



The University of Sydney

Senate Minutes Summary, 6 August 2001

At the ordinary meeting on 6 August 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 Senate meeting and adjourned meeting, 2 and 23 July 2001**

Senate confirmed the minutes of the previous Senate meeting and adjourned meeting held on 2 and 23 July 2001 as a true and correct record, subject to two amendments.
 - 2.3 **Announcement by the Chancellor**

The Chancellor then read out the following motion which had been passed unanimously during the confidential section of the meeting:

The Senate acknowledges and accepts that Dame Leonie Kramer will vacate the office of Chancellor by her retirement at the conclusion of the meeting on 6th August 2001. Senate invites Dame Leonie Kramer to preside at the remaining graduation ceremonies for the calendar year 2001.
 - 2.4 **Leave of absence**

Senate granted leave to Mr D Hoare and Mrs D Kok as requested.
 - 2.5 **2002 Senate meeting dates**

Senate resolved that the Senate meeting schedule for 2002 be as listed in the report.
 - 2.6 **Senate Colloquium, 2 July 2001**

Senate noted the report.
 - 2.7 **Business arising out of the minutes not dealt with elsewhere in the agenda**

There was no business arising out of the minutes not dealt with elsewhere in the agenda.
- ☆ 3. **Notice of motions**
 - 3.1 The Deputy Chancellor had given notice that she intended to move that Senate resolve in the following terms: That the Chancellor does not have the confidence of Senate.

This item had been withdrawn by the Deputy Chancellor in the confidential section of the meeting.
 - 3.2 Dr G Butler had given notice of a motion.

Senate resolved

 - (1) that the Senate establish immediately a review, within the terms of the University of Sydney Act 1989 (as amended) and the University of Sydney

By-law 1999 (as amended), of the position of Chancellor of The University of Sydney in relation to the Senate, and of the procedures for the conduct of the business of the Senate;

- (2) (i) that the review be undertaken by a firm of consultants to be chosen through a 'selective tendering process', (ii) that the consultants proceed under the direction of and initially report to a Steering Group of Fellows of Senate, (iii) that the Steering Group be required to select and instruct the consultants, (iv) that the Steering Group consist of the Deputy Chancellor (Convenor), the Vice-Chancellor, the Chair of the Academic Board, Mr Tom Clark, Dr Michael Copeman, Ms Suzanne Jamieson and Ms Val Pratt, and (v) that the Steering Group submit an interim report on the relationship of the Chancellor with the Senate to the September 2001 meeting of the Senate and a full report and recommendations to the October 2001 meeting.

☆ 4. **Report of the Vice-Chancellor and Principal**

4.1 Updates

4.1.1 University Governance Conference

Senate noted a program for the University Governance Conference, jointly convened by Southern Cross University and Macquarie University, which would be held at the Macquarie Graduate School of Management from 26 to 28 August 2001, and that the Vice-Chancellor would facilitate attendance at the conference by Fellows of Senate.

4.1.2 “Facing the Music”

Senate accepted the Vice-Chancellor’s offer to screen the film “Facing the Music”.

4.1.3 “Australia’s first university”

Senate received copies of the brochure “Australia’s first university”.

4.2 Establishment of the Australia-Vietnam Medical Trust

Senate approved the establishment of the Australia-Vietnam Medical Trust as a Foundation of the University of Sydney under the Constitution provided in the report.

4.3 Establishment of the Sydney University Biological Information and Technology Centre

Senate noted the report that the Vice-Chancellor had approved the establishment of the new Sydney University Biological Information and Technology Centre.

4.4 Senate Enquiry

Senate noted the report on the University’s submission to the Commonwealth Senate Enquiry into the capacity of public universities to meet Australia’s higher education needs, and the Vice-Chancellor’s appearance before the Enquiry on 17 July 2001.

4.5 Virtual Colombo Plan

Senate noted a report on the Virtual Colombo Plan.

4.6 Staff honours

Senate resolved to congratulate Professor Michael V Swain of the Biomaterials Science Unit, on being awarded an Alexander von Humboldt Research Award for Scientific Cooperation between Australia and Germany.

4.7 Major National Research Facilities

Senate noted the report on the University’s involvement in six applications for funds under the Major National Research Facilities program.

4.8 Development and External Affairs

4.8.1 Fundraising

4.8.2 Alumni

4.8.3 Sesquicentenary activities

Senate noted the report.

☆ 5. Item requested by the Deputy Chancellor

5.1 Legal advice relating to the Bylaw and the Chancellor's position

The Deputy Chancellor said that she was happy to stand this item over until the September Senate meeting.

6. Items adjourned from the Senate meeting and adjourned meeting held on 2 and 23 July 2001

☆ 6.1 Report of the Finance Committee, 21 June 2001

Items for action

6.1.1 Report, Chair

6.1.1.1 Audit Committee 2001

Senate approved the following:

- (i) that the Audit Committee be a Committee of and report directly to, Senate;
- (ii) that the Audit Committee be invited to submit terms of reference for approval by Senate;
- (iii) that the current membership of the Audit Committee be retained until February 2002;
- (iv) that the new reporting arrangements be reviewed by Senate after a period of 12 months operation.

Senate noted the report on the following items:

6.1.2 Minutes of the Meeting held on 17 May 2001

6.1.3 Business Arising out of the Minutes

6.1.3.1 Sale of Land at Tallimba

6.1.4 Report, Acting Vice-Chancellor

6.1.4.1 Centre for Regional Education, Orange (CREO)

6.1.5 Report, Director, Financial Services

6.1.5.1 Monthly Financial Management Report for May 2001

6.1.5.2 Unconfirmed Minutes of Investment Committee meeting held 17 May 2001

6.1.5.3 2000 Annual Reports

- Ageing and Alzheimer's Research Foundation
- Nerve Research Foundation and The Institute of Clinical Neurosciences
- Poultry Research Foundation
- Veterinary Science Foundation
- Yannadah On-Campus Residence

6.1.6 Report, Deputy Vice-Chancellor, Planning and Resources

6.1.6.1 Facilities Management Office 2001 Works Program as at 31 May 2001

6.1.6.2 Audio-Visual Facilities upgrade - Report on Program)

6.1.6.3 2001 and 2002 Budget - Progress Report No. 3

6.1.6.4 The Capital Development Program - The Changing Face of the University

6.1.7 Report, Assistant Pro-Vice-Chancellor, Information Technology

6.1.7.1 Electronic Forms of Communication for University Business

6.1.8 Report, Registrar

6.1.8.1 Student Associations' Annual Reports

- **Cumberland Student Guild 2000 Annual Report**
- **SASCA 2000 Annual Report**
- **SUPRA 2000-2001 Annual Report**
- **Sydney University Sports Union 2000 Annual Report**
- **Sydney University Women's Sports Association 2000 Annual Report**
- **University of Sydney Union 2000 Annual Report**

6.1.9 Any Other Business

6.1.10 Next Meeting

★ **6.2 Report of the Vice-Chancellor**

6.2.1 Dissolution of the Birth Defects Foundation

Senate recommended that the Birth Defects Foundation be dissolved and its assets (\$6,331) transferred to birth defects research (K0301 C0185) which is a University of Sydney research account used for the study of birth defects.

6.2.2 Restructuring of the Faculty of Architecture

Senate noted the report on the adoption of a one-school model in the Faculty of Architecture from 1 January 2002.

6.2.3 Review of University Legislation and Financial Regulation Arrangements

Senate noted the report on a discussion paper from the NSW Department of Education and Training, formally advising of a review to be overseen by the Department and the NSW Treasury.

6.2.4 Establishment of the Centre for Salinity Assessment and Management

Senate noted the report that the Vice-Chancellor had approved the establishment of the new Centre for Salinity Assessment and Management.

6.2.5 Review of the AGSM

Senate noted the report on a report on the AGSM jointly prepared and submitted by Dr Morrison and Professor Pesman on 19 June 2001, with the preliminary advice identifying matters for early resolution and matters "for deeper review".

6.2.6 Launch of the Opposition Policy Statement on "The Knowledge Nation"

Senate noted the report.

6.2.7 Development and External Affairs

Senate noted the report.

6.3 Questions on notice

6.3.1 Review of NSW University Legislation and Financial Regulation

Senate noted the question and the Vice-Chancellor's response.

6.3.2 Review of AGSM

Senate noted the question and the Vice-Chancellor's response.

★ **7. Report of the Finance Committee, 19 July 2001 (*items for action*)**

7.1 Report, Vice-Chancellor and Principal

7.1.1 2001 Mid-Year Consolidated Budget

Senate

- (i) noted the Finance Committee's advice that the 2001 Mid-Year Consolidated Budget contains no unapproved items of expenditure

- approved since November 2000 and contains the latest available information on research grants and fee income; and
- (ii) resolved that the 2001 Mid-Year Consolidated Budget be used as the benchmark for further reporting.

7.1.2 2001 Mid-Year Review of Capital Development Program

Senate approved the advice of the Vice-Chancellor and Principal and the proposals of the Capital Development Program Co-ordinating Group, forming part of the 2001 Mid-Year Review.

7.2 Report, Registrar

7.2.1 Student associations – Compulsory Subscription for 2002

Senate approved the proposed compulsory subscription for 2002 fees for 2002 for student associations, as set out in the report.

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

8.1 Amendment of the Rules of the Senate

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

Senate approved amendment of the Rules relating to the Academic Board, 1996 (as amended):

- (1) to make specific provisions in terms of reference of the Board's Undergraduate Studies and Teaching and Learning Committees for the promotion and fostering of initiatives to Undergraduate studies for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Strategic Plan; and
- (2) to delete the Centre for English Teaching from the list of bodies upon whose academic activities the Teaching and Learning Committee advises the Board, as set out in the shaded box on pages K2-4.

☆ **9. Report of the Academic Board, 13 June 2001 (*items for action*)**

9.1 Amendment of the Resolutions of the Senate

9.1.1 Faculty constitutions

9.1.1.1 Faculty of Education

Senate approved the amendment of the Resolutions of the Senate relating to the Constitution of the Faculty, with immediate effect, as recommended in the shaded box on page L2.

9.1.1.2 Faculty of Nursing

Senate approved the amendment of the Resolutions of the Senate relating to the Constitution of the Faculty, with immediate effect, as set out in the report except for (c), which would be amended as follows:

- (c) Professor J A Young, Pro-Vice-Chancellor, (Health Sciences) for a period of ~~2.5 years~~ ending 31 May 2003,

10. General items (*items for action*)

10.1 Academic dress

10.1.1 Faculty of Law

Senate approved the academic dress for the Graduate Diploma in Health Law and the Graduate Diploma in Commercial Law, and approved Resolutions of the Senate relating to academic dress as set out in the shaded box on page M1.

10.2 Oral Health Foundation

Senate approved the appointment of members of the Oral Health Foundation Council as recommended in the report.

- 10.3 Report of the Board of the Warren Centre for Advanced Engineering**
Senate confirmed appointments as Governors effective 1 June 2001 as recommended in the report.
- 10.4 Centenary Institute of Cancer Medicine and Cell Biology**
Senate approved the appointment of the Hon John Brown AO as a Governor of the Board of the Centenary Institute of Cancer Medicine and Cell Biology in the category of nominee of the Dean of the Faculty of Medicine, subject to the approval of the Governor of New South Wales and for a three year term of office.
- 10.5 Bequests, donations, non-government grants and gifts-in-kind, May 2001**
Senate accepted with gratitude the various bequests, donations, non-government grants and gifts-in-kind received in May 2001.
- 10.6 Bequests, donations, non-government grants and gifts-in-kind, June 2001**
Senate accepted with gratitude the various bequests, donations, non-government grants and gifts-in-kind received in June 2001.



11. Question Time

- 11.1 Evaluation of teaching performance**
Senate noted the questions and the Vice-Chancellor's response.
- 11.2 Recognition of the Chancellor**
Senate noted comments and suggestions in relation to recognition of the Chancellor.
- 11.3 Comments by Professor Sir Bruce Williams in Campus Review**
Senate noted the question and the Vice-Chancellor's response.

12. Report of the Finance Committee, 19 July 2001 (*items for noting*)

Senate noted the report on the following items:

- 12.1 Minutes of the Previous Meeting**
12.1.1 Minutes of Meeting held on 21 June 2001
- 12.2 Business Arising out of the Minutes**
12.2.1 Accommodation Assistance for Academic Staff
12.2.2 Provision of Low Cost Student Housing
12.2.3 92-96 Parramatta Road, Camperdown (Worksafe Australia Building)
- 12.3 Report, Vice-Chancellor and Principal continued**
12.3.1 Museum of Contemporary Art
- 12.4 Report, Director, Financial Services**
12.4.1 Monthly Financial Management Report for June 2001
12.4.2 Challis House – Expressions of Interest
12.4.3 Annual Reports
- **Chemical Engineering Foundation 1999/2000**
 - **Dermatology Research Foundation 2000**
 - **Melanoma Foundation 2000**
 - **Near Eastern Archaeology Foundation 2000**
 - **Nutrition Research Foundation 2000/2001**
 - **Pharmacy Practice Foundation 2000**
 - **Research Institute for Asia and the Pacific 2000**
- 12.5 Report, Deputy Vice-Chancellor, Planning and Resources**
12.5.1 Facilities Management Office 2001 Works Program as at 30 June 2001
- 12.6 Report, Registrar continued**
12.6.1 Student Association's Annual Reports
- **Orange Agricultural College – Student Association**
- 12.7 Report, Chair**

12.7.1 Audit Committee Draft Minutes of Meeting held on 18 June 2001**12.8 Any Other Business****12.9 Next Meeting****13. Report of the Academic Board, 13 June 2001 (*items for noting*)****13.1 Report of the Chair****13.1.1 Review of the Academic Board and Academic Forum**

Senate noted the report.

13.1.2 Quality Assurance and On-line Learning

Senate noted that the Board had adopted a new “Quality Assurance and On-line Learning” policy, which would take effect immediately, and rescinded the previous “Quality Assurance: On-line Learning Interim Policy”.

★ 14. Any other business

There was no other business.