



Senate Minutes Summary, 4 June 2001

At the meeting on 4 June 2001:

1. Confidential items

2. Welcome to Mr Sandy Cameron

Senate congratulated Mr Sandy (Alexander) Cameron on his election as Undergraduate Student Fellow, and welcomed him to his first Senate meeting.

3. Routine Business

3.1 Starring

Senate resolved as recommended with respect to all unstarred items.

3.2 Minutes of the previous Senate meeting, 7 May 2001

Senate confirmed the minutes of the Senate meeting held on 7 May 2001 as a true and correct record.

3.3 Minutes of the previous Special Senate meeting, 14 May 2001

Senate confirmed the minutes of the Special Senate meeting held on 14 May 2001 as a true and correct record.

3.4 Leave of absence

Senate granted leave of absence to Ms J Beatson, Dr M C Copeman, Mr G M Cujes, Mr D Hoare and Mrs D Kok for the June meeting of Senate, and to Mr P Burrows for the July meeting.

3.5 Notice of motion at May Senate meeting

Senate expressed support for the following procedural modifications for future Senate meetings:

- (1) Audio recordings of meetings
 - (2) Email circulation of draft Senate agenda one day before circulation of the agenda and papers
 - (3) Email circulation of draft Senate minutes following Senate meetings.
- and the Vice-Chancellor and the Registrar agreed that (2) and (3) above would be introduced with immediate effect and that the Registrar would come back with a feasibility report on (1).

3.6 By-law Amendment

Senate noted the report on legal advice received on a number of specific legal issues relating to the By-law amendment approved at the 14 May special Senate meeting.

3.7 Appeals to Senate against the imposition of penalties for misconduct

Senate referred two appeals against the imposition of penalties for misconduct to the Student Disciplinary Appeals Committee of Senate.

3.8 Senate Colloquium, 2 July 2001

Senate resolved that the July Colloquium be devoted to considering the University's position as an international institution.

3.9 Election of one Fellow by and from the undergraduate students to fill a casual vacancy

Senate noted the report and congratulated Mr Sandy Cameron on his election.

3.10 Casual vacancy on the Senate/SRC Liaison Committee

Senate appointed Mr Sandy Cameron to membership of the Senate/SRC Liaison Committee to fill a casual vacancy.

3.11 Casual vacancy on the Student Disciplinary Appeals Committee

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3.12 Casual vacancy on the Senate/SUPRA Liaison Committee

Senate noted that an election of one member to fill a casual vacancy on the Senate/SUPRA Liaison Committee would be held at the July Senate meeting

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

A Fellow reported on advice she had received about the cancelling of the April Senate Colloquium.

4. Report of the Vice-Chancellor and Principal

4.1 Director, Sydney College of the Arts

Senate:

- (i) noted that the Vice-Chancellor had approved the recommendations of the Sydney College of the Arts concerning the appointment of a Director of the College;
- (ii) appointed the following selection committee:

Ex Officio

- Vice-Chancellor and Principal (Professor Gavin Brown)
- Chair of the Academic Board (Professor Judyth Sachs)
- Pro-Vice-Chancellor with supervisory responsibility for the Director (Professor Ros Pesman)

Members appointed by Senate

Three members (plus two reserves) nominated by the College:

- Professor Margaret Harris (Acting Director, SCA)
- Associate Professor Brad Buckley (Sydney College of the Arts)
- Mr Tom Arthur (Sydney College of the Arts)
- Ms Mirabel Fitzgerald (Sydney College of the Arts) (first reserve)
- Ms Gudrun Klix (Sydney College of the Arts) (second reserve)

One member, external to the University, nominated by the Vice-Chancellor:

- Professor Sue Rowley (Program Manager, Humanities and Creative Arts, Australian Research Council)
- Professor David Williams (Director, School of Arts, ANU) (additional member)

4.2 Federal Budget

Senate noted the report on the disappointing outcome for higher education in the Federal budget and that, in interviews with ABC radio, the Vice-Chancellor had called for an immediate 5% increase in operating grants as an emergency measure and an additional \$6.75 billion in additional research funding.

4.3 Honours

Senate congratulated Professor Roger Tanner of the School of Aerospace, Mechanical and Mechatronic Engineering on his election as a Fellow of the Royal Society, and the Chancellor on her appointment to the Board of the Foundation of the Royal College of Surgeons.

4.4 Opening of Taylor's College

Senate noted the report that the University's Foundation Program for overseas students had moved into a new purpose-built \$36 million development with facilities for 1200 students and staff, and resolved to congratulate Professor Judith Kinnear, Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Academic and International), on bringing the University-Study Group Australia partnership into operation.

Senate resolved to place on record its debt of gratitude to Ms Sue Harland, Director, University of Sydney Foundation Program, who had died in November 2000.

4.5 Celebrating 150 Years

Senate noted the report on the production and received copies of a book on the University of Sydney, *Celebrating 150 Years*, one of the projects that formed part of the Sesquicentenary activities.

4.6 550th Anniversary of the University of Glasgow

Senate noted the report that the Vice-Chancellor had been invited by the Vice-Chancellor of the University of Glasgow, Sir Graeme Davies, to toast the Universities at a dinner on 21 May. This was an occasion for the Sydney and ACT alumni of the University of Glasgow to celebrate their 11th Jubilee, while the University of Sydney reached its 3rd.

4.7 Christopher Patten Distinguished Lecture

Senate noted that the *Australian Financial Review* had published an edited text of the speech delivered by Mr Patten as his Distinguished Lecture on the occasion of the award of his honorary degree, and a relevant press clipping was provided.

4.8 Development

4.8.1 Fundraising

4.8.2 Alumni

4.8.3 Sesquicentenary activities

Senate noted the report.

4.9 Carillon Avenue Student Village

Senate noted the Vice-Chancellor's report that all matters relating to the Carillon Avenue Student Village had been signed off on 1 June 2001 and congratulated Professor Eltis and staff involved in the project.

4.10 Possible amalgamation of the Department of Music and the Sydney Conservatorium of Music

Senate noted the Vice-Chancellor's report that he had been advised by Professor Pesman, Pro-Vice-Chancellor (Humanities and Social Sciences) that preliminary discussions were taking place on whether there would be an amalgamation of the Department of Music and the Sydney Conservatorium of Music.

4.11 Governor-General

Senate noted the Vice-Chancellor's advice that a recent *Sydney Morning Herald* report had implied that the nomination of the Governor-General for an honorary degree had been rejected by the University, and his clarification that the Governor-General been awarded the honorary degree of Doctor of Laws from the University of Sydney and would later this year receive the Sydney Peace Prize; it was not usual for

someone to be awarded two honorary doctorates, although this could not be ruled out.

4.12 Professor Kevin Lee

The Vice-Chancellor paid tribute to Professor Kevin Lee, who had died the previous week, advising that Professor Lee had been an absolutely outstanding citizen of the University of Sydney and a distinguished scholar in Classics.

5. Report of the Academic Board, 16 May 2001 (*items for action*)

5.1 Report of the Chair of the Academic Board: Review of the Academic Board and Academic Forum

Senate noted the report and approved the proposed membership of the Review Panel for the review of the Academic Board and Academic Forum and the proposed terms of reference, as presented below:

(a) Membership of the Review Panel

Professor Alan Robson, Deputy Vice-Chancellor, University of Western Australia

Professor Sally Walker, Deputy Vice-Chancellor, University of Melbourne (also former Chair of Academic Board University of Melbourne)

Professor Simon Marginson, Professor of Education, Monash University, written extensively on Academic Governance

Professor Les Field, Deputy Chair Academic Board, Research

(b) Terms of Reference

1. To review and make recommendations through the academic community to the Senate on the present University rules and by-laws which relate to the Academic Board and Academic Forum, with particular regard to:
 - (i) the role, purpose and function of the Academic Board and Academic Forum;
 - (ii) the role and function of the Chairs of the Academic Board and Academic Forum and the Deputy Chairs of the Academic Board;
 - (iii) the structure and operation of the Academic Board and Academic Forum, its relevant committees, including issues of size, function, membership;
 - (iv) the relationship between the Chair of the Academic Board and the Senior Executive of the University.
2. To review and make recommendations on:
 - (i) the effectiveness of operations of the Academic Board and Academic Forum in achieving their outcomes;
 - (ii) the relationship between the Chairs, the Deputy Chairs and the senior officers of the University and the Senate;
 - (iii) the relationship between the Academic Board and Academic Forum and the appropriateness of having two separate structures;
 - (iv) the terms of reference of the Academic Board, its sub-committees and the terms of reference of the Academic Forum
 - (v) the resourcing and administrative support of the Academic Board and Academic Forum to ensure that the purposes of each of these are met.
3. To review and make recommendations on:
 - (i) strategies for communication of policies and activities across the University;
 - (ii) take up of policies generated by the Academic Board;

- (iii) processes to gain feedback from the faculties to the Academic Board sub-committees on the effectiveness of the operations;
 - (iv) processes of reporting the outcomes of decisions made by the Academic Board and Academic Forum;
 - (v) the responsiveness and appropriateness of the Academic Board in the development, debate and implementation of new policies
4. To review and make recommendations on:
- (i) the election, selection and appointment processes to the Academic Board and sub-committees of the Board and the Academic Forum.
 - (ii) the representation of various constituencies across the University to the Academic Board and Academic Forum.

5.2 Amendment of the Rules of the Senate

5.2.1 Rules relating to the Academic Board, 1996 (as amended)

Senate deferred to the next meeting amendment of the terms of reference of the Undergraduate Studies and Teaching and Learning Committees and related Rules relating to the Academic Board, 1996 (as amended), pending a report on the reason for deleting the Centre for English Teaching from the list of bodies on whose academic activities the Teaching and Learning Committee advises the Board.

5.3 Amendment of the Resolutions of the Senate

5.3.1 Faculty constitutions

4.2.1.1 Faculty of Law

Senate approved the amendment of the Constitution of the Faculty of Law, with immediate effect, and amended related Resolutions of the Senate as recommended in the report.

5.3.2 New or amended courses

5.3.2.1 Faculty of Architecture: Master of Design Science

Senate approved:

- (1) the introduction in 2002 of the new subject area of Film and Digital Video in the Master of Design Science course; 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 2002, as set out in the report.

5.3.2.2 Faculties of Arts and Science: Bachelor of Liberal Studies (International)

Senate approved:

- (1) the proposal from the Faculty of Arts and Faculty of Science for the introduction in 2002 of the new stream, the Bachelor of Liberal Studies (International);
- (2) the amendment of the Resolutions of the Senate relating to the Degrees, Diplomas and Certificates in the Faculty of Arts, with effect from 1 January 2002, as set out in the report;
- (3) the amendment of the Resolutions of the Senate relating to the Degrees, Graduate Diplomas and Graduate Certificates in the Faculty of Science, with effect from 1 January 2002, as set out in the report; and

- (4) the adoption of the new Resolutions of the Senate relating to this stream, made pursuant to the University of Sydney (Coursework) Rule 2000, with effect from 1 January 2002, as set out in the report.

5.3.2.3 Faculty of Economics and Business: Master of Human Resource Management and Coaching, Graduate Diploma in Human Resource Management and Coaching, Graduate Certificate in Human Resource Management and Coaching

Senate approved:

- (1) the proposal from the Faculty of Economics and Business for the introduction in Second Semester 2001 of the new Master of Human Resource Management and Coaching, Graduate Diploma in Human Resource Management and Coaching and Graduate Certificate in Human Resource Management and Coaching courses;
- (2) the amendment of the Resolutions of the Senate relating to Degrees, Diplomas and Certificates in the Faculty of Economics and Business, with effect from 1 July 2001, as set out in the report; and
- (3) the adoption of new Resolutions of the Senate relating to the Master of Human Resource Management and Coaching, Graduate Diploma in Human Resource Management and Coaching and Graduate Certificate in Human Resource Management and Coaching courses, with effect from 1 July 2001, as set out in the report.

5.3.2.4 Faculty of Education: Bachelor of Education (Secondary)/ Bachelor of Arts (Psychology) and Bachelor of Education (Secondary)/Bachelor of Science (Psychology)

Senate approved:

- (1) the proposal from the Faculty of Education for the introduction in 2002 of the new courses, the Bachelor of Education (Secondary)/ Bachelor of Arts (Psychology) and the Bachelor of Education (Secondary)/Bachelor of Science (Psychology);
- (2) the amendment of the Resolutions of the Senate relating to the Degrees, Diplomas and Certificates in the Faculty of Education, with effect from 1 January 2002, as set out in the report; and
- (3) the amendment of the Resolutions of the Senate relating to the combined courses in the Faculty of Education, with effect from 1 January 2002, as set out in the report.

5.3.2.5 Faculty of Medicine: Master of Biostatistics, Graduate Diploma in Biostatistics, Graduate Certificate in Biostatistics

Senate approved:

- (1) the proposal from the Faculty of Medicine for the introduction in Second Semester 2001 of the new Master of Biostatistics, Graduate Diploma in Biostatistics and Graduate Certificate in Biostatistics 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 July 2001, as set out in the report; and
- (3) the adoption of new Resolutions of the Senate relating to the Master of Biostatistics, Graduate Diploma in Biostatistics

and Graduate Certificate in Biostatistics courses, with effect from 1 July 2001, as set out in the report.

5.4 Code of Conduct for Responsible Research Practice

Senate:

- (1) approved the Code of Conduct for Responsible Research Practice, and resolved to commend to the Board an amendment to section 4(2) to provide a clearer definition of the role of supervisors in the definition of authorship; and
- (2) noted the new Guidelines for Dealing with Allegations of Research Misconduct as set out in the report.

6. Notice of motions

6.1 By-laws

The following motion was put and lost: that the resolution passed by Senate on 14 May 2001 proposing that the University of Sydney By-Law 1999 under the University of Sydney Act 1989 be amended forthwith by the addition of the by-laws 9(2)A, 9(2)B, 11(2)A and 11(2)B be rescinded.

6.2 Review of Senate governance

The following motion was withdrawn by Dr Copeman:

- (1) That there be established a panel to review the procedures of the Senate, its relationship with the office of chancellor (including its delegations to the holder of that office), and the appropriate structures of its support of the vice-chancellor as chief executive officer and of the academic governance of the University
- (2) That the Vice-Chancellor be requested to provide the panel with required secretarial and research assistance and the funds necessary to defray the expenses of the review and any honoraria that may be deemed appropriate
- (3) That the panel submit a report to the Senate, including recommendations as to any alterations to existing by-laws that the panel believes are appropriate
- (4) That the panel report its views and recommendations as the relationship of the Senate with the office of chancellor within two months of having been established and its views and recommendations on other matters as soon as possible thereafter
- (5) That the panel consist of seven persons, including a respected and disinterested person with suitable legal training and experience from outside the University, who might chair the review, the chancellor or that person's nominee, the Vice-Chancellor or his nominee, the Chair of the Academic Board or her nominee, and three other Fellows of Senate elected by the Senate
- (6) That the review should have regard to the following matters:
 - (i) The comparability of the governing council of a university with statutory boards and the boards of public corporations; the implications of such comparisons for the improvement of the structure and functioning of the Senate of The University of Sydney, subject to the requirements of the enabling Act of Parliament
 - (ii) The duties and responsibilities of the office of chancellor, paying regard inter alia to delegations of the Senate to the office of chancellor or to the current holder of that office and to the more general relationship of the office of chancellor with the Senate and the vice-chancellor; the duties and responsibilities of the office of deputy chancellor; the possible roles of pro-chancellors
 - (iii) The expectations of the Senate with respect to the vice-chancellor as academic leader and senior manager of the University and the correspondence of delegations of authority to the vice-chancellor with responsibilities of the holder of that office

- (iv) The appropriate size of the Senate and the balance between various groups of Fellows; expectations with respect to elected Fellows and the notions of constituencies and representation in the case of persons elected to the Senate; the responsibilities of appointed Fellows
- (v) The business and conduct of meetings of the Senate, including the frequency of meetings, the procedure for the setting of the agenda, the current division of the agenda into two parts and other possible divisions; the desirability of the restoration of a standing committee to consider the agenda; the nature and extent of the minuting of proceedings; the scope for and place of non-formal meetings of the Senate (specifically the 'colloquia'); the means by which greater scope can be created for Senate debate and resolution on matters of policy; the role and responsibilities of the chair; the appropriateness of current Procedures of Senate
- (vi) The merit of creating new standing committees of the Senate with responsibilities for - at least - institutional development, the overall shape of the academic profile of the University, and the planning of physical infrastructure, for the better handling of information coming to Senate on these matters and for the better consideration of such information; the convening and chairing of any new committees; the nature and extent of the minuting of the proceedings of any new standing committees
- (vii) The appropriate composition, responsibilities, executive powers, minuting of proceedings, chairing and reporting of existing standing committees of the Senate

7. General items (*items for action*)

7.1 Academic dress

7.1.1 Faculty of Rural Management

Senate approved the academic dress for the Master of Rural Management, Master of Sustainable Agriculture, Bachelor of Business (Agricultural Commerce), Bachelor of Equine Business Management, Bachelor of Farm Management, Bachelor of Horticultural Management, Bachelor of Land Management, Bachelor of Rural Business Administration, Graduate Diploma in Rural Management Studies, Graduate Diploma in Sustainable Agriculture, Advanced Diploma of Business (Agricultural Commerce), Advanced Diploma of Equine Business Management, Advanced Diploma of Horticultural Management, Advanced Diploma of Horticulture, Advanced Diploma of Viticultural Management and Advanced Diploma of Management in the Faculty of Rural Management and approved Resolutions of the Senate relating to academic dress as set out in the report.

7.1.2 Faculty of Science

Senate approved the academic dress for the degrees of Bachelor of Information Technology and Bachelor of Science in Media and Communications in the Faculty of Science, and approved Resolutions of the Senate relating to academic dress as set out in the report.

7.2 Advisory Committee for the Centre for Continuing Education

Senate appointed a member of the Advisory Committee for the Centre for Continuing Education as recommended.

7.3 Warren Centre for Advanced Engineering

Senate appointed Directors, the Executive Director and an Honorary Governor of the Foundation as recommended.

- 7.4 Bequests, donations, non-government grants and gifts-in-kind, April 2001**
Senate accepted with gratitude the various bequests, donations, non-government grants and gifts-in-kind received in April 2001.
- 8. Question Time**
- 8.1 Contacts between higher education in Australia and countries in the European Union**
Senate noted a question about increasing the contacts between higher education in Australia and countries in the European Union, and the Vice-Chancellor's response.
- 8.2 Question time**
Senate noted that the question of a more liberal question time had been raised, and noted the Vice-Chancellor's response.
- 8.2 Correspondence from senior officers relating to Dr Copeman's proposed notice of motion**
Senate noted questions relating to correspondence from senior officers relating to Dr Copeman's proposed notice of motion and the Vice-Chancellor's response.
- 9. Report of the Finance Committee, 17 May 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 19 April 2001**
- 9.3 Business Arising out of the Minutes**
- 9.4 Report, Vice-Chancellor and Principal**
- 9.4.1 Carillon Avenue Student Housing Village**
- 9.5 Report, Director, Financial Services**
- 9.5.1 Monthly Financial Management Report for April 2001**
- 9.5.2 GPOF Quarterly Report for the Quarter Ending 31 March 2001**
- 9.5.3 Sale of Land Adjoining Marulan Substation**
- 9.5.4 Sale of Land at Tallimba**
- 9.5.5 Unconfirmed Minutes of Audit Committee Meeting held 10 April 2001**
- 9.5.6 Annual Reports**
- Asia Pacific Capital Markets Foundation 1999 Annual Report
 - The Science Foundation for Physics 2000 Annual Report
 - The Warren Centre 2000 Annual Report
- 9.6 Report, Deputy Vice-Chancellor, Planning and Resources**
- 9.6.1 Facilities Management Office 2001 Works Program as at 30 April 2001**
- 9.6.2 Review of Financial Services-Progress Report**
- 9.7 Any Other Business**
- 9.7.1 2001 Budget Supporting Document**
- 9.8 Next Meeting**
- 9.9 Any other business**
- 9.9.1 Executive Salaries**
- 9.9.2 Library funding**
- 10. Report of the Academic Board, 16 May 2001 (*items for noting*)**
Senate noted the report on the following items:
- 10.1 Report of the Chair**
- 10.1.1 Management and Evaluation of Teaching**
- 10.1.2 Go8 Chairs of Academic Boards**
- 11. Report of the Senate/SRC Liaison Committee, 29 May 2001 (*items for noting*)**
Senate noted the report on the following items:

- 11.1 **Federal Election**
 - 11.2 **Student Housing**
 - 11.3 **External and Corporate Funding and Partnerships and Ethical Investment**
 - 11.4 **Senate Governance**
 - 11.5 **University Equity Plan**
 - 11.6 **University Budget**
 - 11.7 **Next Meeting**
 - 11.8 **Any other business**
12. **General items (*items for noting*)**
- 12.1 **Graduation Ceremonies (June/July 2001)**
Senate noted the report.
 - 12.2 **Next Meeting**
Senate noted the report.
13. **Any other business**
There was no other business.