



Senate minutes summary, 2 December 2002

At the ordinary meeting on Monday 2 December 2002 at 5.00 pm in the Senate Room at the University:

- ★ 1. **Addition or deletion of confidential items**
No confidential items were added or deleted.

- 2. **Senate business (*items for action*)**
 - ★ 2.1 **Starring**

Resolution 494/02
Senate resolved as recommended with respect to all unstarred items.

 - ★ 2.2 **Minutes of the Senate meeting, 8 October 2002 (*deferred from the November meeting*)**

Resolution 495/02
Senate confirmed the minutes of the Senate meeting and Colloquium held on 8 October 2002 as a true and correct record.

 - ★ 2.3 **Minutes of the previous Senate meeting and Colloquium, 4 November 2002**

Resolution 496/02
Senate confirmed the minutes of the Senate meeting and Colloquium held on 4 November 2002 as a true and correct record.

 - ★ 2.4 **Business arising out of the minutes not dealt with elsewhere in the agenda**
 - 2.5 **Leave of absence**

Resolution 497/02
Senate granted the leave to Mr Kevin Greene and Ms Moksha Watts as requested.

 - ★ 2.6 **Election of Chancellor in 2003**

Resolution 498/02
Senate resolved that formal notice of the election of Chancellor be given at the ordinary meeting of Senate in February 2003 with the election of Chancellor to be held at the ordinary meeting of Senate in April 2003.

 - ★ 2.7 ***Evaluation of the Performance of Senate***

Resolution 499/02
Senate noted the report.

★ 2.8 **Senate Colloquia**

Resolution 500/02

Senate approved the amendment of the Resolutions of Senate relating to principles for Senate meetings preceding Colloquia as follows:

- (iii) that, if an item was starred on the agenda for the brief meeting prior to the Colloquium, it would not be discussed at the meeting but would be considered at the next non-Colloquium meeting, unless the Chair determined that it was of such urgent nature that it would be dealt with, and if so at the meeting, and whether before or after the Colloquium portion;

★ 2.9 **Distribution of unsolicited material to Fellows of Senate**

Resolution 501/02

Senate

- (i) resolved that unsolicited material would not be emailed to Fellows; but
- (ii) deferred to its February Retreat consideration of the issue of unsolicited mail.

★ 2.10 **Audit Committee - Term of office**

Resolution 502/02

Senate approved the amendment of the Terms of Reference of the Audit Committee to read “Appointed members are to be appointed for terms of two years commencing on 1 December and no individual is to serve continuously as a member of the Committee for more than two terms (except for those categories whose terms are shorter).”

★ 3. **Report of the Vice-Chancellor and Principal**

3.1 Update for Senate’s information

There was no update.

3.2 Social Work

Resolution 503/02

Senate

- (i) approved the renaming the Faculty of Education as the Faculty of Education and Social Work, noting that the Vice-Chancellor had approved the transfer of the staff of Social Work from the School of Society, Culture and Performance in the Faculty of Arts to the Faculty of Education, and the establishment in that Faculty of a new School of Social Work and Policy Studies; and
- (ii) asked that the issue of whether the transfer would preclude Arts students from majoring in Social Work be looked into.

3.3 Control of Traffic in the University

Resolution 504/02

Senate approved amendments to the Resolutions of Senate relating to the Control of Traffic in the University as set out in the report.

3.4 Deregistration of Darlington Centre Pty Ltd

Resolution 505/02

Senate resolved that The Darlington Centre Pty Ltd be deregistered pursuant to s601AA of the Corporations Act, subject only to the Directors of the Company resolving that the requirements of s601AA (2) of the Corporations Act have been met.

3.5 General Practice Training Consortia

Resolution 506/02

Senate approved:

- (i) the University's membership of both WENTWEST and Central West Consortium Ltd;
- (ii) the University's membership of SIGPET (Sydney Institute of General Practice Education and Training Ltd), subject to the constitution being amended to the satisfaction of the University Solicitor; and
- (iii) subject to approval of (i) and (ii) above, authorised the Pro-Vice-Chancellor (Health Sciences) to appoint University Directors to WENTWEST, Central West Consortium Ltd and SIGPET (Sydney Institute of General Practice Education and Training Ltd).

3.6 Brain and Mind Research Institute

Resolution 507/02

Senate noted the report on the proposed Brain and Mind Research Institute and a consortium to facilitate the conduct of research in the field of brain and mental health which would include the Australian National University, the University of Newcastle and the University of New South Wales.

3.7 Development and External Affairs

3.7.1 Fundraising

- Income
- Annual Giving
- Major Gifts
- Planned giving

3.7.2 Alumni, Sesquicentenary and other Activities

- Recent and planned alumni and broader public functions
- Sesquicentenary

Resolution 508/02

Senate noted the report.

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

4.1 Amendment of the Resolutions of the Senate

4.1.1 Faculties, Colleges, College Boards, Boards of Studies, Schools and Committees: academic governance

Resolution 509/02

Senate amended the Resolutions of the Senate relating to Faculties, Colleges, College Boards, Boards of Studies, Schools and Committees: academic governance, with effect from 1 January 2003, as set out on the shaded box in the report presented, subject to correction of a typographical error.

4.1.2 Faculty constitutions

4.1.2.1 Faculty of Economics and Business

Resolution 510/02

Senate amended the Resolutions of the Senate relating to the Constitution of the Faculty of Economics and Business, with effect from 1 January 2003, as set out on the shaded box in the report presented.

4.1.2.2 Faculty of Health Sciences

Resolution 511/02

Senate amended the Resolutions of the Senate relating to the Constitution of the Faculty of Health Sciences, with effect from 1 January 2003, as set out on the shaded box in the report presented.

4.1.2.3 Faculty of Law

Resolution 512/02

Senate amended the Resolutions of the Senate relating to the Constitution of the Faculty of Law, with effect from 1 January 2003, as set out on the shaded box in the report presented.

4.1.2.4 Faculty of Science

Resolution 513/02

Senate amended the Resolutions of the Senate relating to the Constitution of the Faculty of Science, with effect from 1 January 2003, as set out on the shaded box in the report presented.

4.1.2.5 Sydney College of the Arts

Resolution 514/02

Senate amended the Resolutions of the Senate relating to the Constitution of the Sydney College of the Arts, with effect from 1 January 2003, as set out on the shaded box in the report presented, subject to correction of a typographical error.

5. General items (*items for action*)

5.1 Bequests, donations, non-government grants and gifts-in-kind, October 2002

Resolution 515/02

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

5.2 Cornforth Foundation for Chemistry

Resolution 516/02

Senate approved the appointment of members of the Council of the Cornforth Foundation for Chemistry and the election of President, Deputy President and Treasurer of the Council and of the Foundation as recommended.

5.3 International House Council

Resolution 517/02

Senate appointed the following to the International House Council for the specified terms of office:

Clause 7(a)(ii)(aa), One other Fellow of Senate, appointed annually:

Mr R B Corlett (to 31 December 2003)

Clause 7 (a)(ii) (bb), Three persons who shall be members of Rotary International, each appointed for three years one of whom shall retire each year:

Dr K Coles (to 31 December 2003)

Clause 7 (a)(ii) (cc), One person nominated by SUIH Alumni Association appointed annually:

Dr J Rowlands (to 31 December 2003)

Clause 7 (a)(ii) (dd), Three persons nominated by SUIH Members Association appointed annually:

Ms J Gambill (to 31 December 2003)

Ms A Ying (to 31 December 2003)

Vacant (to 31 December 2003) *(to be filled in March 2003)*

Clause 7 (a)(ii)(ee), Up to nine other persons each appointed for three years of whom three shall retire each year:

Professor R Y Ebied (to 31 December 2005)

Professor S Gray (to 31 December 2005)

Ms K McQuaid (to 31 December 2005)

5.4 Sydney University Sport

☆ **5.4.1 Sydney University Sport – Constitution**

Resolution 518/02

Senate approved revised Clauses 126 and 127 of the Sydney University Sport Constitution as set out in the report presented.

5.4.2 Sydney University Sport – Membership

Resolution 519/02

Senate appointed Ms Anne Titterton and Mr Christopher Noel as Senate representatives on the General and the Management Committees of Sydney University Sport for a one year term of office with effect from 1 January 2003.

5.5 University of Sydney Union

5.5.1 Board of Directors – Membership

Resolution 520/02

Senate reappointed Ms Merrilee Robb (Director of Research Development) and Associate Professor Warren Julian (Faculty of Architecture) to membership of the University of Sydney Union Board of Directors for 2003.

5.5.2 University of Sydney Union

Resolution 521/02

Senate noted the report by the Chief Financial Officer.

5.6 Report of the Warren Centre for Advanced Engineering

Resolution 522/02

Senate confirmed the appointment of Mr Trevor Carroll and Mr Chris Janssen as Governors of the Warren Centre for Advanced Engineering.

5.7 Women's College Council – Membership

Resolution 523/02

Senate nominated Dr Robin Fitzsimons to membership of the Women's College Council to 31 January 2005.

☆ 6. Question time

- 6.1** Dr Robin Fitzsimons had given notice of the following questions for the Chair of the Academic Board:

Is it true that departments/schools and courses are given a statistical 'quota' in terms of the numbers or proportions of distinctions/honours etc which may be awarded based on examinations? If so, is there a disincentive for bright students to undertake any more difficult or smaller courses (for instance within the Faculty of Arts) which may attract an unusually high proportion of more capable students? If such a situation exists, how might the obvious dilemma be addressed?

Resolution 524/02

Senate noted the question and response.

7. Senate business (*items for noting*)

- ☆ 7.1 Brief additional comment from the Chancellor on New York/Boston**
Owing to time constraints, the Chancellor did not comment on his recent visit to New York and Boston.

☆ 7.2 Senate Retreat, 2-3 February 2003

Resolution 525/02

Senate noted the update on the Senate Retreat on 2-3 February 2002 and resolved that the Retreat could be extended beyond lunchtime on Monday 3 February.

7.3 English Language Support for Refugees - Registrar's Report**Resolution 526/02**

Senate

- (i) noted the Registrar's report on English Language Support for Refugees;
- (ii) agreed in principle to support a collaborative agreement between the Asylum Seekers Centre and the University whereby the University would provide English language teaching assistance to the Centre; and
- (iii) requested the Registrar to consult further with the Centre and report to Senate on the next stage.

7.4 Functions attended by the Chancellor and Fellows of Senate in the last month**Resolution 527/02**

Senate noted the report on functions attended by the Chancellor and Fellows of Senate in the last month, and the speech by the Hon John Hatzistergos.

7.5 Dinner to mark the retirement of Professor Alice Erh-Soon Tay**Resolution 528/02**

Senate noted the report on the dinner to mark the retirement of Professor Alice Erh-Soon Tay.

7.6 Correspondence from the Governor**Resolution 529/02**

Senate noted the letter of appreciation from the Governor for the Sesquicentenary Commemoration Service.

7.7 Notice of election of Chair and five members of the Finance Committee at the February 2003 Senate Retreat

Resolution 530/02

Senate noted that the Chair and five members of the Finance Committee would be elected at the February 2003 Senate Retreat.

7.8 Schedule of Senate and Senate committee elections/appointments for 2003

Resolution 531/02

Senate noted the schedule of Senate and Senate committee elections/appointments for 2003.

☆ 8. Reports of the Finance Committee

8.1 Report of the Finance Committee, 17 October 2002 (*items for noting*)

8.1.1 Business Arising out of the Minutes

8.1.1.1 Update on Student Associations

Resolution 532/02

Senate noted the report.

8.2 Report of the Finance Committee, 25 November 2002 (*items for noting*)

8.2.1 Confidential items

8.2.2 Leave of Absence

8.2.3 Unconfirmed Minutes of meeting held on 17 October 2002

8.2.4 Business arising out of the minutes

8.2.4.1 Sesquicentenary Inauguration Weekend Budget Summary

8.2.4.2 Update on Student Associations

8.2.5 Capital Development Program – Monthly Works Report for the period ending 31 October 2002

8.2.6 Tender Board Report 2001 – 2002

8.2.7 CFO Report

**8.2.7.1 Revised Structure, Strategy and Financial Services Framework–
“Financial Services – The Next Stage”**

The Deputy Chancellor, who had chaired the Finance Committee meeting, drew attention to the excellent report by the Chief Financial Officer and asked that it be considered for discussion at the February Retreat.

8.2.7.2 Work in Progress Update

8.2.7.3 Standard & Poor’s Update

8.2.7.4 Monthly Financial Management Report for October 2002

8.2.7.5 Proposed Finance Committee Meeting Dates for 2003

8.2.8 Annual Reports of Foundations/Centres/Student Associations

8.2.9.1 Celtic Studies Foundation Annual Report for 2001

8.2.9.2 Dermatology Research Foundation Annual Report for 2001

8.2.9 Unconfirmed minutes of the Audit Committee meeting held on 25 September 2002

8.2.10 Unconfirmed minutes of the Investment Committee meeting held on 19 September 2002

8.2.11 Next Meeting

Resolution 533/02

Senate noted the report of the meeting of the Finance Committee held on 25 November 2002.

9. Report of the Academic Board, 13 November 2002 (*items for noting*)**Resolution 534/02**

Senate noted the report on the following items:

9.1 Report of the Chair**9.1.1 Review of the Academic Board and the Academic Forum****9.1.2 Strategies for the Academic Board to Review its Performance****9.1.3 Academic Board Faculty Review Visits****9.1.4 Academic Board Resolutions: *Admission to Undergraduate Courses*****9.1.5 Report of the Academic Forum****10. Report of the Senate/SUPRA Liaison Committee, 29 November 2002 (*items for noting*)****10.1 Leave of absence****10.2 Business arising from the previous report****10.2.1 Postgraduate Research Support Scheme audit****10.3 Funding mechanisms****10.4 Completion Scholarships for Research Degrees****10.5 ITL Supervision Development Program****10.6 Graduate Skills Assessment****10.7 English Language Tests (Admissions)****10.8 Academic Writing Skills and English Language Assistance****10.9 Recent ICAC Investigation of Access to Computerised Record Systems at UTS****10.10 Postgraduate HECS-Equity Scholarships****10.11 2003 Meeting dates****10.12 Any other business****10.12.1 Research underenrolment**☆ **10.12.2 Voluntary student unionism**☆ **10.12.3 Signage re traditional owners of the University grounds**☆ **10.12.4 Merger of Chemistry and Geosciences libraries****Resolution 535/02**

Senate noted the report.

11. General items (*items for noting*)**11.1 Graduation ceremonies (December 2002)****Resolution 536/02**

Senate noted the report on graduation ceremonies to be held in December 2002.

☆ **12. Any other business**

There was no other business.

☆ **13. Confidential items**