



Senate Minutes Summary, 7 February 2000

At the meeting on 7 February 2000

1. Confidential items

2. Routine Business

2.1 Starring

Senate resolved as recommended with respect to all unstarred items.

2.2 Minutes of the previous meeting

Senate confirmed the minutes of the meeting held on 6 December 1999 as a correct record, subject to two amendments.

2.3 Elections to be held at the February Senate meeting

2.3.1 Election of Deputy Chancellor

Senate elected Mrs Renata Kaldor as Deputy Chancellor for a term of office of two years.

2.3.2 Election of five members of the Finance Committee

Senate elected the following five members of the Finance Committee for a term of office of one year:

Dr E A Eyland
Mr D M Hoare
Professor S R Leeder
Mr J A McCarthy
Ms V Pratt

Senate reappointed Professor Sir Bruce Williams as an external member of the Finance Committee, for a term of office of two years.

2.3.3 Election of six members of the Advisory Committee for the Selection of Candidates for Honorary Awards

Senate elected the following six members of the Advisory Committee for the Selection of Candidates for Honorary Awards for a term of office of two years:

Ms J Beatson
Mr P Burrows
Dr E A Eyland
Dr R B Fitzsimons
Ms L A Frohlich
Ms S P Jamieson

2.3.4 Senate/SUPRA Liaison Committee

Senate elected the following three members of the Senate/SUPRA Liaison Committee for a term of office of two years:

Dr E A Eyland
Dr R B Fitzsimons
Dr K K Macnab

2.4 Declaration of Committee elections by the Registrar

2.4.1 Chair of the Finance Committee

Senate noted that Mr Burrows had been elected as Chair of the Finance Committee for a term of office of one year, and congratulated Mr Burrows on his election.

2.4.2 Membership of Senate committees

2.4.2.1 Chair Appointments Committee

Senate noted the election of the following members of the Chair Appointments Committee for a term of office of two years:

Dr E A Eyland
 Dr R B Fitzsimons
 Ms L A Frohlich
 Ms V Pratt
Vacancy

2.4.2.2 Senate/SRC Liaison Committee

Senate noted the election of the following members of the Senate/SRC Liaison Committee for a term of office of two years:

Dr G J Butler
 Ms S P Jamieson
Vacancy

2.4.2.3 Student Appeals Committee (Exclusions and Re-admissions)

Senate noted the election of the following members of the Student Appeals Committee (Exclusions and Re-admissions) for a term of office of two years:

Ms J Beatson
Vacancy
Vacancy
Vacancy

2.4.2.4 Student Disciplinary Appeals Committee

Senate noted the election of members of the Student Disciplinary Appeals Committee for a term of office of one year:

Mr P Burrows
 Dr G J Butler
Vacancy
Vacancy
Vacancy

2.5 Notice of election to fill remaining vacancies at the March Senate meeting

Senate noted that vacancies would need to be filled on the following committees:

- Chair Appointments Committee (*1 vacancy*)
- Senate/SRC Liaison Committee (*1 vacancy*)
- Student Academic Appeals Committee (*2 vacancies*)
- Student Appeals Committee (Exclusions and Readmissions) (*3 vacancies*)
- Student Disciplinary Appeals Committee (*2 vacancies*)

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

2.6.1 Restructuring of the Faculty of Arts

3. Report of the Vice-Chancellor and Principal

3.1 Change of Name to the School of Biomedical Sciences

Senate noted that the Vice-Chancellor had approved the change of name of the Department of Biomedical Sciences in the Faculty of Health Sciences to the School of Biomedical Sciences.

3.2 Information Centre

Senate noted the report on the activities of the Information Centre in 1998 and 1999.

3.3 Development Consent for Carillon Avenue Student Housing Village

Senate noted the report on the Development Consent for the Carillon Avenue Student Housing Village.

3.4 Establishment of the Italian Studies Association

Senate noted the report that the Vice-Chancellor had accepted the recommendation of the Council of the Frederick May Foundation for Italian Studies to dissolve the Foundation and the recommendation of the Pro-Vice-Chancellor (College of Humanities and Social Sciences) to establish a new Association to be known as the University of Sydney Italian Studies Association.

3.5 Commencement of Harassment Policy Review

Senate noted the report on the commencement of a review of the University's existing policy and procedures relating to harassment.

3.6 Cornell Leadership Program

Senate noted the report that, of the twenty-four Fellowships awarded in the Cornell Leadership Program for Veterinary students for 2000 involving some seventy universities, three had been awarded to University of Sydney students.

3.7 Thank you to Professor K Eltis

The Vice-Chancellor expressed his gratitude to Professor K Eltis for his work as Acting Vice-Chancellor in January, and drew attention to Professor Eltis' work in coordinating efforts to achieve orderly designation of classrooms/lecture theatres for 2000 in order to avoid overcrowding.

3.8 Thank you to Professor J Kinnear

The Vice-Chancellor thanked Professor J Kinnear for attending the January Melbourne meeting of GO8 universities on his behalf in Melbourne. He congratulated Professor Kinnear on her initiative in organising a University of Sydney table of Melbourne-based alumni and business people at the Prime Minister's Annual Federation Address.

3.9 SRC computer course handbook

Senate noted tabled documents from the SRC's Computer Course Handbook which had been distributed to commencing students.

3.10 Summer School

Senate noted a report on the Summer School.

4. Report of the Finance Committee, 20 January 2000 (*items for action*)

4.1 Report, Acting Vice-Chancellor

4.1.1 Purchasing Policy: Guidelines and Procedures – Revision of Existing Policy Document

Senate approved the revised policy document "Purchasing Policy: Guidelines and procedures", dated 1999.

5. Report of the Academic Board, 15 December 1999 (*items for action*)

5.1 Amendment of the Resolutions of the Senate

5.1.1 Faculties and College Boards: Boards of Postgraduate Studies

Senate approved the amendment of the Resolutions of the Senate relating to Faculties and College Boards: Boards of Postgraduate Studies, in order to create a Joint Board of Postgraduate Studies in Dentistry, Medicine and Pharmacy, with effect from 1 January 2000, as recommended in the report.

5.1.2 Faculty constitutions

5.1.2.1 Faculty of Medicine

Senate approved the amendment of the Constitution of the Faculty of Medicine to extend Faculty membership to the Dean of, and Professors in, the Faculty of Pharmacy and to Visiting Professors in the Faculty of Medicine, with immediate effect, and amended related Resolutions of the Senate as recommended in the report.

5.1.3 New or amended courses

5.1.3.1 Faculty of Health Sciences: Master of Health Science, Master of Health Science (Honours), Graduate Diploma of Health Science, Graduate Certificate of Health Science

Senate approved

- (i) (a) the introduction of the following new courses from July Semester 2000
 - Graduate Certificate of Health Science (Exercise and Sport Science)
 - Master of Health Science (Medical Sonography)
 - Graduate Certificate of Health Science (Medical Sonography)

the introduction of the following new course from March Semester 2000

 - Master of Health Science (Speech-Language Pathology)
- (b) major changes to the following existing courses from July Semester 2000
 - Master of Health Science (Exercise and Sport Science), Master of Health Science (Honours) (Exercise and Sport Science) and Graduate Diploma of Health Science (Exercise and Sport Science)
 - Master of Health Science (Management)
 - Master of Health Science (Occupational Therapy) and Graduate Certificate of Health Science (Occupational Therapy)
 - Graduate Diploma of Health Science (Medical Sonography)

and

- (ii) the amendment of related Resolutions of the Senate, with effect from 1 January or 1 July 2000, as recommended in the report.

5.1.3.2 Faculty of Science: Bachelor of Medical Science

Senate approved:

- (i) major changes to the existing course, the Bachelor of Medical Science, for introduction in 2000; and

- (ii) the amendment of the Resolutions of the Senate relating to the above course, with effect from 1 January 2000, as set out in the report.

5.2 Approval in principle for new or amended courses

5.2.1 Faculty of Nursing: Bachelor of Nursing/Bachelor of Science

Senate approved in principle the introduction in 2001 of major changes to the Bachelor of Nursing and Bachelor of Science courses, and the introduction of the new combined course, the Bachelor of Nursing/Bachelor of Science, as set out in the report presented.

6. General items (*items for action*)

6.1 Leave of absence

Senate granted leave to Professor S Leeder for the March Senate meeting.

6.2 Senate Meetings – 2000

Senate approved the amendment of the 2000 Senate meeting schedule as follows:

- The 3 October meeting be a formal meeting
- The 4 September meeting be reserved as an informal meeting date.

6.3 Graduation ceremonies – 2000

6.3.1 Australian Graduate School of Management

Senate approved the joint AGSM graduation ceremony, to be held in the Sydney Town Hall, being held at 10.30am on 26 May 2000.

6.3.2 Change in date for Architecture ceremony

Senate resolved that the date of the Architecture graduation ceremony be changed from Tuesday 4 April 2000 to Thursday 6 April 2000.

6.4 Bequests, donations, non-government grants and gifts-in-kind, November and December 1999

Senate accepted with gratitude the various bequests, donations, non-government grants and gifts-in-kind received in November and December 1999.

7. Question Time

Senate noted questions and responses relating to:

7.1 Fringe Benefits Tax Liability, Child Care Costs and Salary Packaging

7.2 Orange campus

7.3 Restructuring of the Faculty of Arts

7.4 Directors and Officers Liability Insurance

8. Report of the Finance Committee, 16 December 1999 (*items for noting*)

8.1 Confidential items

8.2 Minutes of the Meeting held on 18 November 1999)

8.3 Business Arising out of the Minutes

8.3.1 1998 Annual Reports

8.3.2 Dairy Research Foundation Annual Report

8.4 Report, Director, Financial Services

8.4.1 Monthly Financial Management Report for November 1999

8.4.2 GST – Progress Report No. 5

8.4.3 1998 Annual Reports

- Postgraduate Foundation in Veterinary Science
- Sydney University Cricket Club

8.5 Report, Deputy Vice-Chancellor, Planning & Resources

8.5.1 Central OH& S Committee – Report

- 8.5.2 **Facilities Management Office 1999 Works Program as at November 1999**
- 8.5.3 **Restructuring Initiatives Support Fund Report**
- 8.6 **Report, Assistant Pro-Vice-Chancellor (Information Technology)**
- 8.6.1 **Y2K Project Status – November 1999**
- 8.7 **Any other Business**
- 8.8 **Next meeting**
Senate noted the report.
9. **Report of the Finance Committee, 20 January 2000 (*items for noting*)**
- 9.1 **Confidential items**
- 9.2 **Minutes of the Meeting held on 16 December 1999**
- 9.3 **Business Arising out of the Minutes**
- 9.3.1 **GST Progress Report No 5**
- 9.3.2 **OH&S benchmarking to other Universities**
- 9.4 **Report, Acting Vice-Chancellor**
- 9.4.1 **Tender Board Report for Year Ending 31 October 1999**
- 9.4.2 **Enrolments – Semester 1, 2000 – Progress Report**
- 9.5 **Report, Director, Financial Services**
- 9.5.1 **Monthly Financial Management Report for December 1999**
- 9.5.2 **Challis House and Bosch Chambers**
- 9.5.3 **Annual Reports: Separate Enclosures**
- **Civil Engineering Foundation**
 - **Foundation for Classical Archaeology Annual Report for 1998-1999**
 - **Foundation for Information Technology**
 - **Melanoma Foundation**
- 9.6 **Report, Deputy Vice-Chancellor, Planning & Resources**
- 9.6.1 **Facilities Management Office 1999 Works Program as at December 1999**
- 9.6.2 **Budget Advisory Committee 2000 – Report No.1**
- 9.7 **Report, Assistant Pro-Vice-Chancellor (Information Technology)**
- 9.7.1 **Y2K Project Status – December 1999**
- 9.8 **Any other Business**
- 9.8.1 **Child care**
- 9.8.2 **Law School**
- 9.9 **Next Meeting**
Senate noted the report.
10. **Report of the Academic Board, 15 December 1999 (*items for noting*)**
- 10.1 **Report of the Chair**
- 10.1.1 **Improving the Management of Teaching at the University of Sydney**
Senate noted the report on the paper entitled “Improving the management of teaching at the University of Sydney” by the Pro-Vice-Chancellor (Teaching and Learning).
11. **General items (*items for noting*)**
- 11.1 **Graduation Ceremonies (March 2000)**
Senate noted the report.
12. **Any other business**
- 12.1 **Miss Betty Archdale**
Senate noted the death of former Fellow of Senate and Principal of the Women’s College, Miss Betty Archdale.
- 12.2 **Professor Michael Marmot**
Senate noted that Professor Michael Marmot had received a knighthood.

12.3 Professor John Dunston

Senate noted the death of Professor John Dunston, former Professor of Latin.

The meeting closed at 5.40pm.