



# The University of Sydney

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## Senate agenda, 17 September 2007

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### NOTICE OF MEETING

An ordinary meeting of the Senate of the University will be held at **5.00pm** on **Monday 17 September 2007** in the Senate Room. The agenda for the meeting is set out overleaf.

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

Confidential items, for Fellows of Senate and Senior Officers only, are dealt with as the first items on the agenda. Members of the public are invited to be present for all other non-confidential items.

It is estimated that the confidential session will last for 1 hour.

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Dr W G Adams  
**Registrar**

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## AGENDA

### IN OPEN SESSION:

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#### Highlighted Items

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- ☆ 3. **Focus topic: Role and function of the Academic Board** **Appendix C**  
(Professor Bruce Sutton; estimated time allocation: 30 minutes) *to be forwarded under separate cover*
- Recommendation**  
That Senate note the presentation.
- ☆ 4. **Report of the Vice-Chancellor and Principal** **Appendix D**
- 4.1 **Update for Senate's information** **D1**  
(Estimated time allocation: 5 minutes)
- Recommendation**  
That Senate note the update.
- For discussion**
- 4.2 **Workplace Productivity Grant** **D1**
- Recommendation**  
That Senate note the report that the University has been awarded a Workplace Productivity Grant of \$2,918,000 for the design, development and implementation of a performance aligned total remuneration reward programme.
- 4.3 **Establishment of School of Social and Political Studies** **D1**
- Recommendation**  
That Senate approve the naming of the new School to be located in the Faculty of Arts as the "School of Social and Political Sciences".
- For noting**
- 4.4 **International** **D2**
- Recommendation**  
That Senate note the report.
- 4.5 **Community** **D3**
- Recommendation**  
That Senate note the report.
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#### Standard items

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5. **Senate business** **Appendix E**
- For action**
- 5.1 **Apologies for absence** **E1**
- Recommendation**  
That Senate accept apologies for absence from this meeting from Dr R Bohringer.

- 5.2 **Minutes of the previous Senate meeting, 6 August 2007** E1, 3-15

**Recommendation**

*That Senate confirm the minutes of the Senate meeting held in open session on 6 August 2007 as a true and correct record.*

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



- 5.4 **Welcome to the Hon John Aquilina MP** E1, 16

**Recommendation**

*That Senate welcome the Hon John Aquilina as a Fellow of Senate.*

- 5.5 **2008 Schedule of Senate meetings** E1

**Recommendation**

*That Senate approve the following 2008 schedule of Senate meetings:*

*4 February 2008  
17 March 2008  
5 May 2008  
16 June 2008  
4 August 2008  
15 September 2008  
3 November 2008  
1 December 2008*



- 5.6 **Induction program for new Fellows of Senate** E1  
*(Dr M Varady; estimated time allocation: 10 minutes)* Sep. Encl. for Fellows

**Recommendation**

*For consideration*

**For noting**

- 5.7 **Senate representation** E2, 17

**Recommendation**

*That Senate note the report.*

6. **Report of the Academic Board, 29 August 2007** **Appendix F**  
*(Chair: Professor Bruce Sutton)*

**For action**

- 6.1 **Amendment of the *University of Sydney (Academic Governance) Rule 2003* as amended** F1, 11-14

**Recommendation**

*That Senate approve the amendments to:*

- (a) the University of Sydney (Academic Governance) Rule 2003 (as amended) relating to student membership, with immediate effect;*
- (b) the Resolutions of Senate relating to the Student Membership of the Faculties, College Board and Boards of Studies, with immediate effect; and*
- (c) the University of Sydney (Academic Governance) Rule 2003 (as amended) relating to terms of membership, with effect from 1 January 2008 as set out on pages F11-14 of the report presented.*

**6.2 Amendment of the Resolutions of the Senate**

**6.2.1 Faculty of Architecture, Design and Planning**

**(1) Student Membership of the Faculties, College Boards and Boards of Studies**

F1, 14

**Recommendation**

*That Senate amend the Resolutions of the Senate relating to the Student Membership of the Faculty of Architecture, Design and Planning, with immediate effect, as set out on page F14 of the report presented.*

**(2) Master of Architecture (Architectural Design), Graduate Diploma in Architecture (Architectural Design), Graduate Certificate in Architecture (Architectural Design), Master of Architectural History, Theory and Criticism, Graduate Diploma in Architectural History, Theory and Criticism, Graduate Certificate in Architectural History, Theory and Criticism, Master of Urban Design (Architectural and Urban Design)**

F2, 15

**Recommendation**

*That Senate*

(a) *endorse the Academic Board's approval of the proposal from the Faculty of Architecture, Design and Planning to rename existing streams in the Master of Architecture (stream), Graduate Diploma in Architecture (stream) and Graduate Certificate in Architecture (stream) to become the Master of Architecture (Architectural Design), Graduate Diploma in Architecture (Architectural Design), Graduate Certificate in Architecture (Architectural Design), Master of Architectural History, Theory and Criticism, Graduate Diploma in Architectural History, Theory and Criticism, Graduate Certificate in Architectural History, Theory and Criticism, Master of Urban Design (Architectural and Urban Design); and*

(b) *approve the amendment of the Resolutions of Senate relating to the Degrees, Diplomas and Certificates in the Faculty of Architecture, Design and Planning and relating to the courses*

*with effect from 1 January 2008, as set out on page F15 of the report presented.*

**6.2.2 Faculty of Arts**

**(1) Transfer of Courses from the Faculty of Economics and Business**

F2, 16-24

**Recommendation**

*That Senate:*

(a) *endorse the Academic Board's approval of the proposal to transfer the Bachelor of Economic and Social Sciences, Bachelor of International Studies, Bachelor of Economic and Social Sciences/Bachelor of Laws, Bachelor of International Studies/Bachelor of Laws, the Master of Economics (Social Sciences), Master of Economics (Social Sciences) in Australian Political Economy, Master of International Studies, Master of Public Affairs, Master of Public Policy, Graduate Diploma in Economics (Social Sciences) in Australian Political Economy, Graduate Diploma in International Studies, Graduate Diploma in Public Affairs, Graduate Diploma in Public Policy, Graduate Certificate in Economics (Social Sciences) in Australian Political Economy, Graduate Certificate in International Studies, Graduate Certificate in Public Affairs and Graduate Certificate in Public Policy, from the Faculty of Economics and Business to the Faculty of Arts; and*

- (b) *approve the amendment of the Senate Resolutions relating to the Degrees, Diplomas and Certificates in the Faculty of Arts, the Degrees, Diplomas and Certificates in the Faculty of Economics and Business, and relating to the courses with effect from 1 January 2008, as set out on pages F16-24 of the report presented.*

**(2) Undergraduate Courses – Amendment to Majors**

F4

**Recommendation**

*That Senate endorse the Academic Board's approval of the proposal from the Faculty of Arts to transfer two majors from the Faculty of Economics and Business to the Faculty of Arts, and amend two existing majors in the Faculty of Arts, with effect from 1 January 2008.*

**6.2.3 Faculty of Economics and Business**

**(1) Bachelor of International Studies (Major in Human Geography)**

F4, 20

**Recommendation**

*That Senate:*

- (a) *endorse the Academic Board's approval of the proposal from the Faculty of Economics and Business to introduce a major in Human Geography in the Bachelor of International Studies degree; and*
- (b) *approve amendments to the Resolutions of Senate relating to the course*  
*with effect from 1 January 2008, as set out on page F20 of the report presented.*

**(2) Postgraduate Degrees, Diplomas and Certificates**

F4, 25-30

**Recommendation**

*That Senate approve the amendment of the existing Resolutions of Senate relating to the postgraduate degrees, diplomas and certificates in the Faculty of Economics and Business with effect from 1 January 2008, as set out on pages F25-30 of the report presented.*

**6.2.4 Faculty of Engineering and Information Technologies**

**(1) Master of Engineering**

F5, 31-33

**Recommendation**

*That Senate:*

- (a) *endorse the Academic Board's approval of the proposal from the Faculty of Engineering and Information Technologies to rename the Master of Engineering Studies to become the Master of Engineering and introduce the new stream of Power Engineering;*
- (b) *approve the amendment of the Resolutions of the Senate relating to Degrees, Diplomas and Certificates in the Faculty of Engineering and Information Technologies, and*
- (c) *approve the new Resolutions of Senate relating to the course*  
*with effect from 1 January 2008, as set out on pages F31-33 of the report presented.*

**(2) Master of Philosophy**

F6, 31-32 and 34-35

**Recommendation**

*That Senate:*

- (a) *endorse the Academic Board's approval of the proposal from the Faculty of Engineering and Information Technologies to introduce the Master of Philosophy and delete the Master of Engineering (Research);*

- (b) approve the amendment of the Resolutions of the Senate relating to Degrees, Diplomas and Certificates in the Faculty of Engineering and Information Technologies,
  - (c) approve the rescission of the Resolutions of Senate relating to the Master of Engineering (Research); and
  - (d) approve the new Resolutions of Senate relating to the Master of Philosophy
- with effect from 1 January 2008, as set out on pages F31-32 and F34-35 of the report presented.

**(3) Transfer of Courses from the Faculty of Science** F6, 31-32 and 36-38

**Recommendation**

That Senate:

- (a) endorse the Academic Board's approval of the proposal from the Faculty of Engineering and Information Technologies to transfer the Master of Information Technology, Master of Information Technology Management, Master of Applied Information Technology, Graduate Diploma in Information Technology, Graduate Diploma in Information Technology Management, Graduate Diploma in Applied Information Technology, Graduate Diploma in Computing, Graduate Certificate in Information Technology, Graduate Certificate in Information Technology Management and Graduate Certificate in Applied Information Technology, from the Faculty of Science to the Faculty of Engineering and Information Technologies; and
  - (b) approve the amendment of the Resolutions of the Senate relating to Degrees, Diplomas and Certificates in the Faculty of Engineering and Information Technologies, the Degrees, Diplomas and Certificates in the Faculty of Science and relating to these courses
- with effect from 1 January 2008, as set out on pages F31-32 and F36-38 of the report presented.

**6.1.4 Faculty of Law: Doctor of Juridical Studies** F7, 39-41

**Recommendation**

That Senate:

- (a) endorse the Academic Board's approval of the proposal from the Faculty of Law to replace the existing Resolutions of Senate relating to the Doctor of Juridical Studies with Faculty Resolutions; and
  - (b) approve the rescission of the existing Resolutions of Senate relating to the course; and
  - (c) approve the new Resolutions of Senate relating to the course
- with effect from 1 January 2008, as set out on pages F39-41 of the report presented.

**6.2.5 Faculty of Pharmacy: Master of Herbal Medicines, Graduate Diploma in Herbal Medicines and Graduate Certificate in Herbal Medicines** F8, 42-48

**Recommendation**

That Senate:

- (a) endorse the Academic Board's approval of the proposal from the Faculty of Pharmacy to replace the existing Resolutions of Senate relating to the Master of Herbal Medicines, Graduate Diploma in Herbal Medicines and Graduate Certificate in Herbal Medicine with Faculty Resolutions developed in compliance with the University of Sydney (Coursework) Rule 2000 as amended;
  - (b) approve the rescission of the existing Resolutions of Senate relating to these courses; and
  - (c) approve the new Resolutions of Senate relating to these courses
- with effect from 1 January 2008, as set out on pages F42-48 of the report presented.

**6.2.6 Faculty of Science: Conversion of Senate Resolutions to Faculty Resolutions** F8, 49-62

**Recommendation**

That Senate:

- (a) endorse the Academic Board's approval of the proposal from the Faculty of Science to replace the existing Resolutions of Senate relating to the Master of Science, Master of Science (Microscopy and Microanalysis), Master of Applied Science, Graduate Diploma in Nutrition and Dietetics, Master of Environmental Science and Law, Master of Medical Physics, Graduate Diploma in Medical Physics, Doctor of Clinical Psychology/Master of Science, Graduate Diploma in Science, Graduate Diploma in Science (Microscopy and Microanalysis), Graduate Diploma in Psychology, Graduate Certificate in Science (History and Philosophy of Science) and Graduate Certificate in Science (Microscopy and Microanalysis) with Faculty Resolutions developed in compliance with the University of Sydney (Coursework) Rule 2000 as amended;
- (b) approve the rescission of the existing Resolutions of Senate relating to these courses; and
- (c) approve the new Resolutions of Senate relating to these courses with effect from 1 January 2008, as set out on pages F49-62 of the report presented.

**For noting**

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| <b>6.3</b> | <b>Minor course amendments</b> | F9  |
| <b>6.4</b> | <b>Amendments to policies</b>  | F9  |
| <b>6.5</b> | <b>Other matters</b>           | F10 |

**Recommendation**

That Senate note items 6.3 to 6.5 of the report of the Academic Board.

**7. Report of the Audit and Risk Management Committee, 2 August 2007**

(Chair: Mr Alan Cameron)

**Appendix G**

**For noting**

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| <b>7.1</b> | <b>Chief Operating Officer &amp; DVC's Report</b>                | G1 |
| <b>7.2</b> | <b>2006 Annual Financial Report</b>                              | G1 |
| <b>7.3</b> | <b>2007 Annual Financial Report Proposed Timelines</b>           | G1 |
| <b>7.4</b> | <b>Audit and Risk Management Report</b>                          | G2 |
| <b>7.5</b> | <b>Capability Report</b>   | G2 |
| <b>7.6</b> | <b>Australian Postgraduate Awards Process</b>                    | G2 |
| <b>7.7</b> | <b>Foundations, Centres &amp; Institutes 2006 Annual Reports</b> | G2 |
| <b>7.8</b> | <b>Next Meeting</b>  | G2 |

**Recommendation**

That Senate note the report of the Audit and Risk Management Committee.

**8. Report of the Finance and Infrastructure Committee, 23 August 2007**

(Chair: Mr Alec Brennan)

**Appendix H**

**For action**

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| <b>8.1</b> | <b>Restructure of the Finance and Infrastructure Committee</b> | H2 |
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**Recommendation**

That Senate approve:

- (a) the revised Finance and Infrastructure Committee Constitution for external members set out below (deletion struck through, addition underlined):

~~Two external members, with appropriate professional expertise and experience, appointed by Senate on the nomination of the Chair of the Finance and Infrastructure Committee with appropriate consultation for up to two years. Four external members, two with appropriate professional expertise and experience in finance and two with appropriate professional expertise and experience in infrastructure, appointed by Senate on the nomination of the Chair of the Finance and Infrastructure Committee with appropriate consultation for up to two years.~~

- (b) the appointment of the following external members for a two year term of office, from 17 September 2007 to the Senate meeting in September 2009:
- Ms Meredith Scott, Partner Ernst & Young [Second term of office]  
- Finance
  - Mr Michael Cameron, CFO St George Bank  
- Finance
  - Ms Jennifer Westacott, Partner KPMG  
- Infrastructure
  - Mr Brendan Crotty, retired CEO Australand  
- Infrastructure

**For noting**

8.2	Vice-Chancellor's Report: Update on Current Issues	H2
8.3	Chief Operating Officer and DVC's Report	H2, 3-4
8.4	Spotlight on Campus Infrastructure and Services	H2
8.5	Spotlight on Sydnovate	H2
8.6	Any Other Business	H2

**Recommendation**

That Senate note the report of the Finance and Infrastructure Committee.

**9. Report of the Investment and Commercialisation Committee, 22 August 2007** **Appendix I**  
(Chair: Mr Joseph Skrzynski)

**For action**

9.1	Investment and Commercialisation Committee: Membership	11
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**Recommendation**

That Senate approves the appointment of Mr Chris Condon as external member of the Investment and Commercialisation Committee for a two year term of office, from 17 September 2007 to the Senate meeting in September 2009.

**For noting**

9.2	Investment Systems - Update	11
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9.18	Lone Pine Hotel Land & Buildings, Penang Malaysia	13
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9.20	Commercial Property	13

- 9.21 Brain and Mind Research Hospital I3  
9.22 Operating Reserves I3

**Recommendation**

*That Senate note the report of the Investment and Commercialisation Committee.*

10. **Report of the Senate/Sports Liaison Committee, 22 August 2007** **Appendix J**  
(Chair: Mr John McCarthy) *to be forwarded under separate cover*

**For noting**

- 10.1 Sport Knowledge Australia J1  
10.2 Report to Senate of the previous meeting of the Senate/Sports Liaison Committee J2  
10.3 Business arising from the report  
10.3.1 Invitation to the Chancellor to attend a meeting J2  
10.3.2 Sports scholarships J2  
10.4 SU Sport report J3  
10.5 Next meeting J3  
10.6 Any other business J3

**Recommendation**

*That Senate note the report of the Senate/Sports Liaison Committee.*

11. **General business** **Appendix K**

**For action**

- 11.1 Warren Centre for Advanced Engineering K1

**Recommendation**

*That Senate confirm the appointments as Governor of the Board of The Warren Centre for Advanced Engineering.*

**For noting**

- 11.2 Graduation ceremonies (October 2007) K1, 2

**Recommendation**

*That Senate note the report.*

- ★ 12. **Question time** **Appendix L**  
(Estimated time allocation: 15 minutes)

- 12.1 **Questions raised by Dr R Fitzsimons at the previous meeting** L1

Noting that the Vice-Chancellor had just informed Senate that the most recent figures showed a 20% increase in the number of incoming international students, Dr Fitzsimons asked whether he and the Deputy Vice-Chancellor (International) could inform Senate about the 'spread of sources' of these students, and whether or not the increase helped the University to diversify its sources of students rather than adding to an existing concentration of students from one or a few principal sources.

Dr Fitzsimons also asked about the academic quality of the international students, and how students from the People's Republic of China (PCR) had fared in their national university exams in comparison with PRC students leaving to study at other major Australian and overseas universities, as Hong Kong was claiming to be receiving the best students, and the University of Sydney wished to make sure that ours were coming from the upper echelons of school performers.

- 12.2 **Notice of questions given by Dr R Fitzsimons** L2

Given the University's rightful status as a forum for controversial ideas of global strategic consequence, the intention that the main campus should increasingly be regarded as a logical venue for high-profile visiting speakers, and also events fo

March 2006 – have the University and its architects liaised with Australian federal Police and relevant sensitive Embassies to ensure that, as far as is reasonably possible, the major lecture theatre(s) within the new Law School are likely to satisfy security requirements for visiting dignitaries, and that the designs are microfinessed' accordingly? In this regard, are they also able to determine whether there is anything structural which can be properly done to ensure optimal security for visitors to the Great Hall and the MacLaurin Hall – which are, within Australian context, uniquely attractive venues?

★ 13. **Any other business**