



Senate minutes summary, 3 December 2001

At the ordinary meeting on 3 December 2001:

1. **Introduction by the Chancellor**
- ☆ 2. **Addition or deletion of confidential items**
- ☆ 3. **Report of the Honorary Awards Review Committee, 28 November 2001 (*items for action*)**

Senate resolved

 - (i) to thank the Review Committee for its work;
 - (ii) to note that the Advisory Committee's adopted recommendations for the selection of candidates for honorary awards would be reviewed in one year;
 - (iii) to confirm that only Fellows of Senate on the Advisory Committee for the Selection of Candidates for Honorary Awards would have voting rights;
 - (iv) to approve the revised Guidelines for the Selection of Candidates for Honorary Degrees (Resolutions of the Senate) as presented in the Report;
 - (v) to approve the revised Guidelines for the Selection of Candidates for Honorary Fellows (Resolutions of the Senate) as presented in the Report;
 - (vi) to adopt the Procedures for Submitting Names of Proposed Recipients for Honorary Awards as presented in the Report; and
 - (vii) to approve a special call for nominations in December 2001, with Honorary Awards to be awarded in 2002.
- ☆ 4. **Confidential item**
5. **Senate business**
 - ☆ (1) **Starring**

Senate resolved as recommended with respect to all unstarred items.
- ☆ 6. **Report of the Academic Board, 14 November 2001 (*items for action*)**
 - (1) **Amendment of the Rules of the Senate**
 - (a) **University of Sydney (Coursework) Rule 2000**

Senate amended the University of Sydney (Coursework) Rule 2000, with effect from 1 January 2002, as recommended in the shaded box in the report.
 - (2) **Amendment of the Resolutions of the Senate**
 - (a) **Faculty constitutions**
 - (i) **Faculty of Veterinary Science**

Senate amended the Resolutions of the Senate relating to the Constitution of the Faculty of Veterinary Science, with immediate effect, and amended related Resolutions of the Senate as recommended in the shaded box in the report.
 - (b) **New or amended courses**
 - (i) **Sydney Conservatorium of Music: Diploma of Music**

Senate approved the introduction in 2003 of the revised course, Diploma of Music, and rescinded, amended and adopted related Resolutions of the Senate as recommended in the shaded box in the report.

- (c) **Amendment of the Resolutions of the Senate**
 - (i) **Faculty of Education: Bachelor of Education**
Senate rescinded, amended and adopted revised Resolutions of the Senate relating to the Bachelor of Education with effect in 2002 as recommended in the shaded box in the report.
 - (ii) **Faculty of Education: Graduate Diploma in Educational Studies and Graduate Certificate in Educational Studies**
Senate amended the Resolutions of the Senate relating to the Graduate Diploma in Educational Studies and the Graduate Certificate in Educational Studies as recommended in the shaded box in the report.

★ 7. **Report of the Academic Board, 14 November 2001 (*items for noting*)**

(1) **Report of the Chair**

(a) **Review of the Academic Board and the Academic Forum**

Senate resolved that the Report on the Review of the Academic Board and the Academic Forum be provided to Senate at its February meeting for consideration and debate at the March Colloquium.

Senate noted the report on the following items:

- (b) **Academic Board Resolutions: *Academic Honesty in Coursework***
- (c) **University of Sydney (Intellectual Property) Rule 2001**
- (d) **Communication of information from the Academic Board**
- (e) **Report of the Academic Forum**
- (f) **Joint Working Party on Show Cause**
- (g) **First year Orientation and Transition: Present and Future**
- (h) **Special Consideration**
- (i) **Promotion of Academic Staff from Level B to Level C**
- (j) **Membership of the Academic Board**

8. **Senate business continued**

(2) **Senate meetings/colloquia**

Senate adopted the schedule of six “routine” meetings and up to five colloquia as set out in the report, and resolved that the April meeting be held on Monday 8 April 2002.

★ (3) **Colloquia topics for 2002**

Senate noted that a draft program of Colloquium topics for 2002 would be provided for consideration at the February meeting.

★ (4) **Convening Committee and Audit Committee**

Senate deferred to the February meeting consideration of recommendations relating to the Convening Committee and Audit Committee.

★ (5) **Appeals against decisions of the Student Proctorial Board**

Senate resolved that the University of Sydney By-law 1999 under the University of Sydney Act 1989 be amended forthwith as recommended in the revised report, subject to minor redrafting by the Chancellor to take account of some suggestions, so as to provide that appeals against decisions of the Student Proctorial Board would be heard and determined by a committee established for that purpose, comprising a sitting or retired judge or stipendiary magistrate (as chair), a Fellow of Senate and a third legally qualified member, external to Senate.

★ 9.

Presentations

(1) **Faculty of Nursing**

Senate noted a presentation by Professor Jocalyn Lawler, Dean of the Faculty of Nursing, on the background issues, background context and position of the Faculty, with particular reference to undergraduate nursing, undergraduate student performance, postgraduate nursing and research, enrolments and student load, issues confronting the Faculty and its future strategic directions.

(2) **Faculty of Arts**

Senate noted a presentation by Professor Stephen Garton, Dean of the Faculty of Arts, on the current state and future directions of the Faculty of Arts, referring to the Faculty's major goal of providing a high quality research based education in the humanities and social sciences, problems faced by the Faculty in recent years, the strengths and weaknesses of the Faculty, recent developments and strategies required to achieve its goal.

10. **Senate business continued**

(6) **Election of five Fellows of Senate by and from the Graduates of the University**

Senate resolved to congratulate Dr R Fitzsimons on her re-election and Mr B Bilinsky, Mr R B Corlett, Emeritus Professor A Sefton and Mr A Spencer on their election as Fellows of Senate by and from the graduates.

★ (7) **Retiring Fellows of Senate**

Senate resolved to place on record its formal appreciation for and note the contributions made by retiring Fellows of Senate, Dr A Eyland and Mrs D Kok, and noted that in 2002 the Chancellor would like to find an opportunity to hold a function to farewell Dr Eyland, Mrs Kok and the other retiring Fellows of Senate.

★ (8) **Welcome to new/re-elected Fellows of Senate**

Senate welcomed new Fellows Ms Thalia Anthony, Mr Bohdan Bilinsky, Mr R Bruce Corlett, Professor Margaret Harris, Emeritus Professor Ann Sefton, Mr Adam Spencer, Ms Moksha Watts and Ms Kim Wilson to their first meeting of Senate, and welcomed re-elected Fellows Dr Gavan Butler, Dr Robin Fitzsimons, Dr Suzanne Jamieson and Professor Stephen Leeder.

(9) **Induction of new Fellows of Senate**

Senate noted the report relating to the induction of new Fellows of Senate.

★ (10) **Student Disciplinary Appeal**

Senate noted the report, and appointed Mr B Bilinsky as a member of the Student Disciplinary Appeals Committee.

★ (11) **University Governance paper – legislative changes**

Senate resolved that the University of Sydney By-law 1999 under the University of Sydney Act 1989 be amended forthwith by the addition of a Chapter 3A (between chapters 3 and 4) as set out in the report to provide for a fiduciary duty of Fellows to act in the best interests of the University; and that discussions be held with the Government and if necessary with Parliamentary Counsel, to ensure that the By-law's passage would be capable of being carried forward without undue difficulty.

(12) **Resolutions of the Senate relating to University Governance**

Senate noted the report on the Resolutions of the Senate relating to University Governance.

(13) **Functions attended by the Chancellor in the last month**

Senate noted the list of functions attended by the Chancellor in the last month.

- ☆ (14) **Correspondence with Allens Arthur Robinson**
Senate noted the report that Allens Arthur Robinson had agreed to finance a series of lectures in honour of the late John Lehane, a distinguished graduate of the University.
- (15) **Minutes of the previous Senate meeting, 5 November 2001**
- ☆ (16) **Proposed amendments to the minutes of the previous Senate meeting**
Senate confirmed the minutes of the previous Senate meeting held on 5 November 2001 as a true and correct record, subject to the amendments proposed in item (16).
- (17) **Leave of absence**
Senate granted leave to Mr D Hoare for this meeting, as requested.
- (18) **Notice of election of Deputy Chancellor on 4 February 2002**
Senate noted that the election for Deputy Chancellor would be held on 4 February 2002.
- (19) **Notice of election of the Chair and five members of the Finance Committee on 4 February 2002**
Senate noted that elections for Chair and five members of the Finance Committee would be held on 4 February 2002.
- (20) **Notice of election of membership of other Senate committees on 4 February 2002**
Senate noted that elections for the following committees would be held on 4 February 2002:
- Advisory Committee for the Selection of Candidates for Honorary Awards
 - Chair Appointments Committee
 - Senate/SRC Liaison Committee
 - Senate/SUPRA Liaison Committee
 - Student Academic Appeals Committee
- (21) **Business arising out of the minutes not dealt with elsewhere in the agenda**
There was no business arising.
- ☆ 11. **Report of the Vice-Chancellor and Principal**
- (1) **Update for Senate's information**
- (a) **Basser Department of Computer Science**
Senate noted that the Vice-Chancellor had approved the change of name of the Basser Department of Computer Science to the School of Information Technologies.
- (b) **Media reports and related correspondence**
Senate noted a tabled set of Sydney Morning Herald reports relating to the University of Sydney, and associated correspondence.
- (2) **Revised Code of Conduct**
Senate resolved to endorse the revised Code of Conduct, subject to the Chancellor, Vice-Chancellor and Dr Butler looking at any minor amendments over a period of seven days.
- (3) ***Ad Eundem Gradum***
Senate admitted Professor A R Sheil to the degree of Master of Medicine *ad eundem gradum*.

(4) Selection Committee for a Chief Financial Officer

Senate appointed the following members to the Selection Committee for a Chief Financial Officer:

- Mr D Hoare
- Mr R Elstone
- Mr B Corlett
- Ms T Anthony

and endorsed the following nominations and reserved members proposed by the Academic Board:

- Professor Pesman
- Professor Benrimoj
- Professor Bartels
- Professor Chalmers

Reserves:

- Professor Melrose
- Professor Hesketh
- Professor Frino

(5) Selection Committee for the Dean of the Faculty of Law

Senate

- (i) noted that the Vice-Chancellor had approved the recommendations of the Faculty in relation to the appointment of a Dean; and
- (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 Dean (Professor Ros Pesman)

Members appointed by Senate

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

- Dr Isabel Karpin (Faculty of Law)
- Professor Richard Vann (Faculty of Law)
- Associate Professor Patricia Loughlan (Faculty of Law)
- Associate Professor Don Rothwell (Faculty of Law) (First Reserve)
- Associate Professor Jennifer Hill (Faculty of Law) (Second Reserve)

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

- A Dean or Professor of another Australian Faculty of Law (to be determined)

Mr John McCarthy

(6) Distinguished International Fellows

Senate resolved to appoint, from time to time, a distinguished overseas resident with a strong pre-existing association with the University and who could contribute as an international mentor as a Distinguished International Fellow. The decision to appoint such a Fellow must be a decision of Senate and no potential Fellow should be approached until Senate's provisional approval has been obtained.

(7) Centre for Regional Education, Orange (CREO)

Senate noted the report on planning for the Centre for Regional Education, Orange (CREO).

- (8) **HSC Courses**
Senate noted the report that two University-developed, one-unit HSC courses *Mind and Morality* and *Problem Solving and Communication in Science* had received endorsement from the NSW Board of Studies.
- (9) **NH&MRC Results**
Senate noted the report on the University's outstanding NH&MRC results.
- (10) **Local Government Boundaries**
Senate noted the report on recent moves to redraw Local Government boundaries in the inner city region and their effect on the University.
- (11) **International Visits**
Senate noted the report on international visits by Professor Kinnear on behalf of the Vice-Chancellor.
- (12) **Exclusion from the Campus**
Senate noted the report on the University's right to impose restrictions on members of the public who entered University grounds, as requested at the previous meeting.
- (13) **Universities Legislation Amendment (Financial and Other Powers) Bill 2001**
Senate noted the report that the revised University Legislation Amendment (Financial and Other Powers) Bill 2001 had substantially taken on board universities' concerns.
- (14) **Development and External Affairs**
Senate noted the report on fundraising, alumni and sesquicentenary activities.

12. General items (*items for action*)

- (1) **University Union proposal regarding Student Clubs And Societies**
Senate resolved:
- (1) that those functions relating to the formal recognition and oversight of student clubs and societies be delegated to the University of Sydney Union; and
 - (2) that this delegation of responsibility proceeds on the understanding that: should problems arise in connection with a particular club or society it is open to the University Union to raise such problems for discussion and to seek assistance from the University through the Registrar. In addition Senate is to receive regular reports from the Union on the registration of clubs and societies. It is noted that Senate reserves the right to be the ultimate arbiter regarding the use of the University's name.
- (2) **Academic dress**
- (a) **Faculty of Agriculture**
Senate approved the academic dress for the degree of APEC Master of Sustainable Development, and approved Resolutions of the Senate relating to academic dress as set out in the shaded box in the report.
- ★ (3) **Abercrombie Street Child Care Limited**
Senate resolved that Ms Jenny Beatson continue on the Council of Abercrombie Street Child Care Limited as an appointee of the Registrar and appointed Ms Thalia Anthony and Ms Kim Wilson to fill two further vacancies on the Council.
- (4) **International House Council**
Senate appointed members of the International House Council for terms of office as set out in the report.

- (5) **Sydney University Women's Sports Association Management Committee**
Senate resolved that Miss S Pratt and Ms A Titterton be reappointed to membership of the Management Committee of the Women's Sports Association for 2002.
- (6) **Sydney University Sports Union Management Committee**
Senate resolved that Mr G Fulton (Manager, Properties and Investments), Emeritus Professor N Martin and Mr C Noel (a Vice-President of the Sports Union) be reappointed to membership of the Management Committee of the Sports Union for 2002.
- (7) **University of Sydney Union Board of Directors**
Senate resolved that Ms M Robb (Director of Research Development) be appointed and Associate Professor W Julian (Faculty of Architecture) be reappointed to membership of the University of Sydney Union Board of Directors for 2002.
- (8) **Bequests, donations, non-government grants and gifts-in-kind, October 2001**
Senate accepted with gratitude the various bequests, donations, non-government grants and gifts-in-kind received in October 2001.

★ 13.

Question time

Question time was not held.

★ 14.

Report of the Finance Committee, 15 November 2001 (*items for noting*)

Senate noted the report on the following items, and resolved that commentary on the Review of Financial Services by the Chair of the Finance Committee be deferred to the February meeting when Mr Hoare would be present.

- (1) **Confidential items**
- (a) **Confidential minutes of the regular meeting held on 18 October 2001**
- (2) **Minutes of the previous meeting held on 18 October 2001**
- (3) **Business arising out of the Minutes**
- (4) **Report, Vice-Chancellor and Principal**
- (a) **Tender Board Report for Year Ending 31 October 2001**
- ★ (b) **Review of Financial Services – Final Report of the Review Team**
- (5) **Report, Director, Financial Services**
- (a) **Quarterly Report for quarter ending 30 September 2001**
- (b) **Monthly Financial Management Report for October 2001**
- (c) **Valuation of Non-Current Assets**
- (d) **Accounting Treatment for IT Projects**
- (e) **Proposed Disposal of Part of Arthursleigh Farm**
- (f) **Challis House Divestment Update**
- (g) **Timetable for 2001 Annual Financial Report – Progress Report**
- (6) **Report, Deputy Vice-Chancellor, Planning and Resources**
- (a) **Facilities Management Office 2001 Works Program as at 31 October 2001**
- (7) **Report, Chair**
- (a) **Draft minutes of the Audit Committee meeting held on 24 October 2001**
- (8) **Report, Pro Vice-Chancellor, Employee Relations**
- (a) **University Workforce Data**
- (9) **Next Meeting**

15. **General items (*items for noting*)**

- (1) **Graduation Ceremonies (December 2001)**
Senate noted the details of the graduation ceremonies to be held in December 2001.

(2) **Next Meeting**

Senate noted that the next Senate meeting would be held at 5.00pm on 4 February 2002.

★ 16. **Any other business**

There was no other business.

★ 17. **Confidential items continued**