



The University of Sydney

Senate agenda, 4 December 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 4 December 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.

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 30 minutes.

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

Dr W G Adams
Registrar

IN OPEN SESSION:

Highlighted Items

- ☆ 3. **Focus topic: Learning and Teaching** **Appendix C**
(Professor D Nutbeam) **to be forwarded under separate cover**
(Estimated time allocation: 10 minutes presentation plus 20 minutes discussion)

Recommendation

That Senate note the presentation.

- ☆ 4. **Report of the Vice-Chancellor and Principal** **Appendix D**
(Estimated time allocation: 10 minutes)

- 4.1 **Update for Senate's information** D1

Recommendation

That Senate note the update.

For action

- 4.2 **External Members of Selection Committees** **D1, To be tabled**

Recommendation

That Senate resolve as recommended.

- 4.3 **Renaming of the Faculty of Architecture** D1

Recommendation

That Senate rename the Faculty of Architecture as the Faculty of Architecture, Design and Planning.

- 4.4 **Renaming of the Faculty of Engineering** D1

Recommendation

That Senate rename the Faculty of Engineering as the Faculty of Engineering and Information Technologies.

- 4.5 **Law Extension Committee** D1

Recommendation

That Senate approve the appointment of the following membership of the Law Extension Committee for a period of two years from 1 December 2006. (It should be noted that current members re-nominated for an additional term are marked with an asterisk.)

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
- Professor Peter Butt
- 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:

- *Mr Peter J D Hamill SC**
- *Mr Anthony J O'Brien**

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

- *Ms June McPhie**
- *Mr John Dobson**

Four persons appointed by Senate:

- *Professor Don Nutbeam*
- *Mrs Daphne Kok**
- *Mr Rod Tindall**
- *Professor Derrick Armstrong*

4.6 Date for Planning Retreat 2007

D2

Recommendation

That Senate approve the Planning Retreat being held on the afternoon of Sunday 19 August, with a dinner for participants that evening.

4.7 SUPRA Constitution

D2, 3-20

Recommendation

That Senate resolve to approve the proposed constitutional amendments shown in the report presented, other than section 11 which has been approved.



5. 2007 Budget

(Vice-Chancellor)

(Estimated time allocation: 15 minutes)

**Appendix E &
White Sep. Encl.
at the end of the Senate papers**

Recommendation

That Senate approve the 2007 Budget for:

- *Operations Budget of \$1,118million Revenue and \$1,016million Expenditure (refer Table 2)*
- *Repair and Maintenance Program of \$33million Expenditure (refer Table 5)*
- *Capital Development Information Technology Program of \$10million Expenditure (refer Table 3)*
- *Capital Development Campus 2010 Program of \$98million Expenditure (refer Table 5)*
- *Capital Development Plan Core funding component of \$22million Expenditure, subject to internal controls and approval of projects by the CFO and DVC (refer Table 5, \$12.5m + \$9.5m)*

6. Foundation Rules

**Appendix F &
White Sep. Encl.
at the end of the Senate papers**

For action

6.1 Brain and Mind Research Foundation

Recommendation

That Senate adopt the Rules set out in the separate enclosure in respect of the Brain and Mind Research Foundation, to take effect on 1 January 2007.

Standard items

7. Senate business

Appendix G

For action

7.1 Apologies for absence

G1

Recommendation

That Senate accept apologies for absence from this meeting from Mr A Brennan, Professor M Harris and Ms R Jackson.

7.2 Minutes of the previous Senate meeting, 6 November 2006

G1, 6-21

Recommendation

That Senate confirm the minutes of the Senate meeting held in open session on 6 November 2006 as a true and correct record.

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

★ **7.4 Welcome to new/re-elected Fellows of Senate** (Estimated time allocation: 5 minutes)

G1, 22

Recommendation

That Senate welcome new Fellow Dr Norman Chan to his first meeting of Senate.

★ **7.5 Selection Committee for a new Vice-Chancellor** (Estimated time allocation: 5 minutes)

G1, 23

Recommendation

Senate should note the final paragraphs of the Senate Resolution as follows:

“The Senate is to approve the final composition of the committee, maintaining the equality of number referred to in (c) above and be in a position, should circumstances warrant this, to replace a member of the Committee or require in the case of those nominated by the Academic Board that the Chair of the Academic Board nominate a replacement for appointment by Senate.

A majority of the members of the Committee must be external, but so that a student Fellow may constitute an external member.”

Senate should therefore consider what should be the final composition of the committee and proceed in accordance with the above Resolution.

★ **7.6 Nominations Committee** (Estimated time allocation: 10 minutes)

G2

Recommendation

That Senate appoint members of the Nominations Committee in the category of “Three Fellows who are external persons (within the meaning of section 9 (9) of the Act), appointed to the Committee by the Senate”.

★ **7.7 Universities Australia** (Estimated time allocation: 10 minutes)

G2, 24-27

Recommendation

For discussion

- ★ 7.8 **2007 Senate Retreat Program** G2
(Estimated time allocation: 10 minutes)

Recommendation
For discussion

- 7.9 **October 2007 date for an additional ordinary Senate meeting to be held but only if required due to pressure of Senate business** G2

Recommendation
That Senate approve the date of 15 October 2007 for the additional ordinary Senate meeting to be held but only if required due to pressure of Senate business.

- 7.10 **Student Appeals Panel** G3

Recommendation
That Senate appoint the following to the Student Appeals Body (further nominations will be sought and brought to the February 2007 meeting of Senate).

The Chair, Academic Board, Professor Bruce Sutton, in accordance with section 3.5 of the Rule, who will normally chair the SAB.

Academic staff nominations received by the due date:

Dr Rhondda Canfield	Faculty of Veterinary Science
Ms Christine Crowe	Faculty of Arts
Dr Steve Cumming	Faculty of Health Sciences
Ms Nicola Franklin	Faculty of Law
Dr Jane Hanrahan	Faculty of Pharmacy
Dr Tom Hubble	Faculty of Science
Professor Nerida Newbigin	Faculty of Arts
Dr Ann Poulos	Faculty of Health Sciences
Dr Jenny Saleeba	Faculty of Science

Student nominations received by the due date:

Ms Annie Williams	Faculty of Nursing and Midwifery (postgraduate)
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Non-academic staff nominations received by the due date:

Mrs Lynda Rose	Faculty of Nursing and Midwifery
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- 7.11 **International House Council** G4

Recommendation

That Senate appoint members of the International House Council for the terms of office specified, commencing on 1 January 2007, as follows:

- One other Fellow of Senate, appointed annually, for a one year term of office commencing on 1 January 2007:
Professor M Harris (to 31 December 2007)
- One person nominated by SUIH Alumni Association appointed annually:
Dr C Moore (to 31 December 2007)
- Three persons nominated by SUIH Members Association appointed annually:
Mr D Ackland (to 31 December 2007)
Ms W J Chen (to 31 December 2007)
Ms S T Sim (to 31 December 2007)
- Three persons nominated by SUIH Members Association appointed annually, for a one year term of office commencing on 1 January 2007:
Dr H Bergsteiner (to 31 December 2008)

- 7.12 Sydney University Sport General Committee/ Management Committee** G4
- Recommendation**
That Senate reappoint Mr Christopher Noel and Ms Anne Titterton as two Senate representatives to the Sydney University Sport General Committee/ Management Committee for a one year term of office commencing on 1 January 2007.
- 7.13 The University of Sydney Union Board of Directors** G4
- Recommendation**
That Senate appoint Ms Kaye Dening AM and Mr Sam Weiss as Senate's two representatives on the University of Sydney Union Board of Directors for a one year term of office commencing on 1 January 2007, and thank retiring Senate representatives Associate Professor Anthony F Masters and Ms Merrilee Robb for their valued service to the Union Board of Directors for 3 and 4 years respectively.
- 7.14 Women's College Council - Membership**
- Recommendation**
That Senate renominate Dr Robin Fitzsimons to membership of the Women's College Council from 1 February 2007 to 31 January 2009.
- 7.15 Graduation schedule, 2007** G28
- Recommendation**
That Senate
- (i) note the schedule of dates for the 2007 graduation ceremonies approved by the Registrar under delegated authority;*
 - (ii) give authority to the Chancellor, the Deputy Chancellor, the Vice-Chancellor and Principal, the Chair of the Academic Board and the Pro-Chancellor 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.*
- For noting**
- 7.16 Annual Senate Dinner 2006** G5
- Recommendation**
That Senate note that the Annual Fellows' Dinner, to which Fellows and their partners and members of the Senior Executive Group and their partners have been invited, will be held at 6:30pm on Wednesday 6 December 2006 in the Holme and Sutherland Room, Holme Building.
- 7.17 Next Senate meeting 2007** G5
- Recommendation**
That Senate note that the next Senate meeting will be held at 5.00pm on 5 February 2007 in the Senate Room, Quadrangle.
- 7.18 Senate Retreat 2007** G5
- Recommendation**
That Senate note that the Senate Retreat will be held on 25 and 26 February 2007 at the Reserve Bank of Australia's conference facilities at Kirribilli.

8. Report of the Vice-Chancellor and Principal Appendix H

For noting

8.1 United States Studies Centre H1

Recommendation

That Senate note the report.

8.2 International H1

Recommendation

That Senate note the report.

8.3 University Relations H1

Recommendation

That Senate note the report.

9. Report of the Investment and Commercialisation Committee, 8 November 2006 Appendix I
(Chair: Mr Joseph Skrzyński)

For noting

9.1 Investment Systems – Update I1

9.2 Equity Mandates I1

9.3 Internal Loans Policy I1

9.4 Discretionary Funds – Medium Term Mandate I1

9.5 Livingston Farm – Update I1

9.6 Investment Performance – September 2006 Monthly & Quarterly Reports I1

9.7 Investment in Alternative Assets – Update I2

9.8 Debt Investments – Update I2

9.9 Private Equity Portfolio - Update I2

9.10 BLO – Update I2

Recommendation

That Senate note the report.

10. Report of the Senate/Sports Liaison Committee, 8 November 2006 Appendix J
(Chair: Mr John McCarthy)

For noting

10.1 Voluntary Student Unionism J1

10.2 Sydney University Sport Foundation J1

10.3 Review of Senate Sports Liaison Committee J1

10.4 Sydney University Sport report J1

10.5 Meeting dates for 2007 J1

10.6 Thank you to retiring member J2

Recommendation

That Senate note the report.

11. Report of the Academic Board, 15 November 2006

(Chair: Professor Bruce Sutton)

Appendix K
Sep. Encl at end of papers

For action

11.1 Amendment of the Rules and Resolutions of the Senate

11.1.1 Standing Committees of Academic Board

K1, 4-8

Recommendation

That Senate:

- (1) *note the amendments to the Academic Board's Standing Committees; and*
- (2) *approve the consequent amendments to the following Senate rules and resolutions:*
 - o *University of Sydney (Amendment Act) Rule 1999 (as amended)*
 - o *University of Sydney (Intellectual Property) Rule 2002*
 - o *University of Sydney (Doctor of Philosophy (PhD)) Rule 2004*
 - o *Resolutions of Senate: Delegations of Authority: Academic Functions*
 - o *Resolutions of Senate: Constitution of the Senate/SUPRA Liaison Committee*

with effect from 1 January 2007, as set out in the report presented.

11.1.2 Faculty of Arts: Master of Arts in Early Christian Studies

K1, 9-11

Recommendation

That Senate:

- (1) *endorse the Academic Board's approval of the proposal from the Faculty of Arts to delete the Master of Arts in Early Christian Studies degree;*
- (2) *rescind the Resolutions of Senate relating to the course; and*
- (3) *approve the amendment of the Resolutions of Senate relating to the Degrees, Diplomas and Certificates in the Faculty of Arts*

with effect from 1 January 2007, as set out in the report presented.

11.1.3 Faculty of Economics and Business: Graduate Certificate in Innovation and Enterprise

K2, 12-13

Recommendation

That Senate:

- (1) *endorse the Academic Board's approval of the proposal; and*
- (2) *introduce the Resolutions of Senate relating to the course; and*
- (3) *approve the amendment of the Resolutions of Senate relating to the Degrees, Diplomas and Certificates in the Faculty of Economics and Business*

with effect from 1 January 2007, as set out in the report presented.

11.1.4 Faculty of Law: Graduate Degrees and Diplomas

K2, 14-15

Recommendation

That Senate approve:

- (1) *the rescission of the Resolutions of the Senate relating to the postgraduate degrees and diplomas in the Faculty of Law, and*
- (2) *the adoption of new Resolutions of the Senate relating to these courses, made pursuant to the University of Sydney (Coursework) Rule 2000 (as amended)*

with effect from 1 January 2007, as set out in the report presented.

For noting

11.2 Student Appeals Against Academic Decisions: Consequent amendments

K3

11.3 Minor course amendments

K3

- 11.4 Phase 3 of Academic Board Faculty Reviews K3
11.5 Other Matters K3

Recommendation

That Senate noted items 11.2 – 11.5 of the report.

12. Report of the Finance and Infrastructure Committee, 15 November 2006 Appendix L
(Chair: Mr Alec Brennan)

For action

- 12.1 University of Sydney Union 2007 Fees L1, 4-9

Recommendation

That Senate approve the University of Sydney Union 2007 Fees as specified in the report presented.

For noting

- 12.2 Vice-Chancellor's Report L1
12.3 CFO & DVC Report L1
12.4 Next Meeting L3

Recommendation

That Senate note items 12.2. – 12.4 of the report.

13. General business Appendix M

For noting

- 13.1 Graduation ceremonies (December 2006) M1-2

Recommendation

That Senate note the report.

- ★ 14. Question time Appendix N
(Estimated time allocation: 15 minutes)

- 14.1 Questions on notice provided by Dr R Bohringer N1

How many staff have taken up AWAs? What is their level of employment? How many are new staff?

What is the evidence that all newly-engaged staff have been offered a genuine choice between AWAs and the Enterprise Agreement?

What is the evidence that all staff employed prior to the introduction of AWAs have been offered a genuine choice between AWAs and the Enterprise Agreement? Has the introduction of AWAs forced changes to the employment status of any existing staff?

How many industrial instruments were in place prior to the introduction of AWAs? How many operate now?

What is the expenditure to date and estimated total cost of the implementation of the AWA Project, including the cost of the AWA Service Centre?

Regarding the potential impact on collegiality and staff morale within the university, what risk assessment has been undertaken to evaluate the impact of AWAs on these areas?

15. Any other business