



The University of Sydney

Senate agenda, 4 February 2008

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NOTICE OF MEETING

An ordinary meeting of the Senate of the University will be held at **5.00pm** on **Monday 4 February 2008** in the Senate Room. The agenda for the meeting is set out overleaf.

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 one hour.

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

AGENDA

IN OPEN SESSION:

Highlighted Items

- ☆ 3. **Report of the Vice-Chancellor and Principal** **Appendix C**
- 3.1 **Update for Senate's information**
(Estimated time allocation: 5 minutes)
- Recommendation**
That Senate note the update.
- For discussion**
- 3.2 **Sydney Peace Foundation** C1, 9-19
- Recommendation**
That Senate adopt the Rules, set out in the report presented, in respect of the Sydney Peace Foundation, to take effect on 1 March 2008.
- 3.3 **Warren Centre for Advanced Engineering** C1, 20-44
- Recommendation**
That Senate approve
- (i) the incorporation of the Warren Centre for Advanced Engineering as a company limited by guarantee in accordance with the Constitution set out in the report presented ; and
- (ii) that the Vice-Chancellor be authorised to execute the Deed poll set out in the report presented.
- 3.4 **Legal Assistance** C2, 45-52
- Recommendation**
That Senate adopt the policy on set out in the report presented.
- 3.5 **Law Extension Committee** C3
- Recommendation**
That Senate nominate Dr Margaret Edmond, Acting Director, Student Administration and Services, to replace Mr Rod Tindall on the Law Extension Committee for the remainder of the current term to 30 November 2008, and thank Mr Tindall for his many years of service to the Law Extension Committee.
- 3.6 **Award Ad Eundem Gradum** C3
- Recommendation**
That Senate
- (i) admit Ms Meg Pickup, retired member of the Academic Staff, to the degree of Master of Science ad eundem gradum; and
- (ii) admit Mr Frank Taeker, retired member of the General Staff, to the degree of Bachelor of Science ad eundem gradum:
- For noting**
- 3.7 **International** C4
- Recommendation**
That Senate note the report.

3.8 Community

C5

Recommendation

That Senate note the report.

Standard items

4. Senate business

Appendix D

4.1 Apologies for absence

Recommendation

That Senate accept apologies for absence from this meeting from Dr M Copeman.

4.2 Minutes of the previous Senate meeting, 3 December 2007

D1, 6-12

Recommendation

That Senate confirm the minutes of the Senate meeting held in open session on 3 December 2007 as a true and correct record.

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

4.4 Mr Joseph Skrzynski AO: Australia Day honour

D1

Recommendation

That Senate congratulate Mr Joseph Skrzynski on being made an Officer of the Order of Australia in the Australia Day honours.

4.5 Election of Chairs of the Audit and Risk Management Committee, Finance and Infrastructure Committee and Investment and Commercialisation Committee

D1

Recommendation

That Senate note the report and congratulate Mr A Cameron, Mr A Brennan and Mr J Skrzynski on their re-election as Chairs of the Audit and Risk Management, Finance and Infrastructure, and Investment and Commercialisation Committees respectively for a second two year term of office from 4 February 2008 to the Senate meeting in February 2010.

4.6 Election of members of Senate committees

D2

★ **4.6.1 Advisory Committee for Honorary Awards (6 elected members)**

(Estimated time allocation: 5 minutes)

Recommendation

That Senate elect six Fellows to membership of the Advisory Committee for Honorary Awards for a two year term of office from 4 February 2008 to the Senate meeting in February 2010, or for so long as in office if shorter.

★ **4.6.2 Chair Appointments Committee (5 elected members)**

(Estimated time allocation: 5 minutes)

Recommendation

That Senate elect five Fellows to membership of the Chair Appointments Committee for a two year term of office from 4 February 2008 to the Senate meeting in February 2010, or for so long as in office if shorter.

4.6.3 Senate/Sports Liaison Committee (not less than 3 elected members)

Recommendation

That Senate note that the Registrar has declared Mr J McCarthy and Professor I Ramzan elected to membership of the Senate/Sports Liaison Committee for a two year term of office from 4 February 2008 to the Senate meeting in February 2010, or for so long as in office if shorter, and congratulate them on their re-election.

4.7 Appointment of members of Senate committees

D3

4.7.1 Remuneration and Benefits Committee (2 appointed members)

Recommendation

That Senate appoint Mr Ian Johnson and the Hon John Aquilina to membership of the Remuneration and Benefits Committee for a two year term of office concluding at the Senate meeting in February 2010.

4.7.2 Senate/Sports Liaison Committee (3 appointed members)

Recommendation

That Senate reappoint Mr John Boulton, Mr David Hynes and Ms Ann Titterton to membership of the Senate/Sports Liaison Committee for a two year term of office concluding at the Senate meeting in February 2010, subject to their agreement to being so appointed:

For noting

4.8 Honorary award acceptances

D3

Recommendation

That Senate note that the following have accepted Senate's invitation to receive an honorary award in 2008:

- Mr David Anstice - Honorary Fellow
- The Hon Justice Margaret Beazley AO - Honorary LLD
- Mr Christopher Lloyd Bowen - Honorary Fellow
- Father Arthur Bridge AM - Honorary DMus
- Dr Barry R Catchlove - Honorary Fellow
- Mr W Peter Coleman - Honorary DLitt
- The Hon Gareth Evans AO QC - Honorary LLD
- Mr Paul Fensom - Honorary Fellow
- Professor John Hopcroft - Honorary DEng
- Mr Wayne R Lonergan - Honorary DScEcon
- Emeritus Professor Edward McWhinney QC - Honorary Fellow
- Mr Robert E Purves - Honorary Fellow
- Dr Gene Sherman - Honorary DLitt
- Ms Jane Spring - Honorary Fellow
- Mr Jeremy Steele - Honorary Fellow
- Dr Bruce Stillman AO - Honorary DSc
- Mr Kenneth Turner - Honorary DLitt
- Mr Ken Unsworth AM - Honorary DVisArts

4.9 Senate Retreat

D4

Recommendation

That Senate note that the Senate Retreat will be held on Sunday 24 February 2008.

4.10 Next meeting

D5

Recommendation

That Senate note that the next Senate meeting will be held at 5.00pm on Monday 17 March 2008 in the Senate Room, Quadrangle.

5. Report of the Academic Board, 12 December 2007 **Appendix E**
(Chair: Professor Bruce Sutton)

For action

- 5.1 Amendment of the Resolutions of the Senate** **E1, 3**
5.1.1 Board of Studies in Indigenous Studies: Constitution

Recommendation

That Senate amend the Resolutions of the Senate relating to the Constitution of the Board of Studies in Indigenous Studies, with effect from 1 January 2008, as set out on page E3 of the report presented.

- 5.1.2 Faculty of Education and Social Work: Constitution** **E1, 4**

Recommendation

That Senate amend the Resolutions of the Senate relating to the Constitution of the Faculty of Education and Social Work, with effect from 1 January 2008, as set out on page E4 of the report presented.

- 5.1.3 Faculty of Science: Constitution** **E1, 5**

Recommendation

That Senate amend the Resolutions of the Senate relating to the Constitution of the Faculty of Science, with effect from 1 January 2008, as set out on page E5 of the report presented.

For noting

- 5.2 Other items** **E2**

Recommendation

That Senate note item 5.2 of the report.

6. Report of the Audit and Risk Management Committee, 27 November 2007 **Appendix F**
(Chair: Mr Alan Cameron)

For noting

- 6.1 Apologies and Welcome** **F1**
6.2 Unconfirmed Open Minutes of the Meeting held on 2 August 2007 **F1**
6.3 Vice-Chancellor's Report **F1**
6.4 Chief Operating Officer & DVC's Report **F1**
6.4.1 Financial Report for October 2007
6.4.2 VSU Update
6.4.3 Campus Security Review Update
6.5 2006 Annual Financial Report **F1**
6.5.1 Audit Office Management Letter Significant Issues: Action Progress Report
6.6 2007 Annual Financial Report **F2**
6.6.1 Research Grant Information Presentation Working Group Update
6.6.2 2007 Year End Timetable
6.6.3 Auditor-General's Annual Client Service Plan for 2007 Year End
6.7 Audit and Risk Management Report **F3**
6.7.1 Audit and Investigation Activity Status Report
6.7.2 2008 Audit and Risk Management Plan
6.7.3 Risk Management Framework Report
6.7.4 Insurance Program Renewal Update
6.7.5 Business Continuity Strategy (Plan) Update
6.7.6 Risk Assessment of CRC's Update
6.7.7 ASX Corporate Governance Principles – University Perspective
6.8 Capability Report **F3**
6.8.1 Superannuation Funding Shortfall Report
6.8.2 Paid Outside Work for Academics Update

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| 6.8.3 | OH&S Update | |
| 6.9 | Foundations, Centres and Institutes Update | F3 |
| 6.10 | Foundations, Centres & Institutes 2006 Annual Reports | F3 |
| 6.11 | Next Meeting | F4 |

Recommendation

That Senate note the report.

7. General business **Appendix G**

For action

- ★ 7.1 **Esquire Bedell** G1
(Registrar; *estimated time allocation: 10 minutes*)

Recommendation

For discussion

- 7.2 **University of Sydney Union - Proposed reporting to Senate by Directors appointed by Senate** G1

Recommendation

That Senate resolve as recommended.

- 7.3 **Report of the Board of the Warren Centre for Advanced Engineering** G1

Recommendation

That Senate approve:

- (a) *the appointment of Dr Stephen Farrugia as Governor of the Warren Centre for Advanced Engineering from 6 December 2007;*
- (b) *the re-appointment of Mr Denis White and Dr Martin Poole as Directors of the Warren Centre for Advanced Engineering for a further two year term from 28 February 2008; and*
- (c) *the appointment of Professor Emeritus Rolf Prince AO and Professor Emeritus Bob Bilger as honorary Governors of the Warren Centre for Advanced Engineering for a three year term from 6 December 2007.*

For noting

- 7.4 **Graduation ceremonies (March 2008)** G2, 3

Recommendation

That Senate note the report.

★ **8. Notice of motion**
(*Estimated time allocation: 15 minutes*)

8.1 Notice of motion by Dr R Fitzsimons

Dr Fitzsimons has given notice that she intends to move that Senate resolve in the following terms:

- (1) that Senate resumes the practice whereby reports from the Finance, Audit, and Investment Committees, and from the Academic Board, are routinely starred, so that the respective Chairs (or in their absence, another relevant member of the Committee or Board) can update Senate and bring to its attention any matters on which it ought properly be concerned, as well as matters on which a Senate decision is required. The associated written material should normally include 'unstarred' as well as the starred material, on the same principle as Senate papers generally.
- (2) that Senate consider what would be the appropriate form of governance and reporting requirements in relation to the masterplan for Campus 2020

development - as between Senate/administration/staff/student/alumni and other external members of any planning body.

★ **9. Question time**
(Estimated time allocation: 15 minutes)

★ **10. Any other business**