



Senate Minutes Summary, 7 May 2001

At its meeting on 7 May 2001:

1. Confidential items

2. Confidential Report of the Vice-Chancellor and Principal

2.1 Update for Senate's information

2.1.1 Museum of Contemporary Art

Senate noted the Vice-Chancellor's report and resolved to request the Vice-Chancellor to communicate to Mr Roger Wilkins of the NSW Cabinet Office that it was unwilling to proceed on a long-term basis in propping up the MCA without positive support from the State Government.

3. Confidential Minutes of the previous Senate meeting, 2 April 2001

Senate confirmed the confidential minutes of the previous Senate meeting held on 2 April 2001 as a true and correct record.

4. Business arising out of the Confidential Minutes

4.1 By-laws

Senate resolved, without dissent,

- (i) that a sub-committee be convened to look at the By-laws, especially those relating to the question of Senate and the Chancellor, and report back to Senate by the following Monday;
- (ii) that notice be given of a special meeting of Senate to be held on the following Monday, where the sub-committee could present its recommendations;
- (iii) that the Registrar be asked to report to the special meeting on the powers of the Chancellor and the Deputy Chancellor, and on functions which have been delegated to the Chancellor or Deputy Chancellor.

Senate also adopted the following composition and membership of the By-laws Committee:

The Chancellor (Emeritus Professor Dame Leonie Kramer)

The Deputy Chancellor (Mrs Renata R Kaldor)

The Vice-Chancellor and Principal (Professor Gavin Brown)

The Chair of the Academic Board (Professor Judyth Sachs)

The legally qualified Fellows who wished to serve on the Committee:

Ms Suzanne Jamieson

Mrs Daphne Kok

Mr John McCarthy

4.2 Advisory Committee for the Selection of Candidates for Honorary Awards

Senate resolved

- (i) that a Committee be established to examine the guidelines, resolutions and conventions regarding Honorary Awards and in particular focusing on:
 - (a) the process of nominations
 - (b) information required for consideration of nominations
 - (c) the process of approval

- (d) the information to be supplied to Senate in support of recommendations;
- (ii) that the convenor of the Review Committee be the Hon John Hatzistergos; and
- (iii) that the Review Committee's membership comprise interested Fellows of Senate and such other members of the University administration and staff as are co-opted, with full voting rights.

5. Confidential Report of the Finance Committee, 19 April 2001 (*items for noting*)

5.1 Museum of Contemporary Art

Senate noted the report.

5.2 Mr Robert Elstone

Senate noted the report.

5.3 Confidential minutes of the regular meeting held on 15 March 2001

Senate noted the report.

5.4 Carillon Avenue Student Housing Village

Senate noted the report.

5.5 92-96 Parramatta Road, Camperdown (Worksafe Australia Building)

Senate noted the report.

5.6 14-18 Chalmers Street, Surry Hills (Old MGM Building)

Senate noted the report.

6. Determination of other confidential items

No other items were determined to be confidential.

7. Routine Business

7.1 Starring

Senate resolved as recommended with respect to all unstarred items.

7.2 Minutes of the previous Senate meeting, 2 April 2001

Senate confirmed the minutes of the previous Senate meeting held on 2 April 2001 as a true and correct record.

7.3 Leave of absence

Senate granted leave requested.

7.4 Elections

7.4.1 2001 elections of Fellows of Senate

Senate approved the proposed election dates for the following elections:

One Undergraduate Student Fellow of Senate

12 October 2001

One Postgraduate Student Fellow of Senate

12 October 2001

Four academic staff Fellows of Senate

26 October 2001

One non-academic staff Fellow of Senate

26 October 2001

Five Graduate Fellows of Senate

13 November 2001

7.4.2 Abercrombie Street Child Care Limited

Senate appointed Professor Judyth Sachs to replace Professor L Cram as a Senate representative on the Council of Abercrombie Street Child Care Limited.

7.4.3 2001 election of a Fellow of Senate to fill a casual vacancy

Senate noted that the Polling Day for the election to fill the casual vacancy for the Undergraduate Fellow would be on 15 May 2001.

7.4.4 Chair Appointments Committee: Declaration of election by the Registrar

Senate noted the election of Dr G Butler as a member of the Chair Appointments Committee for a term of office with effect from this Senate meeting and to conclude on 4 February 2002.

7.4.5 Notice to fill a casual vacancy on the Senate/SUPRA Liaison Committee

Senate noted the report that an election to fill a casual vacancy on the Senate/SUPRA Liaison Committee would be held at the Senate meeting on 4 June 2001.

7.4.6 Casual vacancy on the Senate/SRC Liaison Committee

Senate noted that, by convention, the new undergraduate Fellow would be appointed to membership of the Senate/SRC Liaison Committee at the Senate meeting on 4 June 2001.

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

There was no business out of the minutes not dealt with elsewhere in the agenda.

8. Report of the Vice-Chancellor and Principal

8.1 Admission *Ad Eundem Gradum*

Senate admitted the following retired members of the Academic Staff to the degree of Master of Philosophy *ad eundem gradum*:

- Dr Alan Cholodenko
- Associate Professor Jennifer Gribble

8.2 Overseas Visits

Senate noted the report on the Vice-Chancellor's visits to New York, Washington and Beijing, representing the University.

8.3 Expectations of Managers and Supervisors

Senate noted the new statement on the University's Expectations of Managers and Supervisors which was endorsed by VCAC at its meeting of 21 March 2001.

8.4 Staff Honours

Senate noted the report and congratulated Dr John Cannon of the School of Mathematics and Statistics, who was one of six Australians awarded a Clunies Ross National Science and Technology Award for 2001, and Professor Max Crossley of the School of Chemistry and Professor Yue-Wing Mai of the School of Aerospace, Mechanical and Mechatronic Engineering, who were elected to the Australian Academy of Science.

8.5 Establishment of the School of Molecular and Microbial Bioscience

Senate noted the report that the Vice-Chancellor had approved the merger of the Departments of Biochemistry and Microbiology in the Faculties of Science and Agriculture to form the School of Molecular and Microbial Biosciences to be located in the Faculty of Science.

8.6 Development

Senate noted the report on Fundraising, Alumni and Sesquicentenary activities.

8.7 Press Club Speech

Senate noted the report on responses to the Vice-Chancellor's presentation to the Press Club on 11 April 2001 as Chair of the Group of Eight.

8.8 Christopher Patten Distinguished Lecture

Senate noted a report on the successful distinguished lecture by Mr Christopher Patten which took place on the occasion of the award of an honorary degree to Mr Patten.

8.9 Sydney Conservatorium of Music

Senate noted advice from a Fellow on the proposed move of the Sydney Conservatorium of Music from the ATP to Macquarie Street on 4 July 2001.

9. Report of the Finance Committee, 19 April 2001 (*items for action*)

9.1 Report, Acting Vice-Chancellor

9.1.1 St Michael's College

Senate resolved to

- (i) vary its original approval to permit the Archdiocese to participate with the University and the private sector in a joint venture development of the consolidated site on City Road subject to satisfactory financial and management arrangements being agreed between the parties. Furthermore, if such a joint venture agreement can not be achieved within five years of the date of Senate's approval, then the Archdiocese be permitted to develop student housing on its site;
- (ii) agree to acknowledge payment by the Archdiocese for No. 43 Alma Street;
- (iii) agree to accept the amount of \$126,904 from the Archdiocese as payment in full for No. 45 Alma Street representing the purchase price of \$8,000 paid by the University plus the loss of interest to date.

10. Report of the Academic Board, 14 March 2001 (*items for action*)

10.1 Amendment of the Resolutions of the Senate

10.1.1 New or amended courses

10.1.1.1 Faculty of Health Sciences: Bachelor of Health Sciences

Senate approved:

- (1) the proposal from the Faculty of Health Sciences for the introduction in 2002 of the new course, the Bachelor of Health Sciences;
- (2) the amendment of the Resolutions of the Senate relating to the Degrees, Diplomas and Certificates in the Faculty of Health Sciences, with effect from 1 January 2002, as set out in the shaded box; and
- (3) the adoption of the new Resolutions of the Senate relating to this course, made pursuant to the University of Sydney (Coursework) Rule 2000, with effect from 1 January 2002.

10.1.1.2 Faculty of Science

- (1) **Graduate Certificate in Applied Information Technology, Graduate Diploma in Applied Information Technology and Master of Applied Information Technology**

(2) **Graduate Certificate in Information Technology, Graduate Diploma in Information Technology and Master of Information Technology**

Senate approved:

- (1) the proposals from the Faculty of Science for the introduction in Second Semester 2001 of
 - (a) the new Graduate Certificate in Applied Information Technology, Graduate Diploma in Applied Information Technology and Master of Applied Information Technology courses, and
 - (b) major changes to the existing Graduate Certificate in Information Technology, Graduate Diploma in Information Technology and Master of Information Technology courses;
- (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 July 2001, as set out in the shaded box;
- (3)
 - (a) the adoption of new Resolutions of the Senate relating to the Graduate Certificate in Applied Information Technology, Graduate Diploma in Applied Information Technology and Master of Applied Information Technology courses, with effect from 1 July 2001, as set out in the shaded boxes; and
 - (b) the amendment of the Resolutions of the Senate relating to the Graduate Certificate in Information Technology, Graduate Diploma in Information Technology and Master of Information Technology courses, with effect from 1 July 2001, as set out in the shaded box.

10.1.2 Revised Resolutions of the Senate made pursuant to the University of Sydney (Coursework) Rule 2000

10.1.2.1 Faculty of Medicine: Bachelor of Medicine and Bachelor of Surgery

Senate approved:

- (1) the rescission of the Resolutions of the Senate relating to the Bachelor of Medicine and Bachelor of Surgery; and
- (2) the adoption of new Resolutions of the Senate relating to above course, made pursuant to the University of Sydney (Coursework) Rule 2000, with immediate effect, as set out in the shaded box.

10. Notice of motion

10.1 Pre-Senate Agenda Meetings

Ms V Pratt had given notice that she intended to move that Senate resolve in the following terms:

That the Pre-Senate Agenda Meetings be expanded to include four additional members (including two alternates) elected by and from the Senate.

Senate resolved that Ms Pratt's motion be stood over to the next regular meeting and that Ms Pratt, the Vice-Chancellor and any other interested Fellows discuss matters which had been raised at the Senate meeting.

11. General items (*items for action*)

11.1 Academic dress

11.1.1 Faculty of Economics and Business

Senate approved the academic dress for the degrees of Master of International Business, Master of Logistics Management, Master of Philosophy in Economics and Bachelor of Commerce (Liberal Studies) offered by the Faculty of Economics and Business, and approve Resolutions of the Senate relating to academic dress as set out in the shaded boxes.

11.1.2 Sydney College of the Arts

Senate approved the academic dress for all Masters Coursework degrees offered by Sydney College of the Arts, e.g. Master of Studio Art and Master of Multimedia Design, and approve Resolutions of the Senate relating to academic dress as set out in the shaded box.

11.2 Advisory Committee for the Centre for Continuing Education

Senate appointed the members of the Advisory Committee for the Centre for Continuing Education as listed in the report for a one year term of office.

11.3 Ageing and Alzheimer's Research Foundation

Senate approved the appointment of the President of the Council of the Foundation as recommended.

11.4 Medical Foundation

Senate approved the amendment to the Medical Foundation Constitution as recommended.

11.5 Science Foundation for Physics

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

11.6 Chair of Student Proctorial Boards

Senate appointed Mr Stephen Herrick as a second Chairman of Student Proctorial Boards for a term of office to conclude at the Senate meeting in April 2002.

11.7 Bequests, donations, non-government grants and gifts-in-kind, February 2001

Senate accepted with gratitude the various bequests, donations, non-government grants and gifts-in-kind received in February 2001.

11.8 Bequests, donations, non-government grants and gifts-in-kind, March 2001

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12. Question Time

12.1 Official invitations

Senate noted a question about the wording of formal invitations to official University functions, and the response.

12.2 Stawell Gift

The Vice-Chancellor congratulated Mr Andrew Pym on winning the Stawell Gift, the professional foot-racing championship held in Stawell in Victoria and the premier

professional sprint in the world. Mr Pym graduated in 2001 and was President of the Sydney University Athletics Club.

13. Report of the Finance Committee, 19 April 2001 (*items for noting*)

Senate noted the report on the following items:

- 13.1 Confidential items**
- 13.2 Minutes of the Regular Meeting held on 15 March 2001**
- 13.3 Business arising from the minutes**
- 13.4 Report, Acting Vice-Chancellor continued**
 - 13.4.1 Progress of external audit – advice from external consultant**
- 13.5 Report, Director, Financial Services**
 - 13.5.1 Monthly Financial Management Report for March 2001**
 - 13.5.2 Annual Financial Report for year ended 31 December 2001**
 - 13.5.3 Annual Reports**
 - **1999 Annual Report of the Bone and Joint Research Foundation**
- 13.6 Report, Deputy Vice-Chancellor, Planning and Resources**
 - 13.6.1 Facilities Management Office 2001 Works Program as at 31 March 2001**
 - 13.6.2 2001 and 2002 Budgets Progress Report No. 2**
 - 13.6.3 Review of Financial Services – Progress Report**
- 13.7 Chair, Finance Committee**
 - 13.7.1 Election of members to the Investment Committee**
- 13.8 Any other business**
 - 13.8.1 Dinner for the Right Honourable Chris Patten, 21 April 2001**

14. Report of the Academic Board, 14 March 2001 (*items for noting*)

Senate noted the report on the following items:

- 14.1 Report of the Chair**
 - 14.1.1 Admissions policies**
 - 14.1.1.1 Monitoring Student Admission and Progression**
 - 14.1.1.2 Special Admission Programs**
 - 14.1.1.3 Flexible Entry Scheme**

15. General items (*items for noting*)

15.1 Discipline of Students – Report for 2000

Senate noted the report.

15.2 Graduation Ceremonies (May/June 2001)

Senate noted the report.

15.3 Next Meeting

Senate noted the report.

16. Any other business

16.1 Professor B Cass

Senate congratulated Professor Bettina Cass on her appointment as Visiting G08 Professor at the Centre for Australian and New Zealand Studies at Georgetown University, USA.