



The University of Sydney

Senate agenda, 3 November 2003

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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 3 November 2003** 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.
- ▶ This symbol indicates items which in the view of the Chancellor and Vice-Chancellor are of particular significance.

Dr W G Adams
Registrar

PART 1 – ITEMS FOR ACTION

- ☆ 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 14 (Appendices K and L)**. 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** *Appendix A*
 - 2.1 **Order of business**

 - ☆ 2.2 **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.

 - 2.3 **Leave of absence** *(page A1)*

Recommendation
That Senate grant leave of absence for this meeting as requested.

- 2.4 Minutes of the previous Senate meeting and Colloquium, 7 October 2003** (pages A1, A6-26)

Recommendation

That Senate confirm the minutes of the Senate meeting and Colloquium held on 7 October 2003 as a true and correct record.

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

- ★ **2.6 Items carried forward from the previous meeting**
2.6.1 Report on Fees and Charges incurred by Students (2003) (pages A1, A27-38)

Recommendation

That Senate note the report.

- ★ **2.7 Election of four Fellows by and from the academic staff and one Fellow by and from the non-academic staff** (pages A1, A39-40)

Recommendation

That Senate note the report, congratulate Associate Professor Anthony Masters on his election and Professor Margaret Harris, Dr Suzanne Jamieson, Professor Leslie Field and Ms Kim Wilson on their re-election as Fellows of Senate, and thank Dr Gavan Butler, who did not stand for re-election, for his valued contribution as a Fellow of Senate.

- 2.8 Election of one Fellow by and from the undergraduate students and one Fellow by and from the postgraduate students** (pages A2, A41-42)

Recommendation

That Senate note the report and congratulate Ms Joanna (Jo) Haylen and Mr Matthew Hall on their election as Fellows of Senate.

- 2.9 Senate/SRC Liaison Committee** (page A2)

Recommendation

That Senate appoint Ms J Haylen to membership of the Senate/SRC Liaison Committee from 1 December 2003 to 30 November 2004.

- 2.10 Senate/SUPRA Liaison Committee** (page A2)

Recommendation

That Senate appoint Mr M Hall to membership of the Senate/SUPRA Liaison Committee from 1 December 2003 to 30 November 2004.

- 2.11 Induction of new Fellows of Senate** (page A2)

Recommendation

That Senate note the report.

- ★ **2.12 Additional Fellow appointed by Senate** (page A3)

Recommendation

For consideration

☆ 2.13 **Retiring Fellows of Senate** (pages A3, A43)

Recommendation

That Senate place on record its formal appreciation for and note in detail the contribution made by retiring Fellows of Senate, Dr Gavan Butler, Ms Valerie Pratt, Ms Moksha Watts and Ms Thalia Anthony.

2.14 **Dinner after the November Senate meeting** (page A3)

Recommendation

That Senate note the report.

☆ 2.15 **Review of report/minutes formats for the Finance Committee and the Audit and Risk Management Committee** (page A4)

Recommendation

For consideration

2.16 **Functions attended by the Chancellor and Fellows of Senate in the previous month** (pages A4, A44)

Recommendation

That Senate note the report.

2.17 **Honorary awards** (pages A5, A45)

Recommendation

That Senate note the report on those who have accepted Senate's invitation to receive an honorary degree/honorary fellowship in 2004.

2.18 **Next meeting** (page A5)

Recommendation

That Senate note the report.

☆ 3. **Report of the Vice-Chancellor and Principal** **Appendix B**

3.1 **Update for Senate's information**

Recommendation

That Senate note the report.

Item for action

3.2 **AGSM Review Report** (pages B1, B9-27)

Recommendation

That Senate approve the continuation of the Joint Venture Agreement between the University of Sydney and the University of New South Wales to form the Australian Graduate School of Management and the preparation of the Joint Venture Agreement document to reflect the recommendations contained in the Report presented and to reflect other changes that are necessary to update the document.

Items for noting

- 3.3 Industrial Relations Developments** (page B1)

Recommendation

That Senate note the report.

- 3.4 Campus 2010 Design Competition** (pages B1, B28)

Recommendation

That Senate note the report.

- 3.5 ARC Results** (page B2)

Recommendation

That Senate note the report.

- 3.6 RIBA Silver Medal** (page B4)

Recommendation

That Senate note the report.

- 3.7 Meeting with Hu Jintao** (page B4)

Recommendation

That Senate note the report.

- 3.8 Media Reports** (pages B5, B29-57)

Recommendation

That Senate note the report.

- 3.9 International Visits** (page B6)

Recommendation

That Senate note the report.

- 3.10 Development and External Affairs** (page B7)

Recommendation

That Senate note the report.

☆ **4. Report of the Finance Committee, 15 October 2003 (items for action)** **Appendix C**
(Mr David Hoare)

- 4.1 2004 Strategic Budget Planning Document** (pages C1, C3-20)

Recommendation

That Senate adopt the 2004 Strategic Budget Planning Document.

- 4.2 2004-2008 Capital Development Program** (pages C1 and Sep Encl)

Recommendation

That Senate approve the 2004-2008 Capital Development Program, noting that the report has been amended to show the appropriate cash flow figures for 2004 to 2008.

☆ 5. **Report of the Academic Board, 15 October 2003 (items for action)** **Appendix D**
(Professor Judyth Sachs)

5.1 **Amendment of the Resolutions of the Senate**

5.1.1 **Faculty constitutions**

(1) **Faculty of Nursing** (page D6)

Recommendation

That Senate amend the Resolutions of the Senate relating to the Constitution of the Faculty of Nursing, with immediate effect, as set out in the shaded box on page D6 of the report.

5.1.2 **Delegations of Authority: Academic Functions** (pages D7-16)

Recommendation

That Senate amend the “Delegations of Authority: Academic Functions”, with effect from 1 January 2004, as set out on pages D&-16 of the report.

5.1.3 **New or amended courses**

(1) **Faculty of Health Sciences: Bachelor of Applied Science (Medical Radiation Sciences) (Honours)** (pages D17-19)

Recommendation

That the Senate amend the Resolutions of the Senate relating to Bachelor of Applied Science (Medical Radiation Sciences) as set out in the shaded box on pages D17-19 of the report.

(2) **Faculty of Pharmacy: Master of Pharmacy** (pages D20-22)

Recommendation

That Senate approve:

- (i) *the proposal for the re-naming of the existing Master of Pharmacy to the Master of Pharmacy (Research);*
- (ii) *the proposal for the introduction of the new course, the Master of Pharmacy,*
- (iii) *the amendment of the Resolutions of the Senate relating to the Degree, Diplomas and Certificates in the Faculty of Pharmacy,*
- (iv) *the amendment of the Resolutions of the Senate relating to the renaming of the Master of Pharmacy to the Master of Pharmacy (Research), and*
- (v) *the adoption of the Resolutions of the Senate relating to the new Master of Pharmacy,*

with effect from 1 January 2004, as set out on pages D20-22 of the report.

(3) **Sydney Conservatorium of Music**

(a) **Master of Music** (pages D23-28)

Recommendation

That the Senate:

- (i) *rescind the Resolutions of the Senate relating to the Master of Music; and*
- (ii) *adopt the revised Resolutions of the Senate relating to the Master of Music,*

with effect from 1 January 2004, as set out in the shaded box on pages D23-28 of the report.

- (b) **Master of Music (Applied Research in Music Performance) and Master of Applied Science (Music Performance)** (pages D28-30)

Recommendation

That Senate approve:

- (i) the proposal for the introduction of the new courses, the Master of Music (Applied Research in Music Performance) and the Master of Applied Science (Music Performance),
- (ii) the amendment of the Resolutions of the Senate relating to the Degree, Diplomas and Certificates in the Sydney Conservatorium of Music,
- (iii) the amendment of the Resolutions of the Senate relating to the Master of Music, and
- (iv) the adoption of the Resolutions of the Senate relating to the Master of Applied Science (Music Performance)

with effect from 1 January 2004, as set out in the shaded box on pages D28-30 of the report.

6. **General items (items for action)**
6.1 **Graduation schedule, 2004**

Appendix E
(pages E1, E5)

Recommendation

That Senate

- (i) approve the recommended schedule of dates for the 2004 ceremonies;
- (ii) give authority to the Chancellor, the Deputy Chancellor, the Vice-Chancellor and Principal, the Chair of the Academic Board and the Pro-Chancellors to admit to the appropriate degree or degrees, and to award the appropriate diploma or diplomas at these ceremonies to, those who have qualified for degrees and diplomas concerned and whose names appear in the printed lists contained in the official programs; and
- (iii) give authority to the Registrar to change the disciplines to be presented at any ceremony or the scheduled time of any ceremony, after appropriate consultation with the faculties, colleges and boards of studies concerned and after appropriate notice to the graduands concerned.

- 6.2 **Bequests, donations, non-government grants and gifts-in-kind, September. 2003**

(page E1)

Recommendation

That Senate accept with gratitude the various bequests, donations, non-government grants and gifts-in-kind received in September 2003.

- 6.3 **Report of the Science Foundation for Physics**

(page E1)

Recommendation

That Senate approve the election of Emeritus Professor Dame Leonie Kramer AC DBE, an Honorary Governor, to membership of the Council of the Science Foundation for Physics as recommended.

6.4 Report of the Warren Centre for Advanced Engineering

(page E2)

Recommendation

That Senate confirm the appointment of Mr Robert Sharp as a Governor of the Warren Centre for Advanced Engineering as recommended.

★ **6.5 Question/notice of motion: Sydney Peace Prize - Dr Hanan Ashrawi**

Dr Robin Fitzsimons has given notice of the following question, and that she intends to move that Senate resolve as below.

Question (modified):-

In view of the allegations made by Mr Alan Ramsey of The Sydney Morning Herald (25.10.03) in relation to the awarding of The Sydney Peace Prize to Dr Hanan Ashrawi and the reported response by The University of Sydney, would the Chancellor and Vice-Chancellor inform Senate as to whether or not they individually or (to their knowledge) others acting for the university ever advised the Sydney Peace Foundation or its officers against the award ceremony being held in The Great Hall. If so, on what grounds?

Motion (modified):-

That Senate

- (i) re-affirms its respect for the autonomy of The Sydney Peace Foundation, and other comparable entities associated with the University.
- (ii) given the distinctive and fundamental mission of universities generally (and, historically, of The University of Sydney in particular) in the promotion of free speech, and dialogue on national and international affairs, especially in relation to international human rights :-
 - (a) would in nearly all essentially non-commercial circumstances condemn any selective withholding of venues such as The Great Hall to peaceful participants in lawful discussion and debate if such withholding is based on the divisiveness of the views of any speaker,
 - (b) in particular, would condemn any attempt (if such were or had been made) to withhold the Great Hall in relation to the Sydney Peace Prize award to Dr Ashrawi,
 - (c) would never take into account any present or future financial inducement (perceived or actual) to the university to withhold facilities or undertake similar practices which would have the effect of rendering free speech and discussion hostage to the financial powers of any individual or community group.
 - (d) in view of the allegations made by Mr Ramsey, wishes to reassure the community that the University Senate, while mindful of legitimate controversy and sensitive to dissenting viewpoints, is satisfied that the award of The Sydney Peace Prize has been appropriately decided on the unanimous recommendation of the relevant jury, and is accordingly pleased to be associated with the award to Dr Ashrawi, noting also the Peace Foundation's assessment of her outstanding contributions to the search for just resolution of international conflict.

★ **6.6 Notices of motion: Ancillary fees Guidelines**

Ms Thalia Anthony has given notice that she intends to move that Senate resolve in the following terms:

Motion 1

That the Senate establish a committee to formulate ancillary fee guidelines in compliance with section 18(1) (d) of the Higher Education Funding Act 1988 and with a view to making course completion possible without payment of upfront resource fees.

Motion 2

The Committee should consider the following principles when devising the ancillary fees guidelines.

- A. Students are not charged ancillary fees for course resources, unless:
 - there are viable alternatives at no additional charge
 - the resource is a tool of the trade, which excludes:
 - A. materials that are used during the course or becomes the property of the university (eg paint for art work)
 - B. resources required to meet occupational health and safety standards
- B. Where fees are imposed under the above conditions, fees are not to be
 - used as a revenue raising venture for the discipline by accruing a surplus
 - increased for students with disabilities where additional costs are incurred for the university to accommodate these students
- C. Collection and administration of ancillary fees should:
 - operate through formal channels and not course lecturers or tutors
 - allow students adequate time to meet costs
 - present students with the option of deferring payment where charges are excessive
- D. Notice of ancillary fees to students should be publicised prior to course application and enrolment. Information channels must include handbooks, letters of offer, orientation, course manuals, website and lectures. Information should state:
 - the ancillary fee is voluntary except in cases of tools of the trade
 - the fee can be deferred
 - the resource alternatives and where they will be made available

PART 2 – ITEMS FOR NOTING

☆ 7. **Question time**

7.1 **Off-shore degrees**

Dr Robin Fitzsimons has given notice of the following questions:

In his recent address to graduands in Hong Kong the Chancellor rightly emphasized the importance of the wider Sydney University experience which the graduands had received in Sydney. This is consistent with our whole philosophy that Sydney University students should obtain a broad education, and be exposed to many forms of intellectual rigour and extracurricular activity.

In view of this, how can Sydney University justify granting entirely 'off-shore' degrees, such as the Sydney University 'degree conversion courses' being provided in association with the Singapore Institute of Management to radiographers, nurses, therapists and other working health professionals without a basic university education?

Are the degrees thus awarded by Sydney University Master or Bachelor degrees?

What is the duration of the academic component of such 'conversion courses' which lead to a Sydney University degree, and are they full-time or part-time during this 'academic conversion period'?

Are the examinations held at the end of very short courses or at the end of semesters?

Are the degrees offered identical to those offered in Sydney to Australian students?

How do the academic standards and intellectual rigour of the courses/exams compare with those leading to Sydney University degrees generally? Are we confident that the graduating students have generally acquired the generic academic qualities which our Strategic Plan mandates that our students should acquire?

Sydney staff travel to Singapore to teach for short periods. However, what proportion (if any) of Singapore Sydney/SIM students travel to Sydney to be taught?

Apart from the 'Sydney University degrees' conferred in administrative association with SIM, what other wholly off-shore degrees are given under the University of Sydney 'brand'? And how do the above questions apply to any such degrees?

Is the university aware that there are serious concerns among Sydney University Australian graduates who have spent at least three years of rigorous study in order to obtain their degrees that the international meaning of their 'University of Sydney' degrees may be significantly impaired if the academic requirements/duration of study/exposure to the wider university are significantly less in some university areas? If such concerns have a factual basis (in terms of the above questions) what does the university propose to do to remedy the situation (rapidly) in order to ensure that the integrity and standing of University of Sydney degrees is maintained? Would the aware of diplomas rather than degrees be more appropriate where the academic experience is short and overseas?

7.2 Governance

Dr Fitzsimons has given notice of the following questions:

The NSW Education Department submission to the national Senate in September 2003 referred to a review of on university governance being undertaken by the NSW government with help from Chancellors and Vice-Chancellors. Were the Chancellor and Vice-Chancellor aware of this Review, and if so when did they each become aware of it? What are its terms of reference? What, if any, information or advice or discussion has already been provided by the University of Sydney or its officers (on Senate or in Administration) or by NSW Chancellors or Vice-Chancellors to help this governance Review? More generally, what information or advice on university governance issues has been provided by either NSW or Australian Chancellors or NSW or Australian Vice-Chancellors (or by any such individual officials where Sydney University may be implicated in any outcome) to members of the NSW Government or to the Federal Government or the Parliaments or their Committees or members?

The NSW Chancellors produced a draft governance document for consideration by university governing bodies. Subsequently, national Chancellors meeting in Adelaide (August 2003) considered and collectively agreed - point by point – to a series of Protocols presented by our Chancellor, with the caveat that they would be subject to agreement by governing bodies. Subsequent decisions by Sydney University Senate and other governing bodies have been at major variance with the collective Chancellors' Protocols', particularly with respect to their less democratic proposals. (However, Sydney University Senate was not provided with the Adelaide decisions or the final Chancellors' document) Therefore, what was the point of securing such detailed agreement by state and national Chancellors to the

original Protocols? To whom have the original State and Federal Chancellors' 'Protocols' Agreements been provided, and is it possible that they will have been provided to political or public service components of State or Federal Government/Parliament? Did the Chancellors provide copies of any of their collectively agreed 'Protocols' to NSW and national Vice-Chancellors' committees? Without limiting the generality of the foregoing, has any support secretariat to either the Chancellors or Vice-Chancellors communicated the contents of these documents to any Government/political entity? If so, to whom and with what purpose?

Have the Federal and State Governments and Parliaments/relevant committees been explicitly informed by the University secretariat of those decisions (with reasoning) of October Senate (particularly with respect to size of governing body, non-limited terms for elected members, the retention of the existing elected base of Senate, and the much restricted basis for removing a senate fellow) which are in specific conflict with proposed Government legislation and some suggested Protocols?

8. Report of the Finance Committee, 15 October 2003 (items for noting) Appendix F
(Mr David Hoare)

Recommendation

That Senate note the report on the following items:

- 8.1 CDP-IT Program Plan Review 2003 and Proposed Budget Arrangements to 2008 (page F1)
- 8.2 Capital Development Program Update
 - 8.2.1 Summary of Monthly Works Report for the period ending 30 September 2003 (page F1)
- 8.3 Campus 2010 and Building for the Future Design Competition (page F1)
- 8.4 CFO's Report
 - 8.4.1 Financial Management Report (page F1)
 - 8.4.2 Operational Improvements Project (page F3)
- 8.5 Any Other Business
 - 8.5.1 Senate Retreat, February 2004 (page F3)

9. Report of the Academic Board, 15 October 2003 (items for noting) Appendix G
(Professor Judyth Sachs)

Recommendation

That Senate note the report on the following items:

- 9.1 Report of the Chair
 - 9.1.1 Admission to the University (page G1)
 - 9.1.2 Semester and vacation dates (page G1)
 - 9.1.3 Academic Board Resolutions: Admission to Undergraduate Courses (page G1)
 - 9.1.4 Postgraduate English Language Requirements (page G2)
 - 9.1.5 Academic Board Resolutions: Academic Honesty in Coursework (page G2)
 - 9.1.6 Academic Board Faculty Review Visits: Phase One (page G2)
 - 9.1.7 Academic Board Faculty Review Visits: Phase Two (page G2)
 - 9.1.8 Promotion of Academic Staff from Level B to Level C (page G3)
 - 9.1.9 Presentations from the Deans and Pro Vice-Chancellors (College) (page G3)
 - 9.1.10 Report of the Australian Graduate School of Management (AGSM) Academic Board (page G3)

10. Report of the Senate/SRC Liaison Committee, 13 October 2003 (items for noting)
(The Deputy Chancellor)

Appendix H

Recommendation

That Senate note the report of the discussion on the following items:

- 10.1 Welcome and apologies (page H1)
- 10.2 Business arising from the previous report
 - 10.2.1 English language skill support (page H1)
- 10.3 Course/Ancillary Fees (page H1)
- 10.4 Cumberland Security Audit (page H1)
- 10.5 Anonymous marking (page H2)
- 10.6 Commercial Plagiarism Detection Software - 'Turnitin .com' (page H2)
- 10.7 Unsatisfactory Progress Exclusion Appeals - Nursing Faculty (page H3)
- 10.8 Overseas Fee paying students converting to HECS places (page H3)
- 10.9 Higher Education Workplace Relations Requirements (page H3)
- 10.10 2004 meeting dates (page H4)
- 10.11 Questions by Fellows for the SRC (page H4)
- 10.12 Any other business (page H4)

11. Report of the Senate/SUPRA Liaison Committee, 14 October 2003 (items for noting)

(The Deputy Chancellor)

Appendix I

Recommendation

That Senate note the report of the discussion on the following items:

- 11.1 Welcome and apologies (page I1)
- 11.2 Business arising from the previous report
 - 11.2.1 Signage (page I1)
- 11.3 Report of the Dean of Graduate Studies (pages I1, I5-8)
- 11.4 Marketing and Promotional Practices at the University of Sydney (page I2)
- 11.5 Access to the Library for research students who have submitted their thesis (page I2)
- 11.6 Review of Copyright Amendment (Digital Agenda) Act 2000 /Sony and others v University of Tasmania and others (page I3)
- 11.7 Provision of completion Scholarships for Research students (page I3)
- 11.8 2004 meeting dates (page I3)
- 11.9 Any other business
 - 11.9.1 Trust (page I3)
 - 11.9.2 SUPRA President (page I4)

12. General items (items for noting)

- 12.1 Graduation ceremonies (November/December 2003)

Appendix J
(pages J1, J2)

Recommendation

That Senate note the report.

- 12.2 Notice of appointments by Senate on 1 December 2003

(page J1)

Recommendation

That Senate note the report.

- ☆ 13. Any other business
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PART 3 – CONFIDENTIAL ITEMS

- ☆ 14. Confidential items

Appendices K & L

PART 4 – BACKGROUND AND OPTIONAL READING

15. Finance Committee meeting, 15 October 2003 – Minutes and papers

Appendix M