



The University of Sydney

Senate agenda, 18 September 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 18 September 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. Members of the public are invited to be present for all other non-confidential items.

Dr W G Adams
Registrar

AGENDA
IN OPEN SESSION:

Highlighted Items

- 3. Focus topic: Research** **Appendix C**
(Presenter: Professor Don Nutbeam)
(Estimated time allocation: 30 minutes)

Recommendation

That Senate note the presentation.

- 4. Report of the Vice-Chancellor and Principal** **Appendix D – Parts 1 & 2**
★ 4.1 **Update for Senate's information**
(Estimated time allocation: 5 minutes)

Recommendation

That Senate note the update.

For action

- ★ 4.2 **DVC Selection Committees** D1-3

Recommendation

That Senate approve the following Selection Committees:

For the Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Infrastructure):

Ex Officio:

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

Appointed by Senate:

- Two nominees of Senate (who may or may not be Fellows of Senate)
Mr Bohdan Bilinsky
Ms Irene Moss
- One additional member of the Academic Board, on the nomination of the Chair of the Board
Associate Professor Tony Masters
Associate Professor Peter McCallum (Reserve)

For the Provost and Deputy Vice-Chancellor:

Ex Officio:

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

Appointed by Senate:

- *Two nominees of Senate (who may or may not be Fellows of Senate)*
Mr Alan Cameron
Mrs Margaret Varady
- *One additional member of the Academic Board, on the nomination of the Chair of the Board*
Professor Penny Gay
Professor Greg Hancock (Reserve)

For the Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Research):

Ex Officio:

- *Chancellor*
- *Deputy Chancellor*
- *Chair of the Academic Board*
- *Vice-Chancellor*

Appointed by Senate:

- *Two nominees of Senate (who may or may not be Fellows of Senate)*
Ms Kim Anderson
Mr Joseph Skrzynski
- *One additional member of the Academic Board, on the nomination of the Chair of the Board*
Professor Ian Caterson
Associate Professor Robyn Overall (Reserve)

For the Pro-Vice-Chancellor (Research):

Ex Officio:

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

Appointed by Senate:

- *Two nominees of Senate (who may or may not be Fellows of Senate)*
Ms Kim Anderson
Mr Joseph Skrzynski
- *Two additional members of the Academic Board, on the nomination of the Chair of the Board*
Professor Ian Caterson
Associate Professor Robyn Overall
Associate Professor Scott Kable (Reserve)
- *One member, external to the University, on the nomination of the Vice-Chancellor*
Professor Mark Wainwright

 **4.3 Realignment of Faculties**

D3, 6-39

Recommendation

That Senate:

- approve the proposed amendments to the Rules and Resolutions set out in the report presented;*
- approve the proposed amendments to the Delegations of Authority – Administrative Functions set out in the report presented; and*

- (c) approve the proposed alignment of the Faculties of Engineering and Architecture through the establishment of the 'Faculties of Engineering and Architecture'.

★ 4.4 **Delegations of Authority – Administrative Functions** D4, 9-39

Recommendation

That Senate approve the proposed amendments to the Delegations of Authority – Administrative Functions, set out in the report presented, shown in marked up form in clauses 4 and 6.

★ 4.5 **Student Appeals Against Academic Decisions** D4, 40-45

Recommendation

That Senate approve:

- (a) a new Rule, the University of Sydney (Student Appeals against Academic Decisions) Rule 2006 set out in the report presented; and
(b) consequential amendments and actions as set out in the Explanatory Memorandum in the report presented.

★ 4.6 **VSU** D4-5, 46-49

Recommendation

That Senate resolve in respect of SUPRA and the SRC:

- (a) to pass the resolution for reserve powers, in accordance with page D46 in the report presented; and
(b) to approve the proposed constitutional amendments, in accordance with pages D47-9 in the report presented.

★ 5. **Standing Committee of Convocation: Use of the Name 'University of Sydney Alumni Council'** **Appendix E**
(Estimated time allocation: 10 minutes)

Recommendation

That Senate approve the proposed amendment to the University of Sydney (Amendment Act) Rule 1999, by the insertion of a new sub-clause 11(3).

Standard items

6. **Senate business** **Appendix F**

For action

6.1 **Apologies for absence**

Recommendation

That Senate accept apologies from the Deputy Chancellor and Mr A Brennan for absence from this meeting.

6.2 Minutes of the previous Senate meeting, 14 August 2006 F1, 3-16

Recommendation

That Senate confirm the minutes of the Senate meeting held on 14 August 2006 as a true and correct record.

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

★ 6.4 Schedule of Senate meetings, 2007 F1

Recommendation

That Senate approve the schedule of Senate meetings for 2007 set out below:

- 25 & 26 February (Senate Retreat, with a brief Senate meeting for any urgent matters) - dates to be confirmed
- 13 March - date to be confirmed
- 7 May
- 18 June
- 11 July (additional ordinary meeting to be held if required due to pressure of Senate business)
- 6 August
- 17 September
- 5 November
- 3 December

6.5 Dr Margaret Varady F1

Recommendation

That Senate congratulate Dr Margaret Varady on the award of the degree of Doctor of Philosophy.

For noting

6.6 Declaration of interest F2

Recommendation

That Senate note the advice from Mr J Skrzyński that he should be considered to have an interest in the Study Group International Limited (SGI).

6.7 Senate representation F2, 17 ...

Recommendation

That Senate note the report on Senate representation during September 2006.

6.8 Next meetings and Fellows' dinner F2

Recommendation

That Senate note

- (i) *that the meeting facilitated by Sir Anthony Mason AC for Fellows only and the Registrar in his capacity as Secretary to Senate will be held on Monday 16 October 2006 in the Senate Room, commencing at 4.30pm and scheduled to conclude by 8pm, followed by supper;*
- (ii) *that the next Senate meeting will be held at 5.00pm on 6 November 2006 in the Senate Room, Quadrangle; and*
- (iii) *that the annual Fellows' Dinner, to which partners and members of the Senior Executive Group and their partners are invited, will be held on Wednesday 6 December 2006 in the Holme and Sutherland Room, Holme Building, commencing at 6:30pm.*

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

For noting

- 7.1 Sydney Uni Live G1, 3

Recommendation

That Senate note the report.

- 7.2 International G1

Recommendation

That Senate note the report.

- 7.3 University Relations G1-2

Recommendation

That Senate note the report.

8. Report of the Academic Board, 23 August 2006 **Appendix H**
(Chair: Professor Bruce Sutton) **Sep. Encl at end of papers**

For action

- 8.1 Amendment of the Resolutions of the Senate

- 8.1.1 Faculty of Architecture: Master, Graduate Diploma, Graduate Certificate of Design Science; Master, Graduate Diploma, Graduate Certificate of Urban Design; Master of Urban Design (Urban Design and Planning); Master of Urban and Regional Planning H1, 4-6

Recommendation

That Senate approve:

- (a) *the rescission of the Resolutions of the Senate relating to the Master, Graduate Diploma, Graduate Certificate of Design Science; Master, Graduate Diploma, Graduate Certificate of Urban Design; Master of Urban Design (Urban Design and Planning); Master of Urban and Regional Planning in the Faculty of Architecture, and*
- (b) *the adoption of new Resolutions of the Senate relating to this courses, made pursuant to the University of Sydney (Coursework) Rule 2000*

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

- 8.1.2 Faculty of Medicine: Doctor of Public Health; Master, Graduate Diploma, Graduate Certificate of Biostatistics; Master, Graduate Diploma, Graduate Certificate of Health Policy; Master, Graduate Diploma of International Public Health; Master, Graduate Diploma of Public Health; Master, Graduate Diploma, Graduate Certificate of Medical Education; Master, Graduate Diploma of Surgery; Graduate Diploma in Indigenous Health Promotion H1, 7-25

Recommendation

That Senate approve:

- (a) *the rescission of the Resolutions of the Senate relating to the Doctor of Public Health; Master, Graduate Diploma, Graduate Certificate of Biostatistics; Master, Graduate Diploma, Graduate Certificate of*

Health Policy; Master, Graduate Diploma of International Public Health; Master, Graduate Diploma of Public Health; Master, Graduate Diploma, Graduate Certificate of Medical Education; Master, Graduate Diploma of Surgery; Graduate Diploma in Indigenous Health Promotion in the Faculty of Medicine, and
(b) the adoption of new Resolutions of the Senate relating to this courses, made pursuant to the University of Sydney (Coursework) Rule 2000
with effect from 1 January 2007, as set out in the report presented.

For noting

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| 8.2 | Minor course amendments | H2 |
| 8.3 | Australian Certificate of Education | H2 |
| 8.4 | Student Research Experience Questionnaire (SREQ) Results | H2 |
| 8.5 | Report of the Chair of the Academic Board | H2 |

Recommendation

That Senate note items 8.2 – 8.5 of the report of the Academic Board.

9. Report of the Finance and Infrastructure Committee, 29 August 2006

(Chair: Mr Alec Brennan)

Appendix I

For noting

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| 9.1 | Vice-Chancellor's Report: Update on current issues | I1 |
| 9.2 | CFO Report | I1-3 |
| 9.3 | DVC Infrastructure's Report | I3 |
| 9.4 | New Initiatives Update | I3 |
| 9.5 | Risk Assessment Report | I3 |
| 9.6 | Annual Financial Report Note 30 Superannuation: Risk Assessment and Advice for the Audit and Risk Management Committee | I4 |
| 9.7 | Spotlight on Learning and Teaching | I4 |

Recommendation

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

10. Report of the Investment and Commercialisation Committee, 9 August 2006

(Chair: Mr Joseph Skrzyński)

Appendix J

For noting

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| 10.1 | Investment Systems – Update | J1 |
| 10.2 | Equity Mandates | J1 |
| 10.3 | Internal Loans | J1 |
| 10.4 | Investment Performance - June 2006 Monthly & Quarterly Reports | J1 |
| 10.5 | Investment in Alternative Assets – Update | J1 |
| 10.6 | Debt Investments – Update | J2 |
| 10.7 | Share Pool – Update | J2 |
| 10.8 | Private Equity Portfolio – Update | J2 |
| 10.9 | Commercialisation Activity – Update | J2 |
| 10.10 | Discretionary Funds - Medium Term Mandate | J2 |
| 10.11 | Livingston Farm | J2 |

Recommendation

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

11. Report of the Senate/Sports Liaison Committee, 30 August 2006 **Appendix K**
(Chair: Mr John McCarthy)

For noting

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| 11.1 | Voluntary Student Unionism | K1 |
| 11.2 | Sydney University Sport Foundation | K1 |
| 11.3 | Review of Senate Sports Liaison Committee | K1 |
| 11.4 | Sydney University Sport report | K2 |

Recommendation

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

12. Report of the Senate/SRC Liaison Committee, 22 August 2006 **Appendix L**
(Chair: Chancellor)

For noting

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| 12.1 | Reporting of applications for the re-crediting of the Student Learning Entitlement | L1 |
| 12.2 | VSU Working Party | L1 |
| 12.3 | University Security Services | L2 |
| 12.4 | Disability Services | L2 |
| 12.5 | Plagiarism Detection Software | L3 |
| 12.6 | SRC constitution | L3 |

Recommendation

That Senate note the report of the Senate/SRC Liaison Committee.

13. Report of the Senate/SUPRA Liaison Committee, 12 September 2006 **Appendix M**
(Chair: Chancellor) **To be forwarded under separate cover**

For noting

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| 13.1 | Report of the Dean of Graduate Studies |
| 13.2 | Report of the President of SUPRA |
| 13.3 | Childcare Survey Update/Report Back |
| 13.4 | Income Support for Postgraduate Students Update/Report Back |
| 13.5 | Differential funding of faculties |
| 13.6 | Appeals and Grievance Procedures |
| 13.7 | University Accommodation |
| 13.8 | Analysis of SREQ Data |
| 13.9 | VSU |

Recommendation

That Senate note the report of the Senate/SUPRA Liaison Committee.

14. General business

Appendix N

For action

14.1 Warren Centre for Advanced Engineering

N1

Recommendation

That Senate confirm the following:

- (i) *the appointment of AVM (R) Norman Gray, Chief Executive Officer, Thales Australia Holdings Pty Ltd as Governor commencing 22 August 2006; and*
- (ii) *the reappointment of Mr Angus Richards as Director for a further two year term from 8 August 2006.*

For noting

14.2 Foundations Policy

N1

Sep. Encl at end of papers

Recommendation

That Senate note the Foundations Policy set out in the report presented.

14.3 Graduation ceremonies (September/October 2006)

N1, 2

Recommendation

That Senate note the details of the graduation ceremonies to be held in September and October 2006.

★ **15. Notices of motion**

Appendix O

(Estimated time allocation: 15 minutes)

15.1 Notice of motion provided by Mr A Spencer

Mr A Spencer has given notice that he intends to move that Senate resolve in the following terms:

That Senate notes that the University of Sydney Women's Third Grade Soccer Team won the Grand Final of the NWSWS Association Competition to complement their victory in the regular season competition, and congratulates the team for its achievements

15.2 Notice of motion provided by Mr J McCarthy

Mr J McCarthy has given notice that he intends to move that Senate resolve in the following terms:

That Senate notes that Sydney University's Rugby Union team won the Grand Final and congratulates the team for its achievements

15.3 Notice of motion provided by Dr M Copeman

Dr M Copeman has given notice that he intends to move that Senate resolve in the following terms:

That the Senate meet on the first Monday of each month except January in 2007, with the exception that the Senate meet on the second Monday in October.

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

Appendix P

16.1 **Question on notice from Mr J Clegg**

Recommendation

That Senate note the question and the response from the Acting Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Research) which will be tabled at the meeting.

17. **Any other business**