



Senate minutes summary, 5 November 2001

At the ordinary meeting on 5 November 2001:

- ★ 1. **Addition or Deletion of confidential items**
No other items were determined to be confidential.

- 2. **Senate business**
 - ★ 2.1 **Starring**
Senate resolved as recommended with respect to all unstarred items.

 - ★ 2.2 **University Governance**
Senate ratified the Report on Governance at the University of Sydney prepared by Cordiner King and Associates, as amended.

 - ★ 2.3 **Correspondence with Lord May**
Senate deferred consideration of this item to the December meeting, when the Vice-Chancellor would present a short paper further developing the concept of Distinguished International Visitor.

 - 2.4 **Draft Universities Legislation Amendment (Financial and Other Powers) Bill 2001**
Senate noted the report on amendments to the Draft Universities Legislation Amendment (Financial and Other Powers) Bill 2001 and noted the correspondence between NSW universities and the Minister.

 - 2.5 **Bundanon Trust**
Senate noted the report on the possibility of a joint venture between the University and Bundanon Trust.

 - 2.6 **Appeals against decisions of the Student Proctorial Board**
Senate noted that at its December meeting it would be asked to amend the University of Sydney By-law to provide for a smaller committee to hear appeals against the determination by either the Vice-Chancellor or the Student Proctorial Board.

 - 2.7 **Managing Management at the University – Clash of Cultures or Creative Interface?**
Senate noted the Chancellor's paper entitled *Managing Management at the University – Clash of Cultures or Creative Interface?*

 - 2.8 **Functions attended by the Chancellor in the last month**
Senate noted the report on the University-related functions attended by the Chancellor in the last month.

 - 2.9 **Appointment of Mrs Liz Cartwright**
Senate noted that Mrs Liz Cartwright had been appointed as Assistant to the Chancellor, with effect from 12 November 2001.

2.10 Occasional address given by the Hon John Hatzistergos at the graduation ceremony on 26 October 2001

Senate noted the occasional address given by the Hon John Hatzistergos.

2.11 Minutes of the previous Senate meeting, 2 October 2001

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

2.12 Leave of absence

Senate noted an apology for absence from Mr K Greene.

★ **2.13 Election of one Fellow by and from the undergraduate students and one Fellow by and from the postgraduate students**

The Chancellor welcomed Ms Moksha Watts and Ms Thalia Anthony, who would take up office as Fellows on 1 December 2001, and the Deputy Chancellor thanked Mr Sandy Cameron and Mr Tom Clark for their valued service as Fellows.

Senate congratulated Ms Watts and Ms Anthony on their election as Fellows of Senate by and from the undergraduate students and the postgraduate students respectively, and thanked Mr Cameron and Mr Clark for their valued contribution as Fellows of Senate, noting that Mr Cameron and Mr Clark had not nominated for the elections.

★ **2.14 Election of four Fellows by and from the academic staff and one Fellow by and from the non-academic staff**

The Chancellor welcomed Professor Margaret Harris and Ms Kim Wilson, who would take up office as Fellows on 1 December 2001, and the Deputy Chancellor thanked Associate Professor Roslyn Arnold and Ms Jenny Beatson for their valued service as Fellows.

Senate congratulated Professor Harris on her election and Dr Gavan Butler, Dr Suzanne Jamieson and Professor Stephen Leeder on their re-election as Fellows of Senate by and from the academic staff, congratulated Ms Wilson on her election as a Fellow of Senate by and from the non-academic staff, and thanked Associate Professor Roslyn Arnold and Ms Jenny Beatson for their valued contribution as Fellows of Senate, noting that neither Associate Professor Arnold nor Ms Beatson had nominated for the elections.

★ **2.15 Election of five Fellows by and from the graduates of the University**

The Deputy Chancellor thanked Mr Peter Burrows and Dr Michael Copeman for their valued service as Fellows.

Senate noted the report on the election of five Fellows by and from the graduates of the University to be held on 13 November 2001 and thanked Mr Burrows and Dr Copeman for their valued contribution as Fellows of Senate, noting that Mr Burrows and Dr Copeman had not nominated for the election.

2.16 Senate/SRC Liaison Committee

Senate appointed Ms M Watts to membership of the Senate/SRC Liaison Committee from 1 December 2001 to 30 November 2002.

2.17 Senate/SUPRA Liaison Committee

Senate appointed Ms T Anthony to membership of the Senate/SUPRA Liaison Committee from 1 December 2001 to 30 November 2002.

2.18 Student Disciplinary Appeals Committee

Senate appointed Ms M Watts and Ms T Anthony to membership of the Student Disciplinary Appeals Committee from 1 December 2001 to 30 November 2002.

2.19 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 Update for Senate's information**

Senate noted the Vice-Chancellor's report on the following items:

3.1.1 AGSM programs**3.1.2 NH&MRC grants****3.1.3 *Sun Herald* article, 4 November 2001****3.1.4 Business Higher Education Round Table Summit – Educational Challenges for Future Australia, 31 October 2001****3.2 Staff and Student Honours**

Senate resolved to congratulate Professor John Connell, of the School of Geosciences, Dr John Wong of the School of Philosophy, Gender, History and Ancient World Studies and Professor Frank Stilwell of the School of Economics and Political Science on their election to the Academy of the Social Sciences in Australia and Greg O'Mahoney, this year's Rhodes Scholar for NSW and Professor Alan Snyder of the Centre for the Mind was announced as the joint winner of the 2001 Marconi International Fellowship for significant advances in communications technology.

3.3 Faculty of Nursing

Senate noted the report on the Faculty of Nursing, and that the Pro-Vice-Chancellor (Health Sciences), the Dean of the Faculty of Nursing and the Dean of the Faculty of Arts would be invited to speak to Senate at its December meeting.

3.4 University Web-Site Activities

Senate noted the report on the three-phased project to enhance and re-develop the University Web Presence.

3.5 Long Service Recognition

Senate noted that the Vice-Chancellor, at the suggestion of Ms Beatson, had agreed that recognition of long service by staff members would be extended to staff who have reached 10, 15 and 20 years of service to the University.

3.6 Recent Appointments

Senate noted that the Vice-Chancellor had been elected to the Board of the Australian Vice-Chancellor's Committee and invited to join the International Advisory Board of Yonsei University.

3.7 International Links

Senate noted the report on International Links.

3.8 Travel by Chancellor and Vice-Chancellor

Senate noted the report on travel by the Chancellor and Vice-Chancellor.

3.9 Development and External Affairs

Senate noted the report on fundraising, alumni and sesquicentenary activities.

☆ 4. **Report of the Finance Committee, 18 October 2001 (*items for action*)**

4.1 **Report, Vice-Chancellor and Principal**

4.1.1 **2002 Strategic Budget Overview as at October 2001**

Senate approved the 2002 Strategic Budget Overview.

4.1.2 **Capital Development Program 2002-2006**

Senate approved the advice of the Vice-Chancellor and the report of the Capital Development Program Coordinating Group, as follows:

- (i) that the proposed allocations for 2002, as set out in the document entitled "Proposed 2002 Capital Development Program" be approved, noting the consequential expenditure commitments and the overall projected program for 2002-2006;
- (ii) that, as in recent years, a mid-year review be undertaken in 2002 to review and adjust priorities, funding sources and cash flows; and
- (iii) that, in light of the success to date in generating user contributions, Finance Committee provide strong encouragement to the further pursuit of this strategy in the future.

☆ 5. **Report of the Academic Board, 10 October 2001 (*items for action*)**

5.1 **Amendment of the Resolutions of the Senate**

5.1.1 **New or amended courses**

5.1.1.1 **Faculty of Architecture: Master of Architecture, Graduate Diploma in Architecture and Graduate Certificate in Architecture**

Senate approved the introduction in 2002 of the new courses, Master of Architecture, Graduate Diploma in Architecture and Graduate Certificate in Architecture, and amended and adopted related Resolutions of the Senate as recommended in the shaded box on pages D9-11 of the report.

5.1.1.2 **Faculty of Architecture: Master of Urban and Regional Planning**

Senate approved the introduction in 2002 of the new specialisations Housing Studies, Heritage Conservation and Urban Design, for the Master of Urban and Regional Planning, and amended related Resolutions of the Senate as recommended in the shaded box on pages D9-11 of the report.

5.1.1.3 **Faculty of Architecture: Postgraduate Coursework Study: Master's Degrees, Graduate Diplomas and Graduate Certificates**

Senate amended Resolutions of the Senate relating to Postgraduate Coursework Study in the Faculty of Architecture, as recommended in the shaded box on pages D9-11 of the report.

5.1.1.4 **Faculty of Arts: Master of Professional Communication, Graduate Diploma in Professional Communication and Graduate Certificate in Professional Communication**

Senate approved the introduction in 2002 of the new courses, Master of Professional Communication, Graduate Diploma in Professional Communication and Graduate Certificate in Professional Communication, and amended and adopted related Resolutions of the Senate as recommended in the shaded box on pages D12-14 of the report.

5.1.1.5 Faculty of Arts: Master of Philosophy

Senate approved the introduction in 2002 of the new subject area, Museum Studies, for the Master of Philosophy, and amended related Resolutions of the Senate as recommended in the shaded box on page D15 of the report.

5.1.1.6 Faculty of Arts: Master of Arts, Graduate Diploma in Arts and Graduate Certificate in Arts

Senate approved:

- (1) the introduction in 2002 of the new subject area, Korean as a Foreign Language, for the Master of Arts;
- (2) the name change in 2002 of the subject area 'Italian' to 'Italian Studies', for the Master of Arts and Graduate Diploma in Arts;
- (3) the introduction in 2002 of the new subject area, Italian Studies, for the Graduate Certificate in Arts;
- (4) the revised pathways from 2002 for the subject area, Applied Linguistics, for the Master of Arts, Graduate Diploma in Arts and Graduate Certificate in Arts, and
- (5) amendment of related Resolutions of the Senate as recommended in the shaded box on page D16 of the report.

5.1.1.7 Faculty of Economics and Business: Master of Business and Graduate Certificate in Business

Senate approved in principle the introduction in 2003 of the new courses, Master of Business and Graduate Certificate in Business, and noted that the associated Resolutions of the Senate would be referred for approval upon finalisation by the Faculty.

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

Senate amended 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, as recommended in the shaded box on page D17 of the report.

5.1.1.9 Faculty of Nursing: Graduate Certificate in Nursing

Senate approved the introduction in 2002 of the new streams, Health Services, and Mental Health, for the Graduate Certificate in Nursing, and rescinded existing related Resolutions of the Senate and adopted revised Resolutions of the Senate as recommended in the shaded box on pages D18-19 of the report.

5.1.1.10 Faculty of Nursing: Master of Midwifery and Graduate Diploma in Midwifery

Senate approved the introduction in 2002 of the revised duration of the Master of Midwifery and Graduate Diploma in Midwifery, and rescinded existing related Resolutions of the Senate and adopted revised Resolutions of the Senate as recommended in the shaded box on pages D20-21 of the report.

☆ 6. Notices of motion

6.1 Fellows' terms of office

Mr P Burrows had given notice that he intended to move that Senate resolve in the following terms at its October meeting, and this was deferred to the November meeting:

That Senate resolve

- (1) that it is the view of the Senate that, with the exception of those individuals who hold the positions of Vice-Chancellor and Chair of the Academic Board, no Fellow of Senate, including the Chancellor, should be eligible to hold office as a Fellow, or as Chancellor, for more than two consecutive terms;
- (2) that the Registrar be requested to seek legal advice as to how the Senate may give effect to its view, stated in (1) above, consistent with the requirements of the University of Sydney Act and any other relevant legal requirements.

Senate resolved that the motion be referred to the Task Force to review the legislative and regulatory implications of limiting consecutive terms of membership of Senate established by the Report on Governance, for consideration.

6.2 Composition of Senate

Mr A Cameron had given notice that he intended to move that Senate resolve in the following terms:

That the Senate recommends to the NSW Government that the University of Sydney Act be amended so as to provide that the Members of Senate shall include two Fellows elected by and from the undergraduates who shall each hold office for a term of two years but be eligible to stand for re-election, it being the intention that an election for one such position shall be held each calendar year and for the other such position in the immediately succeeding calendar year.

Senate resolved that Mr Cameron's motion and suggestions made by other Fellows to increase the number of postgraduate students and graduates on Senate should be referred to the Task Force referred to in item 6.2 above.

7. General items (*items for action*)

7.1 Academic dress

7.1.1 Faculty of Education

Senate approved the academic dress for the degree of Master of Philosophy in Education, and approved Resolutions of the Senate relating to academic dress as set out in the shaded box on page G1.

7.2 Report of the Warren Centre for Advanced Engineering

Senate confirmed the appointment of Mr L Dephoff as Governor of the Warren Centre for Advanced Engineering.

7.3 Bequests, donations, non-government grants and gifts-in-kind, September 2001

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

☆ **8. Report of the Senate/SUPRA Liaison Committee, 3 October 2001**

8.1 Recommendations from the previous meeting of the Senate/SUPRA Liaison Committee

Senate resolved

- (1) that Senate hold a Colloquium on postgraduate coursework;
- (2) that the minutes of Academic Forum meetings be included on the Senate agenda for noting;
- (3) that the Academic Forum Focus reports from 2001 be made available to Senate; and
- (4) that Senate call on committee chairs to ensure recommendations to Senate are communicated in the formulation agreed upon at committee meetings.

8.2 Review of the Academic Board and Forum

Senate resolved that Fellows of Senate would be invited to attend Academic Forum meetings as observers.

Senate noted the report on the following items:

8.3 Senate and the Chancellor

8.4 International students

8.5 Security Officers

8.6 Postgraduate Research Support Scheme

☆ **9. Question Time**

9.1 Vice-Chancellor's Distinguished 'Visitor' Lectures

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

9.2 International agreements pertaining to longer-term student exchanges

Senate noted the question and the Chancellor's response.

10. Report of the Finance Committee, 18 October 2001 (*items for noting*)

Senate noted the report on the following items:

10.1 Minutes of Previous Meeting

10.2 Business Arising out of the Minutes

10.3 Report, Vice-Chancellor and Principal continued

10.3.1 Review of University Legislation and Financial Regulation Arrangements

10.4 Report, Director, Financial Services

10.4.1 Monthly Financial Management Report for August 2001

10.4.2 Challis House Divestment Update

10.5 Report, Deputy Vice-Chancellor, Planning and Resources

10.5.1 Facilities Management Office 2001 Works Program as at 30 September 2001

10.6 Report, Registrar

10.6.1 Student Association - Pricing Policy for Member Discount

10.7 Any Other Business

10.7.1 Matters raised by Mr John McCarthy

10.7.1.1 Sydney Conservatorium of Music

10.7.1.2 Capital expenditure

10.7.1.3 Policy statements of the major political parties regarding university funding

10.7.1.4 Student loans

10.7.1.5 Fee-paying students

10.8 Next Meeting

11. Report of the Academic Board, 10 October 2001 (*items for noting*)

Senate noted the report on the following items:

11.1 Report of the Chair

11.1.1 Draft Academic Board Resolutions: *Academic Honesty in Coursework*

11.1.2 Vice-Chancellor's Showcase of Scholarly Inquiry in Teaching and Learning

11.1.3 Faculty of Arts: Majors in Film Studies and Heritage Studies

12. General items (*items for noting*)

12.1 Notice of appointments by Senate on 3 December 2001

Senate noted that it would be asked to consider making appointments for the following University organisations at its December meeting:

- Abercrombie Street Child Care Limited
- International House Council
- Management Committee of the Sydney University Women's Sports Association
- Management Committee of the Sydney University Sports Union
- Board of Directors of the University of Sydney Union.

12.2 Graduation Ceremonies (November/December 2001)

Senate noted the details of the graduation ceremonies to be held in November and December 2001.

☆ **12.3 The University of Sydney USA Foundation**

Correspondence from Mr J Semmler to the Registrar concerning a resolution of the University of Sydney USA Foundation was held over to the December meeting at the request of the Deputy Chancellor who had starred the item.

12.4 Next meeting

Senate noted that the next ordinary meeting would be at 5.00pm on 3 December 2001.

☆ **13. Any other business**

There was no other business.

☆ **14. Confidential items**