



Senate Minutes Summary, 3 October 2000

At the meeting on 3 October 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 Senate meeting, 11 September 2000

Senate confirmed the minutes of the previous Senate meeting held on 11 September 2000 as a true and correct record.

2.3 Leave of absence

No leave had been requested.

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

There was no business arising.

3. Report of the Vice-Chancellor and Principal

3.1 Admission *Ad Eundem Gradum*

Senate admitted Associate Professor Helen Beh, a retired member of the academic staff, to the degree of Master of Science *ad eundem gradum*.

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

Senate

(i) appointed the following members of the Selection Committee:

Dr Michael Copeman,
Ms Larina Frolich,
Ms Daphne Kok and
Dr Chris Mallett (Deputy Chief Executive of the CSIRO).

(ii) appointed the following nominees proposed by the Academic Board:

Professor Les Field
Professor Margaret Harris
Professor Judy Raper
Professor Max Bennett, and

(iii) endorsed the following reserve members:

Dr Robin Fitzsimons
Professor Peter Wolnizer
Professor John Carter
Professor Stephen Leeder.

3.3 Aboriginal Reconciliation

Senate endorsed the Council for Aboriginal Reconciliation Roadmap for Reconciliation, recognising the University's already established policies in employment and student support, which have been designed to advance the cause of reconciliation and the scope of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students and staff.

3.4 Faculty of Dentistry Foundations

Senate

- (i) noted and approved the dissolution of the Dental Health Education and Research Foundation and the Faculty of Dentistry Foundation;
- (ii) approved the establishment of the Oral Health Foundation under the attached Constitution;
- (iii) agreed to the transfer of assets from the Dental Health Education and Research Foundation and the Faculty of Dentistry Foundation to the Oral Health Foundation; and
- (iv) expressed its appreciation to Dr Keith Hunter for his contribution to the work of the University as President of the Dental Health Education and Research Foundation and to Dr John Wilkinson AO for his contribution to the work of the University as President of the Faculty of Dentistry Foundation.

3.5 Faculty of Rural Management Advisory Committee

Senate

- (i) noted the revised terms of reference of the Orange Agricultural Advisory Committee;
- (ii) noted the new membership of the Advisory Committee as follows:

Immediate Past Advisory Council members to be reappointed:

Mr Alan Anderson, Principal, Kinross Wolaroi School, Orange
 Mrs Beryl Ingold, Rural Community member, Cootamundra
 Mr Tony Peters, Agribusiness (Dairy), Dubbo
 Mr Chris Shearer, National Australia Bank (retired), Melbourne
 Dr Kevin Sheridan, Director-General, NSW Agriculture, or nominee
 Ms Christine Campbell, Corporate Agribusiness, Sydney
 Mr Neil Inall, Public Relations and Rural Commentator, Orange

New Appointees:

Ms Christine Hannus, Director of Corporate Services, Orange City Council
 Mr Steve Morgan, Chief Manager, Agribusiness, Commonwealth Bank
 Mr Richard Beach, Agribusiness Development Officer, NSW Department of State and Regional Development
 The Director of the Western Institute of TAFE, or nominee

Senate noted the reports on the following:

3.6 Sesquicentenary Events

3.6.1 Fundraising

3.6.2 Sesquicentenary celebrations

3.7 Go8 - Imperatives and Principles for Policy Reform in Australian Higher Education

4. Report of the Finance Committee, 21 September 2000 (*items for action*)

4.1 Report, Registrar

4.1.1 Students Representative Council - Compulsory Subscriptions for 2001

Senate approved the proposed compulsory subscription for the SRC of \$58 for 2001.

5. Report of the Academic Board, 16 August 2000 (*items for action*)

5.1 Amendment of the Resolutions of the Senate

5.1.1 Student Membership of the Faculties, College Boards and Boards of Studies

Senate approved the amendment of the student membership of the Faculty of Nursing, with immediate effect, and amended related Resolutions of the Senate as recommended in the shaded box on page E1 of the report.

5.1.2 Faculty constitutions

5.1.2.1 Faculty of Nursing

Senate approved the amendment of the Constitution of the Faculty of Nursing, with immediate effect, and amended related Resolutions of the Senate as recommended, with three further minor amendments.

5.1.3 New or amended courses

5.1.3.1 Faculty of Engineering: Bachelor of Engineering/Bachelor of Medical Science

Senate approved the introduction in 2001 of the new combined course, the Bachelor of Engineering/Bachelor of Medical Science, and amended related Resolutions of the Senate as recommended in the shaded box on page E11 of the report.

5.1.3.2 Faculty of Engineering: Bachelor of Engineering (Electronic Commerce)

Senate approved the introduction in 2001 of the new specialisation, Electronic Commerce, in the Bachelor of Engineering course and amended related Resolutions of the Senate as recommended in the shaded box on page E11 of the report.

5.1.3.3 Faculty of Engineering: Bachelor of Engineering (Electronic Commerce)/Bachelor of Commerce

Senate approved the introduction in 2001 of the new combined course, the Bachelor of Engineering (Electronic Commerce)/Bachelor of Commerce, and amended related Resolutions of the Senate as recommended in the shaded box on page E11 of the report.

5.1.3.4 Faculty of Health Sciences: Master of Health Science, Graduate Diploma of Health Science, Graduate Certificate of Health Science, Master of Health Information Management

Senate approved the introduction in 2001 of:

- the new subject areas of Clinical Data Management, Health Informatics, Cardiopulmonary Physiotherapy, Neurological Physiotherapy and Paediatric Physiotherapy in the Master of Health Science course,
 - the revised subject areas of Physiotherapy, Manipulative Physiotherapy and Sports Physiotherapy in the Master of Health Science course,
 - major changes to the Graduate Diploma of Health Science and Graduate Certificate of Health Science courses,
 - the new Master of Health Information Management course;
- and

amended related Resolutions of the Senate as recommended in the shaded box on page E12 of the report.

5.1.3.5 Faculty of Law: Bachelor of Laws

Senate amended the Resolutions of the Senate relating to the Bachelor of Laws, adopting new Resolutions made pursuant to the University of Sydney (Undergraduate Courses) Rule 1999, as recommended in the shaded box on page E13 of the report.

5.1.3.6 Faculty of Nursing: Bachelor of Nursing

Senate amended the Resolutions of the Senate relating to the Bachelor of Nursing, adopting new Resolutions made pursuant to the University of Sydney (Undergraduate Courses) Rule 1999, as recommended in the shaded box on page E14 of the report.

5.1.3.7 Faculty of Nursing: Bachelor of Nursing/Bachelor of Science

Senate approved the introduction in 2001 of the new combined course, the Bachelor of Nursing/Bachelor of Science, and amended related Resolutions of the Senate as recommended in the shaded box on page E14 of the report.

5.1.3.8 Faculty of Science: Bachelor of Science (Molecular Biotechnology)

Senate approved the introduction in 2001 of the new course, the Bachelor of Science (Molecular Biotechnology), and amended the Resolutions of the Senate relating to the above course, adopting new Resolutions made pursuant to the University of Sydney (Undergraduate Courses) Rule 1999, as recommended in the shaded box on page E15 of the report.

5.1.3.9 Faculty of Science: Bachelor of Psychology

Senate amended the Resolutions of the Senate relating to the Bachelor of Psychology, adopting new Resolutions made pursuant to the University of Sydney (Undergraduate Courses) Rule 1999, as recommended in the shaded box on page E15 of the report.

5.1.3.10 Faculty of Science: Graduate Certificate in Applied Science, Graduate Diploma in Applied Science and Master of Applied Science

Senate approved the introduction in 2001 of the new subject area, Molecular Biotechnology, in the Graduate Certificate in Applied Science, Graduate Diploma in Applied Science and Master of Applied Science courses, and amended related Resolutions of the Senate, as recommended in the shaded box on page E15 of the report.

6. Notice of motion

6.1 Full-fee paying students

Senate resolved that the University affirms the following principles regarding its place within the Australian community: (i) that The University of Sydney should continue to be an independent public institution* of higher education; (ii) that the preponderant form of funding of undergraduate places within The University of Sydney should continue to be public funding; and (iii) that the preservation of public higher education in Australia is a commitment of the University. The Senate requests the Vice-Chancellor to convey these views to the Government of the Commonwealth of Australia in the strongest possible terms.

* A public institution being an institution in the public domain, owned in all respects by the people; and public education being an education available without reference to the social class, wealth or income of the person seeking access, and without reference to any other of the personal characteristics generally covered in legislation in regard to discrimination.

To general agreement it was noted that the definition of a public education should include reference to education being available to all those with the capacity to benefit from it and free from political or religious discrimination.

7. General items (*items for action*)

7.1 2001 Meeting dates

Senate approved the Senate meeting schedule for 2001 as presented in the report.

7.2 Report of the Ageing and Alzheimer's Research Foundation

Senate approved the proposed amendments to the Constitution for the Ageing and Alzheimer's Research Foundation.

7.3 Report of the Dairy Research Foundation

Senate approved the re-election of the President and the Deputy President of the Foundation and of the Council and the election of members of the Council as recommended.

7.4 Report of the Earth Resources Foundation

Senate approved the proposed amendments to the Constitution for the Earth Resources Foundation.

7.5 Report of the Medical Foundation

Senate approved the appointment and election of the members of the Council and the Women's Committee of the Medical Foundation as recommended.

7.6 Bequests, donations, non-government grants and gifts-in-kind, July and August 2000

Senate accepted with gratitude the various bequests, donations, non-government grants and gifts-in-kind received in July and August 2000.

7.7 Election of Postgraduate Fellow of Senate for a term of one year, commencing 1 December 2000

Senate resolved that a fresh election for the Position of Postgraduate Fellow should be conducted.

8. Question Time

There was no Question Time.

9. Report of the Finance Committee, 21 September 2000 (*items for noting*)

Senate noted the report on the following items:

9.1 Confidential items

9.2 Minutes of the regular meeting held on 17 August 2000

9.3 Business Arising out of the minutes

9.4 Report, Vice-Chancellor

9.4.1 2001 Budget: Preliminary Overview

9.5 Report, Acting Director, Financial Services

9.5.1 Monthly Financial Management Report for August 2000

9.5.2 Unconfirmed Minutes of Investment Committee held 24 August 2000

9.5.3 1999 Annual Reports

- Accounting Foundation
- Bone and Joint Research Foundation
- Celtic Studies Foundation
- Dairy Research Foundation
- Dental Health Foundation - Australia
- Endocrinology and Diabetes Research Foundation
- Faculty of Dentistry Foundation
- Sydney Conservatorium of Music Foundation
- Sydney Law School Foundation

- Sydney Peace Foundation
 - University of Sydney Standing Committee of Convocation
- 9.6 Report, Deputy Vice-Chancellor, Planning and Resources**
- 9.6.1 Facilities Management Office 2000 Works Program as at 31 August 2000**
- 9.6.2 Report on the operation of University Parking Systems and New Initiatives Introduced**
- 9.6.3 Disability Access Plan**
- 9.6.4 Public Authorities (Financial Arrangements) Amendment Act 2000 (NSW): Overview and Implications**
- 9.7 Any other Business**
- 9.8 Next Meeting**
- 10. Report of the Academic Board, 16 August 2000 (*items for noting*)**
Senate noted the report on the following item:
- 10.1 Report of the Chair**
- 10.1.1 Pilot project: Flexible entry scheme**
- 11. Report of the Senate/SUPRA Liaison Committee, 22 August 2000 (*items for noting*)**
Senate noted the report on the following items:
- 11.1 Year 2000 Scheme**
- 11.2 Personal Accident insurance for Postgraduate Students**
- 11.3 Reduction in Maximum full time PhD Candidature**
- 11.4 SUPRA Subscriptions**
- 11.5 Next Meeting**
- 11.6 Any other business**
- 11.6.1 Outing Coursework: report of the 1999 Survey of Postgraduate Coursework Students in the University of Sydney**
- 12. General items (*items for noting*)**
Senate noted the report on the following item:
- 12.1 Graduation Ceremonies (October/November 2000)**
- 13. Any other business**
There was no other business.