that Senate resolve in the following terms:

(1) *'that the Senate establish immediately a review, within the terms of the University of Sydney Act 1989 (as amended) and the University of Sydney By-law 1999 (as amended), of the position of Chancellor of The University of Sydney in relation to the Senate, of the procedures for the conduct of the business of the Senate, and - preliminarily - of any matters which may be the subject in the near future of a review of university governing bodies by the Government of New South Wales;*

(2) *'(i) that the review be undertaken by a firm of consultants to be chosen through a 'selective tendering process', (ii) that the consultants proceed under the direction of and initially report to a Steering Group of Fellows of Senate, (iii) that the Steering Group be required to select and instruct the consultants, (iv) that the Steering Group consist of the Deputy Chancellor (Convenor), the Vice-Chancellor, the Chair of the Academic Board, Mr Tom Clark, Dr Michael Copeman, Ms Suzanne Jamieson and Ms Val Pratt, and (v) that the Steering Group submit an interim report on the relationship of the Chancellor with the Senate to the September 2001 meeting of the Board and a full report and recommendations to the October 2001 meeting.'*

Mr P Burrows has given notice of the following motion and requested that it be dealt with prior to the “no confidence” motion placed on the agenda by the Deputy Chancellor:

‘That Senate accept the Chancellor’s agreement to retire on or before the 31<sup>st</sup> December 2001, with the objective of identifying and electing a new Chancellor at the December meeting of Senate.’



### 4. Report of the Vice-Chancellor and Principal

### Appendix D

#### Items for action

- 4.1 Establishment of the Australia-Vietnam Medical Trust (*page D1*)  
*# that Senate approve the establishment of the Australia-Vietnam Medical Trust as a Foundation of the University of Sydney under the Constitution provided in the report.*

#### Items for noting

- 4.2 Establishment of the Sydney University Biological Information and Technology Centre (*page D1*)
- 4.3 Senate Enquiry (*page D2*)
- 4.4 Virtual Colombo Plan (*page D2*)
- 4.5 Staff honours (*page D3*)
- 4.6 Major National Research Facilities (*page D3*)
- 4.7 Development and External Affairs (*page D3*)
  - 4.7.1 Fundraising
  - 4.7.2 Alumni
  - 4.7.3 Sesquicentenary activities

- ☆ 5. Item requested by the Deputy Chancellor **Appendix E**
  - 5.1 Legal advice relating to the Bylaw and the Chancellor's position (*page E1*)

6. Items adjourned from the Senate meeting and adjourned meeting held on 2 and 23 July 2001

- ☆ 6.1 Report of the Finance Committee, 21 June 2001 **Appendix F**

**Items for action**

6.1.1 Report, Chair

6.1.1.1 Audit Committee 2001 (*page F1*)

*# that Senate approve the following:*

- (i) *that the Audit Committee be a Committee of and report directly to, Senate;*
- (ii) *that the Audit Committee be invited to submit terms of reference for approval by Senate;*
- (iii) *that the current membership of the Audit Committee be retained until February 2002;*
- (iv) *that the new reporting arrangements be reviewed by Senate after a period of 12 months operation.*

**Items for noting**

6.1.2 Minutes of the Meeting held on 17 May 2001 (*page F2*)

6.1.3 Business Arising out of the Minutes

6.1.3.1 Sale of Land at Tallimba (*page F2*)

6.1.4 Report, Acting Vice-Chancellor

6.1.4.1 Centre for Regional Education, Orange (CREO) (*page F2*)

6.1.5 Report, Director, Financial Services

6.1.5.1 Monthly Financial Management Report for May 2001 (*page F3*)

6.1.5.2 Unconfirmed Minutes of Investment Committee meeting held 17 May 2001 (*page F3*)

6.1.5.3 2000 Annual Reports (*page F3*)

- Ageing and Alzheimer's Research Foundation
- Nerve Research Foundation and The Institute of Clinical Neurosciences
- Poultry Research Foundation
- Veterinary Science Foundation
- Yannadah On-Campus Residence

6.1.6 Report, Deputy Vice-Chancellor, Planning and Resources

- 6.1.6.1 Facilities Management Office 2001 Works Program as at 31 May 2001 (*page F4*)
- 6.1.6.2 Audio-Visual Facilities upgrade - Report on Program (*page F4*)
- 6.1.6.3 2001 and 2002 Budget - Progress Report No. 3 (*page F4*)
- 6.1.6.4 The Capital Development Program - The Changing Face of the University (*page F4*)
- 6.1.7 Report, Assistant Pro-Vice-Chancellor, Information Technology
  - 6.1.7.1 Electronic Forms of Communication for University Business (*page F5*)
- 6.1.8 Report, Registrar
  - 6.1.8.1 Student Associations' Annual Reports (*page F5*)
    - Cumberland Student Guild 2000 Annual Report
    - SASCA 2000 Annual Report
    - SUPRA 2000-2001 Annual Report
    - Sydney University Sports Union 2000 Annual Report
    - Sydney University Women's Sports Association 2000 Annual Report
    - University of Sydney Union 2000 Annual Report
- 6.1.9 Any Other Business (*page F6*)
- 6.1.10 Next Meeting (*page F6*)

★ 6.2 Report of the Vice-Chancellor

Appendix G

Items for action

- 6.2.1 Dissolution of the Birth Defects Foundation (*page G1*)  
# that the Birth Defects Foundation be dissolved and its assets (\$6,331) transferred to birth defects research (K0301 C0185) which is a University of Sydney research account used for the study of birth defects.

Items for noting

- 6.2.2 Restructuring of the Faculty of Architecture (*page G1*)
- 6.2.3 Review of University Legislation and Financial Regulation Arrangements (*page G3*)
- 6.2.4 Establishment of the Centre for Salinity Assessment and Management (*page G3*)
- 6.2.5 Review of the AGSM (*page G4*) **Confidential Appendix H**
- 6.2.6 Launch of the Opposition Policy Statement on "The Knowledge Nation" (*page G4*)
- 6.2.7 Development and External Affairs (*page G4*)

6.3 Questions on notice

Appendix I

- 6.3.1 Review of NSW University Legislation and Financial Regulation (*page I1*)
- 6.3.2 Review of AGSM (*page I1*)

★ 7. Report of the Finance Committee, 19 July 2001 (*items for action*)

(Mr David Hoare)

Appendix J

7.1 Report, Vice-Chancellor and Principal

- 7.1.1 2001 Mid-Year Consolidated Budget** (*page J1*)  
*# that Senate*
- (i) *note the Finance Committee's advice that the 2001 Mid-Year Consolidated Budget contains no unapproved items of expenditure approved since November 2000 and contains the latest available information on research grants and fee income; and*
  - (ii) *resolve that the 2001 Mid-Year Consolidated Budget be used as the benchmark for further reporting.*
- 7.1.2 2001 Mid-Year Review of Capital Development Program**  
*(page J2)*  
*# that Senate approve the advice of the Vice-Chancellor and Principal and the proposals of the Capital Development Program Co-ordinating Group, forming part of the 2001 Mid-Year Review.*
- 7.2 Report, Registrar**
- 7.2.1 Student associations – Compulsory Subscription for 2002**  
*(page J2)*  
*# that Senate approve the proposed compulsory subscription for 2002 fees for 2002 for student associations, as set out in the report.*

☆ **8. Report of the Academic Board, 16 May 2001 (items for action) Appendix K**  
 (Professor Judyth Sachs)

- 8.1 Amendment of the Rules of the Senate**
- 8.1.1 Academic Governance Rules relating to the Academic Board, 1996 (as amended)** (*page K1*)  
*# that Senate approve amendment of the Rules relating to the Academic Board, 1996 (as amended):*
- (1) *to make specific provisions in terms of reference of the Board's Undergraduate Studies and Teaching and Learning Committees for the promotion and fostering of initiatives to Undergraduate studies for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Strategic Plan; and*
  - (2) *to delete the Centre for English Teaching from the list of bodies upon whose academic activities the Teaching and Learning Committee advises the Board, as set out in the shaded box on pages K2-4.*

☆ **9. Report of the Academic Board, 13 June 2001 (items for action) Appendix L**  
 (Professor Judyth Sachs)

- 9.1 Amendment of the Resolutions of the Senate**
- 9.1.1 Faculty constitutions**
- 9.1.1.1 Faculty of Education** (*page L1*)  
*# that Senate approve the amendment of the Resolutions of the Senate relating to the Constitution of the Faculty, with immediate effect, as recommended in the shaded box on page L2.*
- 9.1.1.2 Faculty of Nursing** (*page L1*)

*# that Senate approve the amendment of the Resolutions of the Senate relating to the Constitution of the Faculty, with immediate effect, as set out in the shaded box on page L3.*

**10. General items (items for action)**

**Appendix M**

**10.1 Academic dress**

**10.1.1 Faculty of Law (page M1)**

*# that Senate approve the academic dress for the Graduate Diploma in Health Law and the Graduate Diploma in Commercial Law, and approve Resolutions of the Senate relating to academic dress as set out in the shaded box on page M1.*

**10.2 Oral Health Foundation (page M1)**

*# that Senate approve the appointment of members of the Oral Health Foundation Council as recommended in the report.*

**10.3 Report of the Board of the Warren Centre for Advanced Engineering (page M2)**

*# that Senate confirm appointments as Governors effective 1 June 2001 as recommended in the report.*

**10.4 Centenary Institute of Cancer Medicine and Cell Biology (page M3)**

*# that Senate approve the appointment of the Hon John Brown AO as a Governor of the Board of the Centenary Institute of Cancer Medicine and Cell Biology in the category of nominee of the Dean of the Faculty of Medicine, subject to the approval of the Governor of New South Wales and for a three year term of office.*

**10.5 Bequests, donations, non-government grants and gifts-in-kind, May 2001 (page M3)**

*# that Senate accept with gratitude the various bequests, donations, non-government grants and gifts-in-kind received in May 2001.*

**10.6 Bequests, donations, non-government grants and gifts-in-kind, June 2001 (page M3)**

*# that Senate accept with gratitude the various bequests, donations, non-government grants and gifts-in-kind received in June 2001.*

**PART 2**

**☆ 11. Question Time**

**Appendix N**

Question time has a time limit of 15 minutes.

**11.1 Evaluation of teaching performance (page N1)**

Dr Butler has given notice of the following questions:

- (1) Does the Vice-Chancellor propose to transfer any funds (that is, to 'allocate a "teaching dividend"') between faculties in the University's Budget for 2002 on the basis of evaluations of teaching performance in the different faculties of the University;
- (2) If so, on what basis is the evaluation of teaching performance to be done.
- (3) What actions have been taken to address the deficiencies in the evaluation measures which were identified last year in a

document which I put before Senate (and which was written, as I acknowledged, by Paul Dwyer)?

**Mr J McCarthy has given notice of the following question:**

Would the Vice-Chancellor inform the Senate as to whether the University had received any memorandum of fees or similar documentation or any correspondence or advices from Minter Ellison, Solicitors, in respect of Senate governance issues concerning the Chancellor during the period 1.2.2001 – 6.8.2001. If the answer is “Yes”, would the Vice-Chancellor inform the Senate as to whether such memorandum of fees have been paid by the University, when and in what amount and whether such accounts, advices and correspondence will be tabled in the Senate or otherwise made available for inspection by Fellows of Senate.

**12. Report of the Finance Committee, 19 July 2001 (*items for noting*)**

(Mr David Hoare)

**Appendix O**

- 12.1 Minutes of the Previous Meeting (*page O1*)**
  - 12.1.1 Minutes of Meeting held on 21 June 2001 (*page O1*)**
- 12.2 Business Arising out of the Minutes**
  - 12.2.1 Accommodation Assistance for Academic Staff (*page O2*)**
  - 12.2.2 Provision of Low Cost Student Housing (*page*)**
  - 12.2.3 92-96 Parramatta Road, Camperdown (Worksafe Australia Building) (*page O2*)**
- 12.3 Report, Vice-Chancellor and Principal continued**
  - 12.3.1 Museum of Contemporary Art (*page O3*)**
- 12.4 Report, Director, Financial Services**
  - 12.4.1 Monthly Financial Management Report for June 2001 (*page O3*)**
  - 12.4.2 Challis House – Expressions of Interest (*page O4*)**
  - 12.4.3 Annual Reports (*page O4*)**
    - **Chemical Engineering Foundation 1999/2000**
    - **Dermatology Research Foundation 2000**
    - **Melanoma Foundation 2000**
    - **Near Eastern Archaeology Foundation 2000**
    - **Nutrition Research Foundation 2000/2001**
    - **Pharmacy Practice Foundation 2000**
    - **Research Institute for Asia and the Pacific 2000**
- 12.5 Report, Deputy Vice-Chancellor, Planning and Resources**
  - 12.5.1 Facilities Management Office 2001 Works Program as at 30 June 2001 (*page O5*)**
- 12.6 Report, Registrar continued**
  - 12.6.1 Student Association’s Annual Reports (*page O5*)**
    - **Orange Agricultural College – Student Association**
- 12.7 Report, Chair**
  - 12.7.1 Audit Committee Draft Minutes of Meeting held on 18 June 2001 (*page O5*)**
- 12.8 Any Other Business (*page O5*)**
- 12.9 Next Meeting (*page O5*)**

**13. Report of the Academic Board, 13 June 2001 (*items for noting*)**

(Professor Judyth Sachs)

**Appendix P**

**13.1 Report of the Chair**

**13.1.1 Review of the Academic Board and Academic Forum** (*page P1*)

**13.1.2 Quality Assurance and On-line Learning** (*page P1*)

**★ 14. Any other business**