



The University of Sydney

Senate agenda, 1 December 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 1 December 2008** in **Conference Rooms 1 and 2 at the Darlington Centre, City Road.**

PLEASE NOTE THE CHANGED VENUE.

The agenda for the meeting is set out overleaf.

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

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 2 hours.

Dr W Adams
Secretary to Senate

AGENDA

IN OPEN SESSION:

2. Apologies for absence

Recommendation

That Senate accept apologies for absence from this meeting.

3. Minutes of the previous Senate meeting held in open session on 3 November 2008 and the adjourned meeting on 25 November 2008

Appendix B

Recommendation

That Senate confirm the minutes of the Senate meeting held in open session on 3 November 2008 and the adjourned meeting held in open session on 25 November 2008 as a true and correct record.

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

5. Report of the Vice-Chancellor and Principal

Appendix C

★ 5.1 Update for Senate's information

Recommendation

That Senate note the update.

For discussion

5.2 Vice-Chancellor's and Provost's Business

C1-5, 18-19

★ 5.2.1 Work Slate Update

5.2.2 Senior Management Forum

★ 5.2.3 Senate Retreat

Recommendation

That Senate hold its Annual Retreat in 2009 in July and establish an ad hoc agenda committee to determine the components of an agenda which fully addresses Senate concerns and responsibilities at that critical time. I propose that the Committee should consist of the Deputy Chancellor, Mr Cameron, Ms Wilson, Mr Aquilina, Ms Varady and me.

★ 5.2.4 Indigenous Signage and Recognition

Recommendation

For consideration

5.2.5 Law Extension Committee

Recommendation

That Senate approve the appointment of the following membership of the Law Extension Committee for a period of two years from 1 December 2008:

Members ex-officio:

- Chancellor

- Deputy Chancellor
- Vice-Chancellor and Principal
- Dean, Faculty of Law

Three members of the Faculty of Law appointed by Senate on the nomination of the Faculty:

- Mr Ross Anderson
- Ms Mikko Kumar
- Dr Gregory Tolhurst

A judge appointed by Senate on the nomination of the Chief Justice of New South Wales:

- Justice Paul Brereton

Two barristers appointed by Senate on the nomination of the New South Wales Bar Association:

- Ms Janet Oakley
- Mr Anthony J O'Brien

Two solicitors appointed by Senate on the nomination of the Law Society of New South Wales:

- tba (to be considered by the Law Society on 27 November)

Four persons appointed by Senate:

- Professor Derrick Armstrong
- Dr Margaret Edmond*
- Mrs Daphne Kok
- Professor Ann Brewer

5.2.6 Academic Reform Process

5.2.7 University of Sydney Institute for Sustainable Solutions

5.2.8 Task Force on Academic Staff Progression and Development (WS HR2)

5.2.9 Support for Deans, Heads of School and other senior academic managers (WS HR3)

5.3	Research	C5-6
	5.3.1 Education Investment Fund (formerly HEEF) Update	
	5.3.2 Update on new NHMRC Funding for 2009	
	5.3.3 Update on new ARC Funding for 2009	
5.4	Education	C6-7
	5.4.1 Future Student Administration Program (WS A1)	
	5.4.2 Indigenous Education Review (WS E4)	
	5.4.3 Innovation in Speech Pathology Education	
5.5	Finance, Infrastructure and ICT	C7-10
	5.5.1 Professional Services Operating Plans	
	5.5.2 Financial Performance, 2009 Budget and Staff Consultations	
	5.5.3 Information and Communication Technology	
	5.5.4 Triple Bottom Line Reporting	
	5.5.5 Campus Infrastructure and Services	
5.6	International	C10-13
	5.6.1 International Institute	
	5.6.2 International Student Office	
	5.6.3 Research Institute for Asia and the Pacific	
5.7	External Relations	C13-17
	★ 5.7.1 Brand Project Presentation (WS I&ER1)	
	5.7.2 Year to Date Financial Performance	
	5.7.3 Major Alumni Events Attended by the Chancellor and/or Vice-Chancellor	
	5.7.4 Highlight on University Museums	

5.8 Human Resources

C17

5.8.1 Selection Committee for the Dean, Faculty of Arts

Recommendation

That Senate appoint the following selection committee:

Ex-officio

*Vice-Chancellor and Principal (Professor Gavin Brown)
Chair of the Academic Board (nominee) Professor Robyn Norton
Provost and Deputy Vice-Chancellor, Professor Don Nutbeam*

Members appointed by Senate

Three members (plus reserve) nominated by the Faculty:

- *Professor Richard Waterhouse*
- *Associate Professor Anne Dunn*
- *Professor Graeme J Gill*

Reserve members:

- *Professor Moira Gatens (Reserve)*
- *Professor Geraldine Barnes (Reserve)*

External member:

- *Professor Stuart Macintyre, President, Academy of Social Sciences in Australia*

Reserve External member:

- *Professor Graeme Turner, Professor of Media, University of Queensland (former President, Australian Academy of the Humanities)*

5.8.2 Staff Honours

5.9 Faculty Business

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Recommendation

That Senate note the items in the Vice-Chancellor's report, unless they recommend otherwise.



6. Budget 2009

(Vice-Chancellor)

Appendix D

For action

6.1	2009 Operating Budget and Plan	D1
6.2	Information Communication Technology Plan and Budget for 2009 to 2011	D2
6.3	Infrastructure and Services Capital Development Plan and Budget for 2009 to 2011	D2
6.4	2009 Capital Expenditure	
6.5	Summary	D2, 4-27

Recommendation

That Senate approve the following:

- (1) *Operations budget of \$1435.4million revenue, and \$1317.9million expenditure and a \$117.5million operating margin.*
- (2) *Capital Development Information Technology Program of \$26million expenditure*
- (3) *Capital Development Program of \$87m comprising projects "Underway/Committed" of \$44m; 50% of projects "Urgent/Critical" at \$33m plus contingency of \$10m.*

7. Report of the Academic Board, 12 November 2008

Appendix E

(Chair: Professor Bruce Sutton)

For action

7.1 Amendment of the Resolutions of the Senate

7.1.1 Governance of Faculties, Colleges, College Boards, Departments, Schools and Committees

E1, E4

Recommendation

That Senate approve the amendment of the Resolutions of Senate relating to the Governance of Faculties, Colleges, College Boards, Departments, Schools and Committees, as set out on page E4 of the report presented.

7.1.2 Faculty of Health Sciences

(1) Bachelor of Health Science (Medical Radiation Technology), Bachelor of Health Science (Occupational Therapy) and Bachelor of Health Science (Physiotherapy)

E1

Recommendation

That Senate endorse the Academic Board's approval of the proposal from the Faculty of Health Sciences to delete the Bachelor of Health Science (Medical Radiation Technology), Bachelor of Health Science (Occupational Therapy) and Bachelor of Health Science (Physiotherapy), noting there are no amendments to the Resolutions of Senate related to the courses.

(2) Master of Health Science (Child and Adolescent Health)

E2

Recommendation

That Senate endorse the Academic Board's approval of the proposal from the Faculty of Health Sciences to delete the Master of Health Science (Child and Adolescent Health), noting there are no amendments to the Resolutions of Senate related to the course.

7.1.3 Sydney Conservatorium of Music: Master of Applied Science (Music Performance)

E2, E5-8

Recommendation

That Senate:

- (a) endorse the Academic Board's approval of the proposal from the Sydney Conservatorium of Music to delete the Master of Applied Science (Music Performance);*
- (b) approve the amendment of the Resolutions of Senate relating to the Degrees, Diplomas and Certificates in the Sydney Conservatorium of Music; and*
- (c) approve the rescission of the Resolutions of Senate relating to the degree*

with effect from 1 January 2009, as set out on pages E5-8 of the report presented.

For noting

7.2 Minor course amendments

E2

7.3 Other matters

E3

Recommendation

That Senate note items 7.2 and 7.3 of the report.

8. Report of the Finance and Infrastructure Committee, 17 November 2008

(Chair: Mr Alec Brennan)

Appendix F

For noting

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| 8.1 | Vice-Chancellor's Report: Update on current issues | F1 |
| 8.2 | Financial Report | F1 |
| | 8.2.1 2008 – Third Quarter Financial Report – Total University and Faculties | |
| 8.3 | University Bank Account Overdraft – Increase of Limit from \$5M to \$25M | F2 |
| 8.4 | Next meeting | F2 |

Recommendation

That Senate note the report.

9. Report of the Investment and Commercialisation Committee, 5 November 2008

(Chair: Mr Joseph Skrzyński)

Appendix G

For noting

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| 9.1 | Minutes of the meeting held on 20 August 2008 | G1 |
| 9.2 | Business Arising | G1 |
| | 9.2.1 Circular Resolution C5/2008 – Property Sale – Dr A S McKern Bequest | |
| | 9.2.2 Circular Resolution C6/2008 – Additional Investment Makena Endowment | |
| | 9.2.3 Circular Resolution C7/2008 – Temporary Inclusion of Long Term Cash in Performance Benchmark | |
| | 9.2.4 Reserving Policy | |
| | 9.2.5 Spending Rule | |
| | 9.2.6 Codification of Investment Horizon, Risk Appetite and Illiquid Tolerance | |
| | 9.2.7 Specialist Investment Advisor | |
| | 9.2.8 Authorized Limits for Debt Portfolio and Derivatives | |
| | 9.2.9 Charter of Responsibility | |
| 9.3 | Sydnovate | G2 |
| | 9.3.1 Agreements Report | |
| | 9.3.2 ResMed Update | |
| | 9.3.3 Policy Update | |
| 9.4 | Investment Performance Report | G2 |
| | 9.4.1 September 2008 Quarterly Report | |
| | 9.4.2 Mercer September 2008 Quarterly Report | |
| 9.5 | Market Outlook | G2 |
| | 9.5.1 Equity Market Outlook | |
| | 9.5.2 Debt Market Outlook | |
| | 9.5.3 Currency Market Outlook | |
| 9.6 | Long Term Funds | G2 |
| | 9.6.1 Assets Allocation | |
| | 9.6.2 Tactical Asset Allocation Decisions September 2008 Quarter | |
| | 9.6.3 Manager Watch List | |
| 9.7 | Debt Investments | G2 |
| | 9.7.1 Compliance Report | |
| 9.8 | Discretionary Funds | G2 |
| | 9.8.1 Discretionary Funds | |
| 9.9 | Other Investments | G2 |
| | 9.9.1 Commercial and Strategic Holdings | |
| 9.10 | Property | G2 |
| | 9.10.1 Property/Commercial Farms | |
| | 9.10.2 Badgery's Creek | |
| 9.11 | Other Business | G3 |
| | 9.11.1 Short Term Funds/Operating Liquidity Analysis to March Quarter 2009 | |

Recommendation

That Senate note the report.

10. Senate business

Appendix H

For action

10.1 Secretary to Senate

H1

Recommendation

That Senate note the report, and congratulate Dr Adams on his appointment as Secretary to Senate, with effect from 24 November 2008.

10.2 Fellows of Senate elected by and from the undergraduate and postgraduate students of the University

H1, H3

(Secretary to Senate)

Recommendation

That Senate note the report, congratulate Ms Kate Laing and Mr Tom Kavanagh on their election as Fellows of Senate by and from the undergraduate and postgraduate students respectively, to hold office from 1 December 2008 to 30 November 2009, and welcome them to the meeting.

10.3 Pro-Chancellor

H1

(Chancellor)

Recommendation

That Senate endorse the re-appointment of Mr John McCarthy to the position of Pro-Chancellor from 1 January 2009 for the balance of his current term of office.

★ 10.4 Senate meeting commencement times

H1

(Secretary to Senate)

Recommendation

For consideration

10.5 Nominations Committee

H1

(Secretary to Senate)

10.5.1 Membership

Recommendation

That Senate note that the Acting Registrar has declared the following elected to membership of the Nominations Committee in the category "Three Fellows who are external persons, appointed to the Committee by the Senate":

- Mr A Brennan
- Dr R Fitzsimons
- Mr A Spencer

10.5.2 Recommendation to Senate

Recommendation

That Senate, in accordance with sections 46B(2), (3) and (4) of the University of Sydney By-law 1999, request the Nominations Committee:

- (i) to identify persons who may be suitable for appointment to the position of one external person, noting that external persons are persons who are not members of the academic or non-academic staff of the University or undergraduate or postgraduate students of the University; and
- (ii) to recommend the length of appointment for each such person.

10.5.3 Consideration by Senate

Recommendation

That Senate, in accordance with sections 46B(5) and (6) of the University of Sydney By-law 1999, at its meeting on 3 February 2009:

- (i) consider the recommendations forwarded by the Nominations Committee;

- (ii) determine which of the recommended persons are to be nominated for appointment,
- (iii) note that it may select one or more other persons for nomination in place of one or more of the persons recommended by the Nominations Committee;
- (iii) determine which of the recommended persons are to be appointed by the Senate; and
- (iv) determine the length of appointment.

For noting

10.6 2009 Schedule - Senate and Senate committee membership H2, H4

Recommendation

That Senate note the 2009 Schedule.

10.7 Senate representation H2, H5

Recommendation

That Senate note the report on Senate representation during November 2008.

10.8 Next meeting H2

Recommendation

That Senate note that the next Senate meeting will be held on Monday 2 February 2009 in the Senate Room, Quadrangle.

11. General business

Appendix I

For action

11.1 International House Council 11

Recommendation

That Senate appoint members of the International House Council for the terms of office specified, commencing on 1 January 2009, as follows:

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

Professor M Harris (for the balance of her term of office, subject to her agreement)

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

Ms C Lai (to 31 December 2009)
Mr J Ribot (to 31 December 2009)
Ms M Neely (to 31 December 2009)

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

Mr H Sharp (to 31 December 2011)
Dr H Bergsteiner (to 31 December 2011)

11.2 2008 Student Appeals Body Annual Report 11, 14

Recommendation

That Senate note the 2008 Student Appeals Body Annual Report.

11.3 Sydney University Sport and Fitness General Committee / Management Committee 11

Recommendation

That Senate re-appoint Mr Christopher Noel and Ms Anne Titterton to membership of the Sydney University Sport and Fitness General and Management Committees as Senate representatives for a one year term of office commencing on 1 January 2009.

11.4 The University of Sydney Union Board of Directors

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Recommendation

That Senate re-appoint Ms Kaye Denning AM and Mr Sam Weiss, subject to his response to the invitation, to membership of the University of Sydney Union Board of Directors as Senate representatives for a one year term of office commencing on 1 January 2009.

11.5 Women's College Council

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Recommendation

That Senate renominate Dr Robin Fitzsimons to membership of the Women's College Council as a member of Senate from 1 February 2009 for the balance of her current term of office.

For noting

11.6 Graduation ceremonies (December 2008)

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Recommendation

That Senate note the report.

★ **12. Notice of motion**

12.1 Provided by Dr R Fitzsimons

Dr R Fitzsimons has given notice of the following motion in relation to the position of Senate Fellow appointed on the nomination of Senate, which position is to be determined at the February 2009 Senate meeting, and has asked that it be considered prior to item 10.4:

That:-

Mindful that positions on Senate which are on the nomination of Senate have normally been determined by informed, fair, and contested internal election by Senate and that the By-Laws explicitly permit Senate to choose a person other than as recommended by the Nominations Committee, and noting that principal functions of the Nominations Committee are to identify that ensure that candidates suitable for selection by or for recommendation to Senate in the prevailing circumstances are identified, Senate resolves:-

- (i) that prior to the meeting of the Nominations Committee the Secretary to Senate shall solicit suggestions from Senate for consideration by the Committee as to (a) the general qualities which may be desirable in a candidate given the prevailing circumstances of the University and of Senate (b) names for consideration.
- (ii) that the proceedings of the Committee, including the names submitted and considered or recommended, shall expeditiously be made available for consultation by Senate members (who may also view the names submitted prior to the Committee meeting, in order that they may freely convey any views about suggested candidates to the Committee for its deliberations).
- (iii) that the Secretary to Senate shall then call for nominations from Senate Fellows for the position, and determine a closing date prior to the February meeting by which nominations, under the signature of (or by email from) a member of a member of the Nominations Committee or any other Fellow of Senate. Such nominations will be accompanied by a curriculum vitae for circulation to Senate Fellows *prior to* the February meeting. Nominations shall be processed on principles of equality, consistent with the By-Laws. (Any recommendation from the Committee may be accompanied by equivalent argument in favour of any other candidate). It will be necessary for any person or persons recommended by the Nominations Committee also to receive formal nomination according to this procedure. In the event that more than one nomination is received the appointment shall be determined by secret 'preferential' ballot.

- ★ 13. **Question time**

- ★ 14. **Any other business**