



Senate Minutes Summary, 5 February 2001

At the meeting on 5 February 2001:

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 4 December 2000 as a true and correct record.
 - 2.3 **Leave of absence**

Senate granted leave to Mr P Burrows for this meeting, and noted an apology for absence from Mr K Greene.
 - 2.4 **Elections**
 - 2.4.1 **Chair, Finance Committee**
 - 2.4.2 **Election of five members of the Finance Committee**

Senate resolved to extend Mr Burrows' current term as Chair of the Finance Committee to 5 March 2001 and to extend the current term of the current members of the Committee to 5 March 2001.
 - 2.4.3 **Student Appeals Committee (Exclusions and Readmissions)**

Senate nominated Dr A Eyland to attend one meeting of the Student Appeals Committee (Exclusions and Readmissions) in February and March 2001 which Ms Beatson could not attend, and nominated Dr R Fitzsimons as a reserve.

Senate noted the report on the following items:
 - 2.4.4 **Declaration of Committee election by the Registrar**
 - 2.4.4.1 **Student Discipline Appeals Committee**
 - 2.4.5 **Notice of election of Chair of the Finance Committee – 5 March 2001**
 - 2.4.6 **Notice of election of three members of the Student Disciplinary Appeals Committee – 5 March 2001)**
 - 2.4.7 **Notice of election to fill casual vacancies – 5 March 2001**
 - **Advisory Committee for the Selection of Candidates for Honorary Awards**
 - **Chair Appointments Committee**
 - 2.4.8 **Notice of election of the additional Fellow appointed by Senate – 5 March 2001**
 - 2.5 **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 Establishment of the Charles Perkins Oration

Senate approved the establishment of the Charles Perkins Oration.

3.2 Constitution of the Urology Foundation

Senate dissolved the Urology Foundation; approved the constitution of the Moran Foundation for Older Australians as presented in the report; and approved the transfer of the assets of the Urology Foundation to the Moran Foundation for Older Australians.

3.3 Prime Ministerial Statement on Innovation

Senate noted the report on the Prime Ministerial Statement on Innovation delivered on 29 January 2001, and the tabled report outlining the principal implications for the University of the range of measures announced.

Fellows congratulated Professor Cram on his appointment to a position at the Australian Research Council as Program Manager (Physical and Earth Sciences).

3.4 Restructuring of the Faculty of Nursing

Senate noted the report on the restructuring of the Faculty of Nursing into two academic departments from 1 January 2001, the Department of Clinical Nursing and the Department of Family and Community Nursing.

3.5 Cooperative Research Centres Success

Senate noted the report on the University's Cooperative Research Centres success. Of the 19 new CRCs established this year, the University is a core participant in 4 and supporting participant in one more. This now brings our involvement in CRCs to 13, double that of only three years ago.

3.6 Election to the Learned Academies

Senate congratulated Professor Stephen Garton of the School of Philosophy, Gender, History and Ancient World Studies on his recent election as a fellow of the Australian Academy of the Humanities.

3.7 Internal Research Support

Senate noted the report on internal research support. The Government White Paper on research and research training (*Knowledge and Innovation*) was the occasion for a reorganisation of internal funding schemes for the support of research at the University. Essentially, we committed \$150 million over 10 years to support research and research training through a variety of schemes that include major equipment, support for R&D, support for postgraduate research students, major centres and research computing.

3.8 Allocation of Postgraduate Awards

Senate noted the report on the allocation of postgraduate awards. Of the total of 1550 new APAs available for 2001 the University received 150.

3.9 Membership of the Rural Australia Foundation Board

Senate noted the report that Professor Eltis as Acting Vice-Chancellor had approved the nomination of Mr Tony Peters as a member of the Rural Australia Foundation Board.

3.10 Recognition of the Chancellor

Senate congratulated the Chancellor on her recent appointment to succeed General Sir Phillip Bennett as President of the Order of Australia Association.

3.11 Cornell Leadership Program for Veterinary Students

Senate noted the report the results of applications for the 2001 leadership program at Cornell university. 25 fellowships were awarded to veterinary students from 15 universities in the USA, Canada, UK, Germany, South Korea and Australia, and two students from this University were successful.

3.12 Development

Senate noted the report on infrastructure for the DEA Unit, fundraising, alumni and Sesquicentenary activities.

4. Report of the Academic Board, 13 December 2000 (*items for action*)

4.1 Amendment of the Resolutions of the Senate

4.1.1 Faculty constitutions

4.1.1.1 Faculty of Agriculture

Senate approved the amendment of the Constitution of the Faculty of Agriculture, with effect from 1 January 2001, and amend related Resolutions of the Senate as recommended in the shaded box on pages D1-2 of the report.

4.1.2 New or amended courses

4.1.2.1 Faculty of Agriculture: Bachelor of Animal Science

Senate approved:

- (1) the proposal from the Faculty of Agriculture for the introduction in 2002 of the new course, the Bachelor of Animal Science;
- (2) the amendment of the Resolutions of the Senate relating to Degrees and Diplomas in the Faculty of Agriculture, with effect from 1 January 2002, as set out in the shaded box on page D9; and
- (3) the amendment of the Resolutions of the Senate relating to Bachelor's degrees in the Faculty of Agriculture, made pursuant to the University of Sydney (Undergraduate Courses) Rule 1999 and approved by the Senate at its meeting on 6 November 2000, with effect from 1 January 2002, as set out in the shaded box on page D9.

4.1.2.2 Faculty of Architecture: Graduate Diploma in Design Science and Graduate Certificate in Design Science

Senate approved:

- (1) the proposal from the Faculty of Architecture for the introduction in 2001 of the new subject area of Film and Digital Video in the Graduate Diploma in Design Science and Graduate Certificate in Design Science courses; and
- (2) the amendment of the Resolutions of the Senate relating to Postgraduate Coursework Study: Master's degrees, Graduate Diplomas and Graduate Certificates in the Faculty of Architecture, with effect from 1 January 2001, as set out in the shaded box on page D10.

4.1.2.3 Faculty of Medicine: Graduate Certificate in Population Health Research Methods, Master of Health Economics, Graduate Certificate in Health Economics, Graduate Diploma in Medical Imaging, Master of Medicine, Master of Science in Medicine,

Graduate Diploma in Medicine and Graduate Diploma of Science in Medicine

Senate approved:

- (1) the proposals from the Faculty of Medicine for the introduction in 2001 of
 - (a) the new Graduate Certificate in Population Health Research Methods course,
 - (b) the new Master of Health Economics and Graduate Certificate in Health Economics courses,
 - (c) the new Graduate Diploma in Medical Imaging course and
 - (d) the new discipline area of Sleep Medicine in the Master of Medicine, Master of Science in Medicine, Graduate Diploma in Medicine and Graduate Diploma of Science in Medicine courses;
- (2) the amendment of the Resolutions of the Senate relating to Degrees, Diplomas and Certificates in the Faculty of Medicine, with effect from 1 January or 1 July 2001, as set out in the shaded box on page D11; and
- (3)
 - (a) the adoption of new Resolutions of the Senate relating to the Graduate Certificate in Population Health Research Methods course, the Master of Health Economics and Graduate Certificate in Health Economics courses and the Graduate Diploma in Medical Imaging course and
 - (b) the amendment of the Resolutions of the Senate relating to the Master of Medicine, Master of Science in Medicine, Graduate Diploma in Medicine and Graduate Diploma of Science in Medicine courses,

with effect from 1 January 2001 or 1 July 2001, as set out in the shaded boxes on pages D12-17.

4.1.2.4 Faculty of Science: Bachelor of Science in Media and Communications

Senate approved:

- (1) the proposal from the Faculty of Science for the introduction in 2002 of the new course, the Bachelor of Science in Media and Communication;
- (2) the amendment of the Resolutions of the Senate relating to Degrees, Graduate Diplomas and Graduate Certificates in the Faculty of Science, with effect from 1 January 2002, as set out in the shaded box on page D18; and
- (3) the adoption of new Resolutions of the Senate relating to this course, made pursuant to the University of Sydney (Undergraduate Courses) Rule 1999, with effect from 1 January 2002, as set out in the shaded box on pages D18-19.

4.1.2.5 Faculty of Science: Bachelor of Information Technology

Senate approved:

- (1) the proposal from the Faculty of Science for the introduction in 2002 of the new course, the Bachelor of Information Technology;
- (2) the amendment of the Resolutions of the Senate relating to Degrees, Graduate Diplomas and Graduate Certificates in the Faculty of Science, with effect from 1 January 2002, as set out in the shaded box on page D18; and
- (3) the adoption of new Resolutions of the Senate relating to this course, made pursuant to the University of Sydney (Undergraduate Courses) Rule 1999, with effect from 1 January 2002, as set out in the shaded box on page D19.

4.1.3 Revised Resolutions of the Senate made pursuant to the University of Sydney (Undergraduate Courses) Rule 1999

4.1.3.1 Faculty of Architecture: Bachelor of Architecture

Senate approved:

- (1) the rescission of the Resolutions of the Senate relating to the Bachelor of Architecture course; and
- (2) the adoption of the new Resolutions of the Senate relating to this course, made pursuant to the University of Sydney (Undergraduate Courses) Rule 1999, with effect from 1 January 2001, as set out in the shaded box on page D20.

4.1.4 Creation, Variation and Deletion of Award Courses and Units of Study

Senate ratified the section "Levels of Approval for changes to Courses and Units of Study" as set out in the shaded box on pages D31-34 and noted the remainder of the document "Creation, Variation and Deletion of Award Courses and Units of Study".

5. Notice of motions

5.1 Sesquicentenary

Dr R Fitzsimons had given notice that she intends to move that Senate resolve in the following terms:

- (i) that a Senate Sesquicentenary Planning Committee be established to review University-wide Sesquicentenary arrangements, to liaise with the wider University community including graduates, to consider where relevant potential guest speakers and lecturers, to report regularly to Senate and generally to work co-operatively with the Administration to re-galvanise Alumni to the University. The Committee proceedings shall be reported to Senate, and the Committee shall comprise interested Fellows of Senate and such other members of the University (such as graduates and staff in a position to 'network' for the University) as the Senate or Committee chooses to appoint.
- (ii) that every effort be made to publicise Sesqui events prominently in the next Gazette and to persuade graduates to check a web-site regularly for up-dates.

Dr Fitzsimons said that she was happy to defer the above motions to the March meeting and that she wished to reconsider their precise wording.

6. General items (*items for action*)

6.1 Academic dress

6.1.1 Faculty of Health Sciences

Senate approved:

- (i) the academic dress for the degree of Doctor of Health Sciences and the graduate diplomas and diplomas offered by the Faculty of Health Sciences;
- (ii) Resolutions of the Senate relating to academic dress as set out in the shaded box on page E1; and
- (iii) the deletion of the existing Resolutions of the Senate relating to the academic dress for the degrees of Master of Exercise and Sports Sciences, Master of Community Health, Master of Gerontology and Master of Health Science Education, and the Associate Diploma of Health Science and the Associate Diploma of Applied Science, which are no longer offered by the Faculty under these names.

6.2 Women's College Council

Senate nominated Dr R Fitzsimons to membership of the Women's College Council to 31 January 2003.

6.3 Bequests, donations, non-government grants and gifts-in-kind, November/December 2000

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

7. Question Time

Senate noted the questions and responses with respect to the following:

7.1 Sydney Conservatorium of Music

7.2 Sydney Conservatorium of Music

7.3 Academic Standards

8. Report of the Finance Committee, 21 December 2000 (*items for noting*)

Senate noted the report on the following items:

8.1 Confidential items

8.2 Minutes of the regular meeting held on 16 November 2000

8.3 Business Arising out of the Minutes

8.3.1 Shepherd Street Car Park

8.3.2 Seymour Centre

8.3.3 Sydney University Sports Union debt

8.4 Report, Director, Financial Services

8.4.1 Monthly Financial Management Report for November 2000

8.4.2 Comparison of Monthly Management Reporting to Quarterly Reports

8.4.3 Inactive Foundations – Fund balances

8.4.4 Annual Reports

- **CRC for Asthma**
- **EAR Foundation**
- **Save Sight Institute**
- **Sydney University Cricket Club Foundation Report**
- **The Nerve Research Foundation and the Institute of Clinical Neurosciences**

8.5 Report, Deputy Vice-Chancellor, Planning and Resources

8.5.1 Facilities Management Office 2000 Works Program as at 30 November 2000

8.6 Chair, Finance Committee

8.6.1 Membership of the Audit Committee

8.7 Any other Business

8.8 Next Meeting

9. Report of the Finance Committee, 18 January 2001 (*items for noting*)

Senate noted the report on the following items:

- 9.1 Confidential items**
 - 9.2 Minutes of the Regular Meeting held on 21 December 2000**
 - 9.3 Business Arising out of the Minutes**
 - 9.3.1 Quarterly Financial Reports**
 - 9.3.2 Urology Foundation**
 - 9.3.3 Inactive Foundations**
 - 9.4 Report, Director, Financial Services**
 - 9.4.1 Monthly Financial Management Report for December 2000**
 - 9.4.2 Unconfirmed Minutes of the Investment Committee Meeting held 13 December 2000**
 - 9.4.3 Unconfirmed Minutes of the Audit Committee Meeting held 19 December 2000**
 - 9.5 Report, Deputy Vice-Chancellor, Planning and Resources**
 - 9.5.1 Facilities Management Office 2000 Works Program as at 31 December 2000**
 - 9.5.2 Loans to SUSU and SUWSA**
 - 9.6 Report, Registrar**
 - 9.6.1 Enrolments – Semester 1, 2001 – Progress Report**
 - 9.7 Any Other Business**
 - 9.7.1 Statement by the Prime Minister**
 - 9.7.2 Review of Financial Services**
 - 9.8 Next Meeting**
- 10. Report of the Academic Board, 13 December 2000 (*items for noting*)**
Senate noted the report on the following item:
- 10.1 Report of the Chair**
 - 10.1.1 Assessment and Examination of Coursework**
- 11. General items (*items for noting*)**
Senate noted the report on the following items:
- 11.1 Honorary Awards**
 - 11.2 Graduation Ceremonies (February/March 2000)**
 - 11.3 Next Meeting**
- 12. Any other business**
- 12.1 Dinner for past and present Fellows of Senate, 3 February 2001**
Dr Eyland thanked the Vice-Chancellor for the dinner for Fellows of Senate held on 3 February 2001.