



The University of Sydney

Senate agenda, 6 November 2006

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NOTICE OF MEETING

An ordinary meeting of the Senate of the University will be held at **5.00pm** on **Monday 6 November 2006** 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.

★ 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. ***Estimated time allocation for confidential items is 1 hour 45 minutes.***

Members of the public are invited to be present for all non-confidential items.

Dr W G Adams
Registrar

AGENDA

IN OPEN SESSION:

Highlighted Items

★ 3. **Focus topic: Learning and Teaching**

(Presenter: Professor Judyth Sachs)

(Estimated time allocation: 30 minutes)

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 action

4.2 **Deanship, Faculty of Pharmacy**

D1

Recommendation

That Senate appoint the following selection committee for the Deanship, Faculty of Pharmacy:

Ex-officio

Vice-Chancellor and Principal (Professor Gavin Brown)

Chair of the Academic Board (Professor Bruce Sutton)

Provost and Deputy Vice-Chancellor, Professor Don Nutbeam

Members appointed by Senate

Three members (plus reserve) nominated by the Faculty:

- *Professor Carol Armour*
- *Professor Basil Roufogalis*
- *Professor Michael Murray*

Reserve members:

- *Dr Alaina Ammit (Reserve)*
- *Professor Andrew McLachlan (Reserve)*

External Member:

- *Ross Brown - President of the Pharmacy Alumni Association*

Reserve External Member:

- *Warwick Plunkett - President of the Pharmacy Practice Foundation and also on the executive of the Pharmaceutical Society of Australia (NSW)*

4.3 **Deanship, Faculty of Law**

D1-2

Recommendation

That Senate appoint the following selection committee for the Deanship, Faculty of Law:

Ex-officio

Vice-Chancellor and Principal (Professor Gavin Brown)

Chair of the Academic Board (Professor Bruce Sutton)

Provost and Deputy Vice-Chancellor, Professor Don Nutbeam

Members appointed by Senate

Three members (plus reserve) nominated by the Faculty:

- Associate Professor Helen Irving
- Associate Professor Elisabeth Peden
- Dr David Rolph

Reserve member:

- Dr Gail Mason (Reserve)

External Member:

- Justice Robert Austin (Supreme Court of New South Wales)

Reserve External Member:

- Justice Arthur Emmett (Federal Court of Australia)

4.4 Deanship, Faculty of Architecture

D2

Recommendation

That Senate appoint the following selection committee for the Deanship, Faculty of Architecture:

Ex-officio

Vice-Chancellor and Principal (Professor Gavin Brown)

Nominee of the Chair of the Academic Board (Professor Margaret Miller)

Provost and Deputy Vice-Chancellor, Professor Don Nutbeam

Members appointed by Senate

Three members (plus reserve) nominated by the Faculty:

- Professor John Gero
- Professor Edward Blakely
- Professor Tom Heneghan

Reserve members:

- Dr Kirsty Beilharz (Reserve)
- Dr Nicole Gurrán (Reserve)

External Member:

- Mr Howard Tanner, Head, Tanner Architects, Sydney

Reserve External Member:

- Dr Clarissa Ball, Head of School and Dean Faculty of Architecture, Landscape and Visual Arts, UWA

4.5 Deanship, Faculty of Medicine

D2-3

Recommendation

That Senate appoint the following selection committee for the Deanship, Faculty of Medicine:

Ex-officio

Vice-Chancellor and Principal (Professor Gavin Brown)

Chair of the Academic Board (Professor Bruce Sutton)

Provost and Deputy Vice-Chancellor, Professor Don Nutbeam

Members appointed by Senate

Three members (plus reserve) nominated by the Faculty:

- Professor S B Freedman
- Professor David Cook
- Professor Kathryn North

Reserve members:

- Professor Chris Murphy (Reserve)
- Professor Tania Sorrell (Reserve)

Additional member:

- The Faculty Liaison officer, Professor Freedman and the Faculty Standing Committee recommend that, in recognition of the Faculty's strong links with

the Faculty of Science, Professor David Day as Dean of the Faculty of Science be invited to join the selection committee as an additional member

External Member:

- *Professor Michael Hensley, Head of the School of Medicine and Public Health at the University of Newcastle*

★ 4.6 **VSU Constitutional Amendments**
(Estimated time allocation: 10 minutes)

D3-4
Sep Encl

Recommendation

That Senate resolve:

- (a) *to pass the resolution for reserve powers in respect of SUS, USU and CSG, in accordance with page D86 of the separate enclosure;*
- (b) *to approve the proposed amendments described above; and*
- (c) *not to approve the proposed amendment in relation to Senate intervention following a student petition in respect of the SRC constitution.*

5. **Foundation Rules**

Appendix E
Sep Encl at end of papers

Recommendation

That Senate adopt the Rules in respect of the Science Foundation for Physics set out in the report presented, to take effect on 1 December 2006.

Standard items

6. **Senate business**

Appendix F

For action

6.1 **Apologies for absence**

F1

Recommendation

That Senate accept apologies for absence from this meeting from Ms I Moss.

6.2 **Minutes of the previous Senate meeting, 18 September 2006**

F1, 8-18

Recommendation

That Senate confirm the minutes of the Senate meeting held on 18 September 2006 as a true and correct record.

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

6.3.1 **Letter from the Registrar to the NSW Minister for Transport (item 13.1 of the minutes refers)**

F1, 19

Recommendation

That Senate note the report.

★ 6.4 **Selection Committees for DVC and PVC positions**
(Estimated time allocation: 5 minutes)

F1-3

Recommendation

That Senate approve the following Selection Committees:

- (a) **Selection Committee for the Provost and Deputy Vice-Chancellor**
Ex Officio:
 - *Chancellor*

- Deputy Chancellor
- Chair of the Academic Board
- Vice-Chancellor and Principal

Appointed by Senate:

- Two nominees of Senate (to be current Fellows) nominated to Senate by the Chancellor following consultation after receipt of expressions of interest from Fellows:
Mr Alec Brennan
Mr Alan Cameron
- One additional member of the Academic Board, on the nomination of the Chair of the Board:
Professor Penny Gay
Professor Greg Hancock (Reserve)
- One member, external to the University, on the nomination of the Vice-Chancellor:
To be advised

(b) Selection Committee for the Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Research)

Ex Officio:

- Chancellor
- Deputy Chancellor
- Chair of the Academic Board
- Vice-Chancellor and Principal

Appointed by Senate:

- Two nominees of Senate (to be current Fellows) nominated to Senate by the Chancellor following consultation after receipt of expressions of interest from Fellows:
Professor Margaret Harris
Mr Joseph Skrzyński
- One additional member of the Academic Board, on the nomination of the Chair of the Board:
Professor Les Copeland
Associate Professor Robyn Overall (Reserve)
- One member, external to the University, on the nomination of the Vice-Chancellor:
To be advised

(c) Selection Committee for the Pro-Vice-Chancellor (International)

Ex Officio:

- Vice-Chancellor and Principal
- Chair of the Academic Board or nominee
- Deputy Vice-Chancellor to whom the Pro-Vice-Chancellor reports

Appointed by Senate:

- Two nominees of Senate (to be current Fellows) nominated to Senate by the Chancellor following consultation after receipt of expressions of interest from Fellows*:
The Hon John Aquilina
Dr Robin Fitzsimons
Professor Iqbal Ramzan
- Two members (plus one reserve) nominated by the Academic Board:
Professor Charles Areni
Professor Gregory Murray
Associate Professor Sandra West (Reserve)
- One member, external to the University, on the nomination of the Vice-Chancellor
Mr Mack Williams (member of the Board of RIAP)

**It is proposed that this Selection Committee have an additional member in view of the desirability of a broad spectrum of input for the international dimension.*

(d) Selection Committee for the Deputy Provost (Learning and Teaching) and Pro-Vice-Chancellor

Ex Officio:

- *Vice-Chancellor and Principal*
- *Chair of the Academic Board or nominee*
- *Deputy Vice-Chancellor to whom the Pro-Vice-Chancellor reports*

Appointed by Senate:

- *Two nominees of Senate (to be current Fellows) nominated to Senate by the Chancellor following consultation after receipt of expressions of interest from Fellows:
Mr Adam Spencer
Dr Margaret Varady*
- *Two members (plus one reserve) nominated by the Academic Board:
Associate Professor Robin Ewing
Professor Gwyneth Llewellyn
Associate Professor Jennifer Hodgson (Reserve)*
- *One member, external to the University, on the nomination of the Vice-Chancellor
To be advised*

(e) Selection Committee for the Pro-Vice-Chancellor (Strategic Planning)

Ex Officio:

- *Vice-Chancellor and Principal*
- *Chair of the Academic Board or nominee*
- *Deputy Vice-Chancellor to whom the Pro-Vice-Chancellor reports*

Appointed by Senate:

- *Two nominees of Senate (to be current Fellows) nominated to Senate by the Chancellor following consultation after receipt of expressions of interest from Fellows:
Dr Roslyn Bohringer
Ms Irene Moss*
- *Two members (plus one reserve) nominated by the Academic Board:
Professor Patrick Parkinson
Professor Chris Murphy
Associate Professor Susan Williams (Reserve)*
- *One member, external to the University, on the nomination of the Vice-Chancellor
To be advised*

- ★ 6.5 **Chancellor's report on University Chancellors Conference held on 10 October 2006** F3, 20-21
(Estimated time allocation: 5 minutes)

Recommendation

That Senate note the report.

- ★ 6.6 **University of Sydney (Student Appeals against Academic Decisions) Rule 2006** F3, 22-32
(Estimated time allocation: 5 minutes)

Recommendation

That Senate approve:

- the draft Rule, the University of Sydney (Student Appeals against Academic Decisions) Rule 2006, in its current form as set out on pages F28-31 of the report presented; and*
- consequential amendments and actions as set out in the Explanatory Memorandum on pages F26-27 of the report presented.*

- 6.7 **Fellow of Senate elected by and from the undergraduate students of the University** F3, 33

- Recommendation**
That Senate note the report and congratulate Ms Rose Jackson on her re-election as a Fellow of Senate by and from the undergraduate students, to hold office from 1 December 2006 to 30 November 2007.
- 6.8 Fellow of Senate elected by and from the postgraduate students of the University** F3, 34
- Recommendation**
That Senate note the report and congratulate Dr Norman Chan on his election as a Fellow of Senate by and from the postgraduate students, to hold office from 1 December 2006 to 30 November 2007.
- ★ **6.9 Fellow of Senate retiring on 30 November 2006** F4
(Estimated time allocation: 5 minutes)
- Recommendation**
That Senate record its formal appreciation for and note in detail the contribution made by retiring Fellow of Senate, Mr Jack Clegg.
- 6.10 Ms Irene Moss** F4
- Recommendation**
That Senate congratulate Ms Irene Moss on the award of the honorary degree of Doctor of Laws.
- 6.11 Dr Margaret Varady** F4
- Recommendation**
That Senate congratulate Dr Margaret Varady on the award of the degree of Doctor of Education.
- 6.12 Audit and Risk Management Committee: Membership** F4-5
- Recommendation**
That Senate approve the extension of the term of office for the four Audit and Risk Management Committee members to the Senate meeting in March 2007.
- 6.13 Senate/SRC Liaison Committee: Membership** F5
- Recommendation**
That Senate re-appoint Ms R Jackson to membership of the Senate/SRC Liaison Committee from 1 December 2006 to 30 November 2007.
- 6.14 Senate/SUPRA Liaison Committee: Membership** F5
- Recommendation**
That Senate appoint Dr N Chan to membership of the Senate/SUPRA Liaison Committee from 1 December 2006 to 30 November 2007.
- 6.15 Student Disciplinary Appeals Committee: Membership** F5
- Recommendation**
That Senate reappoint the following members of the Student Disciplinary Appeals Committee for a new two year term of office to 30 September 2008:
- A person who holds or has held office as a judge or magistrate in any state or federal court in Australia, on the nomination of the Chancellor and appointed by Senate:**
The Hon Brian Cohen QC (former Judge of the NSW Supreme Court) (subject to his agreement)
- A Fellow, on the nomination of the Chancellor and appointed by Senate:**

Alternates Professor Margaret Harris and Associate Professor Anthony Masters

A person admitted and enrolled as a legal practitioner under the Legal Profession Act 1987 for at least five years, on the nomination of the Chancellor and appointed by Senate:

Ms Jane Needham (legal practitioner and a practising barrister)

Substitute member qualified under subclause (1) (a), (b) or (c) to hear the appeal:

Mr Peter O'Loughlin (a practising barrister)

For noting

- 6.16 Senate representation F6, 35
- Recommendation*
That Senate note the report.
- 6.17 Nominations Committee F6
- Recommendation*
That Senate note the report.
- 6.18 Notice of appointments by Senate on 4 December 2006 F6
- Recommendation*
That Senate note the report.
- 6.19 Honorary award acceptances F6-7
- Recommendation*
That Senate note the report.
- 6.20 October 2007 date for an additional ordinary Senate meeting to be held but only if required due to pressure of Senate business F7
- Recommendation*
That Senate note the report.
- 6.21 Next meetings and Fellows' dinner F7
- Recommendation*
That Senate note the report.

7. Report of the Vice-Chancellor and Principal Appendix G

For noting

- 7.1 ARC and NH&MRC Results G1, 4-10
- Recommendation*
That Senate note the report.
- 7.2 AVCC Restructure G1
- Recommendation*
That Senate note the report.
- 7.3 UAC On-Time Applications G1
- Recommendation*
That Senate note the report.

- 7.4 **International** G1-2
Recommendation
That Senate note the report.

- 7.5 **University Relations** G2-3
Recommendation
That Senate note the report.

8. Report of the Academic Board, 4 October 2006 **Appendix H**
(Chair: Professor Bruce Sutton)

For action

- 8.1 **Amendment of the University of Sydney (Academic Governance) Rule 2003** H1, 3-4
Recommendation
That Senate approve amendments to the University of Sydney (Academic Governance) Rule 2003 with immediate effect, as set out in the report presented.

For noting

- 8.2 **Minor course amendments** H1
8.3 **Committee Terms of Reference** H1
8.4 **Central Promotions Committees 2006** H1
8.5 **English Language Requirements** H2
8.6 **2007 Semester and Vacation Dates** H2
8.7 **Other Matters** H2

Recommendation

That Senate note items 8.2 to 8.7 of the report.

9. General business **Appendix I**

For action

- 9.1 **Warren Centre for Advanced Engineering** I1
Recommendation
That Senate confirm the appointments made by the Board of the Warren Centre for Advanced Engineering as set out in the report presented.

For noting

- 9.2 **Graduation ceremonies (November/December 2006)** I1, I2
Recommendation
That Senate note the details of the graduation ceremonies to be held in November and December 2006.

★ **10. Notices of motion**
(Estimated time allocation: 15 minutes)

- 10.1 **Notice of motion provided by Mr J Clegg**
Mr Jack Clegg has given notice that he intends to move that Senate resolve in the following terms:

In recognition of the important contribution that student organisations make to the student experience, that membership of student organisations and any associated cost (in whatever form each organisation desires) will be offered

by the University to all new and continuing students during the enrolment process on an opt-out basis.

10.2 Notices of motion provided by Ms K Wilson

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

Motion 1:

That this meeting of the University of Sydney Senate:

- (i) Notes previous assurances from the Vice Chancellor that the letters of offer to new staff would provide genuine choice between being covered by the collective Enterprise Agreement or an AWA,
- (ii) Notes that the revised template letter of offer that will be sent to all new staff makes a cursory mention of the collective Enterprise Agreement on page 4 of the offer document,
- (iii) That the new template could mislead new staff into believing that the offer of employment is contingent upon signing the AWA,
- (iv) That the covering letter of the offer document should be revised to provide transparent and clear information with equal weight to each industrial instrument,
- (v) That the covering letter of the offer document should be changed to make it clear that the employee may elect to be covered by the collective Enterprise Agreement, and,
- (vi) That any comparison between the pay scales between each of the industrial instruments should reflect the salary outcomes over the term of both Agreements.

Motion 2:

That this meeting of the University of Sydney Senate requests a report that details:

- the full costing and risk assessment of (i) the initial AWA offer which provided a bonus of up to 10%, and, (ii) the subsequent AWA offer which provides a bonus of up to 15%
- the administrative and other measures that have been established to ensure that: (i) probity in the award of bonuses, and, that the award of bonuses do in fact meet the criteria specified in the AWA offer, and: (ii) the decisions to award the bonus at each component level are subject to the scrutiny required to meet the University probity obligations



11. Question time

(Estimated time allocation: 15 minutes)

Appendix J

11.1 Response to question on notice from Mr J Clegg

Recommendation

That Senate note the question and the response from Professor M Crossley.

12. Any other business