



The University of Sydney

Senate meeting agenda, 2 December 2002

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MEMORANDUM TO: Fellows of Senate

An ordinary meeting of the Senate of the University will be held at **5.00pm** on **Monday 2 December 2002** 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

PART 1

- ✧ 1. **Addition or deletion of confidential items**
(This item to be dealt with prior to admission of observers to the Senate Room)

Confidential items appear at **item 13 (Appendices L and M)**. Fellows who wish any other item to be treated as confidential or any confidential item to be treated as non-confidential should so indicate.

2. **Senate business (*items for action*)**

Appendix A

- ✧ 2.1 **Starring**

(page A1)

Fellows are invited to star any unstarred item which they wish to have discussed.

Recommendation

That Senate resolve as recommended with respect to all unstarred items.

- ✧ 2.2 **Minutes of the Senate meeting, 8 October 2002 (*deferred from the November meeting*)**

(pages A1, A4-20)

Recommendation

That Senate confirm the minutes of the Senate meeting and Colloquium held on 8 October 2002 as a true and correct record.

2.3 Minutes of the previous Senate meeting and Colloquium, 4 November 2002**Appendix B****Recommendation**

That Senate confirm the minutes of the Senate meeting and Colloquium held on 4 November 2002 as a true and correct record.

2.4 Business arising out of the minutes not dealt with elsewhere in the agenda**2.5 Leave of absence (page A1)****Recommendation**

That Senate grant leave requested.

✧ 2.6 Election of Chancellor in 2003 (page A1)**Recommendation**

For approval

✧ 2.7 Evaluation of the performance of Senate (page A2)**Recommendation**

For discussion

✧ 2.8 Senate Colloquia (page A2)**Recommendation**

That Senate approve the amendment of the Resolutions of Senate as set out in the shaded box on page A2.

✧ 2.9 Distribution of unsolicited material to Fellows of Senate (page A2)**Recommendation**

For discussion.

2.10 Audit Committee - Term of office (page A3)**Recommendation**

That Senate approve the amendment of the Terms of Reference of the Audit Committee as set out in the shaded box on page A3.

✧ 3. Report of the Vice-Chancellor and Principal Appendix C**3.1 Update for Senate's information****Items for action****3.2 Social Work (page C1)****Recommendation**

That Senate approve the renaming the Faculty of Education as the Faculty of Education and Social Work, noting that the Vice-Chancellor has approved the transfer of the staff of Social Work from the School of Society, Culture and Performance in the Faculty of Arts to the Faculty of Education, and the establishment in that Faculty of a new School of Social Work and Policy Studies.

3.3 Control of Traffic in the University (pages C2, C9-12)

Recommendation

That Senate approve amendments to the Resolutions of Senate relating to the Control of Traffic in the University as set out in the report..

3.4 Deregistration of Darlington Centre Pty Ltd (page C5)

Recommendation

That The Darlington Centre Pty Ltd be deregistered pursuant to s601AA of the Corporations Act, subject only to the Directors of the Company resolving that the requirements of s601AA (2) of the Corporations Act have been met.

3.5 General Practice Training Consortia (pages C5, C13-101)

Recommendation

That Senate:

- (i) *approve the University's membership of both WENTWEST and Central West Consortium Ltd;*
- (ii) *approve the University's membership of SIGPET (Sydney Institute of General Practice Education and Training Ltd), subject to the constitution being amended to the satisfaction of the University Solicitor; and*
- (iii) *subject to approval of (i) and (ii) above, authorise the Pro-Vice-Chancellor (Health Sciences) to appoint University Directors to WENTWEST, Central West Consortium Ltd and SIGPET (Sydney Institute of General Practice Education and Training Ltd).*

Items for noting

3.6 Brain and Mind Research Institute (page C6)

Recommendation

That Senate note the report.

3.7 Development and External Affairs

3.7.1 Fundraising (page C6)

- **Income**
- **Annual Giving**
- **Major Gifts**
- **Planned giving**

3.7.2 Alumni, Sesquicentenary and other Activities (page C7)

- **Recent and planned alumni and broader public functions**
- **Sesquicentenary** (pages C8, C102-116))

Recommendation

That Senate note the report, with the summary report by the Director, Development on the sesquicentenary celebrations program held over the last three years for discussion.

✧ 4. **Report of the Academic Board, 13 November 2002 (items for action)** **Appendix D**
(Professor Judyth Sachs)

4.1 Amendment of the Resolutions of the Senate

4.1.1 Faculties, Colleges, College Boards, Boards of Studies, Schools and Committees: academic governance (pages D1, D4-7)

Recommendation

That Senate amend the Resolutions of the Senate relating to Faculties, Colleges, College Boards, Boards of Studies, Schools and Committees: academic governance, with effect from 1 January 2003, as set out on the shaded box on pages D4-7 in the report presented.

4.1.2 Faculty constitutions

4.1.2.1 Faculty of Economics and Business (pages D2, D8)

Recommendation

That Senate amend the Resolutions of the Senate relating to the Constitution of the Faculty of Economics and Business, with effect from 1 January 2003, as set out on the shaded box on page D8 in the report presented.

4.1.2.2 Faculty of Health Sciences (pages D2, D9)

Recommendation

That Senate amend the Resolutions of the Senate relating to the Constitution of the Faculty of Health Sciences, with effect from 1 January 2003, as set out on the shaded box on page D9 in the report presented.

4.1.2.3 Faculty of Law (pages D2, D10)

Recommendation

That Senate amend the Resolutions of the Senate relating to the Constitution of the Faculty of Law, with effect from 1 January 2003, as set out on the shaded box on page D10 in the report presented.

4.1.2.4 Faculty of Science (pages D2, D11)

Recommendation

That Senate amend the Resolutions of the Senate relating to the Constitution of the Faculty of Science, with effect from 1 January 2003, as set out on the shaded box on page D11 in the report presented.

4.1.2.5 Sydney College of the Arts (pages D3, D12-13)

Recommendation

That Senate amend the Resolutions of the Senate relating to the Constitution of the Sydney College of the Arts, with effect from 1 January 2003, as set out on the shaded box on pages D12-13 in the report presented.

5. General items (*items for action*) **Appendix E**

5.1 Bequests, donations, non-government grants and gifts-in-kind, October 2002 (page E1)

Recommendation

That Senate accept with gratitude the various bequests, donations, non-government grants and gifts-in-kind received in October 2002.

5.2 Cornforth Foundation for Chemistry (page E1)

Recommendation

That Senate approve the appointment of members of the Council of the Cornforth Foundation for Chemistry and the election of President, Deputy President and Treasurer of the Council and of the Foundation as recommended.

5.3 International House Council (page E1)

Recommendation

That Senate appoint the following to the International House Council for the specified terms of office:

Clause 7(a)(ii)(aa), One other Fellow of Senate, appointed annually:

Mr R B Corlett (to 31 December 2003)

Clause 7 (a)(ii) (bb), Three persons who shall be members of Rotary International, each appointed for three years one of whom shall retire each year:

Dr K Coles (to 31 December 2003)

Clause 7 (a)(ii) (cc), One person nominated by SUIH Alumni Association appointed annually:

Dr J Rowlands (to 31 December 2003)

Clause 7 (a)(ii) (dd), Three persons nominated by SUIH Members Association appointed annually:

Ms J Gambill (to 31 December 2003)

Ms A Ying (to 31 December 2003)

Vacant (to 31 December 2003) (to be filled in March 2003)

Clause 7 (a)(ii)(ee), Up to nine other persons each appointed for three years of whom three shall retire each year:

Professor R Y Ebied (to 31 December 2005)

Professor S Gray (to 31 December 2005)

Ms K McQuaid (to 31 December 2005)

5.4 Sydney University Sport (page E2)
5.4.1 Sydney University Sport – Constitution

Recommendation

That Senate approve revised Clauses 126 and 127 of the Sydney University Sport Constitution as set out in the report presented.

5.4.2 Sydney University Sport – Membership (page E3)**Recommendation**

That Senate appoint Ms Anne Titterton and Mr Christopher Noel as Senate representatives on the General and the Management Committees of Sydney University Sport for a one year term of office with effect from 1 January 2003.

5.5 University of Sydney Union**5.5.1 Board of Directors – Membership** (page E3)**Recommendation**

That Senate reappoint Ms M Robb (Director of Research Development) and Associate Professor W Julian (Faculty of Architecture) to membership of the University of Sydney Union Board of Directors for 2003.

5.5.2 University of Sydney Union (pages E3, E5)**Recommendation**

That Senate note the report.

5.6 Report of the Warren Centre for Advanced Engineering (page E4)**Recommendation**

That Senate confirm the appointment of Mr Trevor Carroll and Mr Chris Janssen as Governors of the Warren Centre for Advanced Engineering.

5.7 Women's College Council – Membership (page E4)**Recommendation**

That Senate nominate Dr R Fitzsimons to membership of the Women's College Council to 31 January 2005.

PART 2**☆ 6. Question time****6.1** Dr Robin Fitzsimons has given notice of the following questions for the Chair of the Academic Board:

Is it true that departments/schools and courses are given a statistical 'quota' in terms of the numbers or proportions of distinctions/honours etc which may be awarded based on examinations? If so, is there a disincentive for bright students to undertake any more difficult or smaller courses (for instance within the Faculty of Arts) which may attract an unusually high proportion of more capable students? If such a situation exists, how might the obvious dilemma be addressed?

7. Senate business (items for noting) **Appendix F & two Separate Enclosures****☆ 7.1 Brief additional comment from the Chancellor on New York/Boston** (page F1)**Recommendation**

That Senate note the report.

✧ 7.2 **Senate Retreat, 2-3 February 2003** (page F1 & Sep Encl)

Recommendation

That Senate note the update.

7.3 **English Language Support for Refugees - Registrar's Report** (page F1)

Recommendation

That Senate note the report.

7.4 **Functions attended by the Chancellor and Fellows of Senate in the last month** (pages F2, F4-5)

Recommendation

That Senate note the report.

7.5 **Dinner to mark the retirement of Professor Alice Erh-Soon Tay** (page F2)

Recommendation

That Senate note the report.

7.6 **Correspondence from the Governor** (pages F2, F6)

Recommendation

That Senate note the correspondence.

7.7 **Notice of election of Chair and five members of the Finance Committee at the February 2003 Senate retreat** (page F2 & Sep. Green Encl)

Recommendation

That Senate note the report.

7.8 **Schedule of Senate and Senate committee elections/appointments for 2003** (pages F3, F7-8)

Recommendation

That Senate note the schedule.

✧ 8. **Reports of the Finance Committee**

8.1 **Report of the Finance Committee, 17 October 2002 (items for noting) Appendix G**
(Mr David Hoare)

8.1.1 **Business Arising out of the Minutes**

8.1.1.1 **Update on Student Associations** (pages G1, G2-4)

Recommendation

That Senate note the report which was starred at the November meeting of Senate and deferred to the December meeting.

8.2 **Report of the Finance Committee, 25 November 2002 (items for noting)**
(Mr David Hoare) **Appendices H & H-1**

Recommendation

That Senate note the report on the following items:

8.2.1 **Confidential items** (page H1)

- 8.2.2 Leave of Absence (page H1)
- 8.2.3 Unconfirmed Minutes of meeting held on 17 October 2002 (pages H1, H4-8a)
- 8.2.4 Business arising out of the minutes
 - 8.2.4.1 Sesquicentenary Inauguration Weekend Budget Summary (pages H1, H8b-8c)
 - 8.2.4.2 Update on Student Associations (page H1)
- 8.2.5 Capital Development Program – Monthly Works Report for the period ending 31 October 2002 (pages H2, H9-18)
- 8.2.6 Tender Board Report 2001 – 2002 (pages H2, 19-38)
- 8.2.7 CFO Report
 - 8.2.7.1 Revised Structure, Strategy and Financial Services Framework– “Financial Services – The Next Stage” (pages H2, H39-91)
 - 8.2.7.2 Work in Progress Update (page H2)
 - 8.2.7.3 Standard & Poor’s Update (page H3, Appendix H-1)
 - 8.2.7.4 Monthly Financial Management Report for October 2002 (pages H3, H92-97)
 - 8.2.7.5 Proposed Finance Committee Meeting Dates for 2003 (pages H3, H97)
- 8.2.8 Annual Reports of Foundations/Centres/Student Associations (pages H3, H98-99)
 - 8.2.9.1 Celtic Studies Foundation Annual Report for 2001
 - 8.2.9.2 Dermatology Research Foundation Annual Report for 2001
- 8.2.9 Unconfirmed minutes of the Audit Committee meeting held on 25 September 2002 (pages H3, H100-102)
- 8.2.10 Unconfirmed minutes of the Investment Committee meeting held on 19 September 2002 (pages H3, H103-106)
- 8.2.11 Next Meeting (page H3)

9. Report of the Academic Board, 13 November 2002 (items for noting) **Appendix I**
(Professor Judyth Sachs)

Recommendation

That Senate note the report on the following items:

- 9.1 Report of the Chair
 - 9.1.1 Review of the Academic Board and the Academic Forum (page I1)
 - 9.1.2 Strategies for the Academic Board to Review its Performance (page I1)
 - 9.1.3 Academic Board Faculty Review Visits (page I1)
 - 9.1.4 Academic Board Resolutions: *Admission to Undergraduate Courses*
 - 9.1.5 Report of the Academic Forum (pages I1, I2-7)

10. Report of the Senate/SUPRA Liaison Committee, 29 November 2002 (items for noting) **Appendix J**
(The Deputy Chancellor) **to be provided under separate cover**

Recommendation

That Senate note the report on the Committee’s discussion of the following items:

- 10.1 Leave of absence
- 10.2 Business arising from the previous report
 - 10.2.1 Postgraduate Research Support Scheme audit
- 10.3 Funding mechanisms
- 10.4 Completion Scholarships for Research Degrees
- 10.5 ITL Supervision Development Program
- 10.6 Graduate Skills Assessment
- 10.7 English Language Tests (Admissions)

- 10.8 Academic Writing Skills and English Language Assistance
- 10.9 Recent ICAC Investigation of Access to Computerised Record Systems at UTS
- 10.10 Postgraduate HECS-Equity Scholarships
- 10.11 2003 Meeting dates
- 10.12 Any other business

11. General items (*items for noting*)

Appendix K

- 11.1 Graduation ceremonies (December 2002)

(page K1)

Recommendation

That Senate note the report.

- ★ 12. Any other business

PART 3

- ★ 13. Confidential items

Appendices L & M