



# The University of Sydney

## Senate meeting and Colloquium minutes summary, 3 March 2002

*At the meeting and Colloquium on 3 March 2002:*

★ 1. **Addition or deletion of confidential items**

★ 10. **The Vice-Chancellor's perspectives on 2002**

**Resolution 77/02**

Senate noted the report.

★ 9. **Final Report to Senate of the Review of the Academic Board and the Academic Forum**

**Resolution 78/02**

Senate resolved to

- (i) note the Final Report to Senate of the Review of the Academic Board and the Academic Forum;
- (ii) adopt the following revised principle:  
That, subject to the governing authority and powers of the Senate and to the powers of the Vice-Chancellor, the Academic Board has principal responsibility to (a) develop and maintain the highest standards in teaching, scholarship and research safeguarding the academic freedom of the University; (b) oversee and monitor the development of all academic activities of the University; and (c) communicate with the academic community through the faculties, colleges and boards of studies and similar organisational units.
- (iii) disestablish the Academic Forum;
- (iv) amend the University of Sydney By-law 1999 with the University of Sydney (Academic Governance Amendment) By-law 2002;  
*Note: the amendment of the University of Sydney By-law 1999 will formally disestablish the Academic Forum and repeal its governance rules.*
- (v) amend the University of Sydney (Amendment Act) Rule 1999;
- (vi) rescind the existing Academic Governance Rules relating to the Academic Board; and
- (vii) adopt in principle the proposed Academic Governance Rules relating to the Academic Board, including the proposed structure for the Board as outlined in section 4.3 of the Report, with the exception of the following matters which, while accepted in principle with the modifications adopted, were referred to the Academic Board for further consideration and report to Senate at its next meeting:
  - the revised Terms of Reference; and
  - the election process relating to the election of faculty representatives.

2. **Senate business**

★ 2.1 **Starring**

**Resolution 79/02**

Senate resolved as recommended with respect to all unstarred items.

★ 2.2

**By-laws update**

**2.2.1 Fiduciary duty of loyalty**

**Resolution 80/02**

Senate noted the report.

**2.2.2 Eligibility of Fellows**

**Resolution 81/02**

Senate resolved to

- (i) approve the following changes to clauses 19-23 of the University of Sydney By-law 1989, with deletions struck through and additions underlined:

**Division 3: Qualifications for election and terms of office**

**19. Academic staff Fellow**

For the purposes of section 9(5)(a) of the Act, a person is eligible for election as an academic staff Fellow if that person's name appears on the Roll of academic staff members ~~at~~ on and from the time for close of nominations specified in the notice of ballot.

**20. Non-academic staff Fellow**

For the purposes of section 9(5)(b) of the Act, a person is eligible for election as a non-academic staff Fellow if that person's name appears on the Roll of non-academic staff members ~~at~~ on and from the time for close of nominations specified in the notice of ballot.

**21. Undergraduate student Fellow**

For the purposes of section 9(5)(c) of the Act, a person is eligible for election as an undergraduate student Fellow if:

- (a) the person's name appears on the Roll of undergraduate students, or  
 (b) the person's name has been temporarily removed from the Roll of undergraduate students as a result of that person's suspension of candidature for a period not exceeding one academic year with the approval of the relevant dean pursuant to clause 13(1) of the University of Sydney (Coursework) Rule 2000 and the person is still pursuing studies at the University as an undergraduate under arrangements approved by the relevant dean, and  
 (c) the person's name does not appear on the Roll of academic or non-academic staff,

~~at~~ on and from the time for close of nominations specified in the notice of ballot.

**22. Postgraduate student Fellow**

For the purposes of section 9(5)(d) of the Act, a person is eligible for election as a postgraduate student Fellow if:

- (a) the person's name appears on the Roll of postgraduate students, or  
 (b) the person's name has been temporarily removed from the Roll of postgraduate students as a result of that person's suspension of candidature for a period not exceeding one academic year with the approval of the relevant dean pursuant to clause 13(1) of the University of Sydney (Coursework) Rule 2000 and

the person is still pursuing studies at the University as an postgraduate under arrangements approved by the relevant dean, and

- (c) the person's name does not appear on the Roll of academic or non-academic staff,  
~~at~~ on and from the time for close of nominations specified in the notice of ballot.

**23. Graduate Fellow**

For the purposes of section 9(5)(e) of the Act, a person is eligible for election as a graduate Fellow if:

- (a) the person's name appears on the Roll of graduates, and  
 (b) the person is not a member of the academic or non-academic staff of the University or an undergraduate or a postgraduate student of the University,  
~~at~~ on and from the time for close of nominations specified in the notice of ballot.

- (ii) and noted that the Registrar would write to the Minister to advise him of Senate's views.

**2.3 Lend Lease Corporation**

**Resolution 82/02**

Senate noted the report.

**2.4 Correspondence with the NSW Ombudsman**

**Resolution 83/02**

Senate noted the correspondence.

**2.5 Functions attended by the Chancellor in the last month**

**Resolution 84/02**

Senate noted the report.

**★ 2.6 Chair of the Advisory Committee for the Selection of Candidates for Honorary Awards**

**Resolution 85/02**

Senate resolved

- (i) that the Chair of the Advisory Committee for the Selection of Candidates for Honorary Awards should be appointed by Senate; and  
 (ii) to appoint Emeritus Professor Ann Sefton as Chair of the Advisory Committee for the Selection of Candidates for Honorary Awards.

**2.7 Minutes of the previous Senate meeting, 4 February 2002**

**Resolution 86/02**

Senate confirmed the minutes of the Senate meeting held on 4 February 2002 as a true and correct record.

## 2.8 Leave of absence

### **Resolution 87/02**

Senate granted the leave for this Colloquium as requested by Mr A Spencer, and noted that leave of absence for the Colloquium had been granted to Mr R B Corlett on 4 February 2002.

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

Senate noted that there was no business arising.

## ☆ 3. Report of the Vice-Chancellor and Principal

### 3.1 Update for Senate's information

There was no report.

### 3.2 Selection Committee for the Dean of Medicine

#### **Resolution 88/02**

Senate

- (i) noted the recommendations of the Faculty which had been approved by the Vice-Chancellor; and
- (ii) appointed the following Selection Committee for the Dean of Medicine:

#### **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 J A Young)

#### **Members appointed by Senate:**

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

Professor J Paul Seale

Professor John R Turtle

Associate Professor Louise Baur

Professor David Celermajer (First Reserve)

Associate Professor Jill Gordon (Second reserve)

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

Dr Diana Horvath, CEO, Central Sydney Area Health Service

### 3.3 Selection Committee for the Dean of Graduate Studies

#### **Resolution 89/02**

Senate approved the following Selection Committee for the Dean of Graduate Studies:

#### **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 Les Field)

#### **Members appointed by Senate:**

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

Professor Beryl Hesketh (Dean, Faculty of Science)

Professor Charlie Benrimoj (Dean, Faculty of Pharmacy)

Professor Geoff Sherington (Dean, Faculty of Education)

Professor Judy Raper (Reserve)

One member, external to the University, to be nominated by the Vice-Chancellor:  
 Professor Ron McDonald (Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Research), University of Newcastle)

### **3.4 Intellectual Property Rule**

#### **Resolution 90/02**

Senate resolved to

- (i) promulgate the New Rule in the form presented in the report as the University of Sydney (Intellectual Property) Rule 2002, to take effect from the date on which it is published in accordance with clause 6 of the University of Sydney By-law 1999; and
- (ii) repeal Part 8 of the University of Sydney (Amendment Act) Rule 1999 in its entirety, to take effect simultaneously with the promulgation of the University of Sydney (Intellectual Property) Rule 2002.

### **3.5 Development and External Affairs**

#### **3.5.1 Fundraising**

#### **3.5.2 Alumni and Sesquicentenary Activities**

#### **Resolution 91/02**

Senate noted the report.

### **3.6 NSW sport award for event of the year**

#### **Resolution 92/02**

Senate noted the report.

## **☆ 4. Report of the Academic Board, 13 February 2002 (*items for action*)**

### **4.1 Amendment of the Resolutions of the Senate**

#### **4.1.1 Faculty constitutions**

##### **4.1.1.1 Faculty of Health Sciences**

#### **Resolution 93/02**

Senate approved the amendment of the Constitution of the Faculty of Health Sciences, with immediate effect, and amended related Resolutions of the Senate as recommended in the shaded box on page C2 of the report.

## **☆ 5. Notice of motion**

### **Resolution 94/02**

Senate

- (i) adopted the following motion:

That the Senate notes opposition among University of Sydney students to the Federal Government's "Pacific Solution" and its policies of Mandatory Detention of refugees in Australia, and supports students calls for policies that are based on a compassionate and humane approach to asylum seekers.

The Senate will encourage the raising of awareness within the University, in cooperation with the student bodies - the Students' Representative Council (SRC), University of Sydney Union and the Sydney University Postgraduate Representative Association (SUPRA), on a compassionate and humane approach to asylum seekers.

Specifically, and recognising the continuing tradition of universities as centres for public and intellectual inquiry, Senate will encourage the organisation and promotion

of a public lecture or presentation, through the Centre for Peace and Conflict Studies, by a scholar or scholars working in this field. This lecture is to be opened by the Chancellor and chaired by the Deputy Chancellor and is to take place as soon as practically possible.

- (ii) noted that the Vice-Chancellor had invited Mr Neville Roach to give a lecture during Harmony Week.

**6. General items (*items for action*)**

**6.1 Bequests, donations, non-government grants and gifts-in-kind, January 2002**

**Resolution 95/02**

Senate accepted with gratitude the various bequests, donations, non-government grants and gifts-in-kind received in January 2002.

**7. Report of the Academic Board, 13 February 2002 (*items for noting*)**

**7.1 Report of the Chair**

**7.1.1 Review of the Academic Board and the Academic Forum**

**7.1.2 University of Sydney (Intellectual Property) Rule 2002**

**7.1.3 Summary of Academic Board activities 2001**

**7.1.4 Academic Board Faculty Review Visits**

**7.1.5 2002 Student Proctorial Panel**

**Resolution 96/02**

Senate noted the report.

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

**8.1 Graduation Ceremonies (March/April 2002)**

**Resolution 97/02**

Senate noted the report on the Graduation Ceremonies for March and April 2002.

**8.2 Next Meeting**

**Resolution 98/02**

Senate noted the report.

**☆ 11. Confidential items**

**12. Any other business**

**12.1 University of Sydney News**

**Resolution 103/02**

Senate noted that a regular item about Senate would appear in the *University of Sydney News*.

**12.2 Sir Leslie Melville**

**Resolution 104/02**

Senate resolved to congratulate Sir Leslie Melville BEd HonDSc(Econ), one of the University's most distinguished Economics graduates and honorary doctors, on his centenary on 26 March 2002 which would make him two-thirds as old as the University.

**12.3 Sir Roden Cutler****Resolution 105/02**

Senate noted the recent death of Sir Roden Cutler, Visitor of the University from 1966 to 1981.

**12.4 Proposed Senate/Sports Liaison Committee****Resolution 106/02**

Senate resolved to authorise Mr McCarthy to report to Senate at the April meeting on the proposed composition and terms of reference for a Senate/Sports Liaison Committee to include Fellows of Senate, officers of the Sydney University sports organisations, members of the University administrative staff and external supporters of Sydney University sports.