



The University of Sydney

Senate minutes summary, 3 February 2003

- ☆ 1. **Addition or deletion of confidential items**
Senate agreed that items 1 and 13.3 be held in open session. No other confidential items were added or deleted.

2. **Senate business (*items for action*)**

☆ 2.1 **Starring**

Resolution 1/03

Senate resolved as recommended with respect to all unstarred items.

2.2 **Minutes of the previous Senate meeting, 2 December 2002**

Resolution 2/03

Senate confirmed the minutes of the Senate meeting held on 2 December 2002 as a true and correct record.

2.3 There was no item 2.3.

☆ 2.4 **Business arising out of the minutes not dealt with elsewhere in the agenda**

2.4.1 **Postgraduate courses (item 2.2, December 2002 minutes)**

Resolution 3/03

Senate noted that a report on the number of postgraduate courses and students would come to the March meeting.

2.4.2 **Library (item 10.12.4, December 2002 minutes)**

Resolution 4/03

Senate resolved as follows:

Senate notes that the University of Sydney has and continues to undergo transformation and restructure in order to address changes and development in the provision of library services and needs of the University community.

In view of the Library being an important resource in the teaching, learning and research programs at the University of Sydney, restructure and change must be accompanied by a detailed consultation process that provides for participation of appropriate sectors of the University community.

2.4.3 **Honorary degree to the Visitor**

Resolution 5/03

Senate noted the report.

2.5 Leave of absence

2.5.1 Senate retreat, 2-3 February 2003

Resolution 6/03

Senate granted leave of absence to Ms Moksha Watts and noted apologies from Mr Kevin Greene and the Hon John Hatzistergos for the Senate retreat on 2-3 February 2003, and granted leave of absence to Mr John McCarthy and Mr Adam Spencer for 3 February 2003 as requested.

2.5.2 Senate meeting, 3 February 2003

Resolution 7/03

Senate granted leave of absence for the Senate meeting on 3 February 2003 to Mr John McCarthy, Mr Adam Spencer, and Ms Moksha Watts as requested and noted apologies for absence for this meeting from Mr Kevin Greene and the Hon John Hatzistergos.

★ **2.6 Welcome to Professor Leslie Field**

Resolution 8/03

Senate welcomed Professor Leslie Field to his first meeting of Senate.

★ **2.7 Membership of the Finance Committee**

2.7.1 Chair, Finance Committee

Resolution 9/03

Senate noted that Mr David Hoare had been re-elected as Chair of the Finance Committee for a one year term of office to conclude on 2 February 2004 and congratulated Mr Hoare on his election.

2.7.2 Five other Fellows elected by Fellows of Senate annually

Resolution 10/03

Senate

- (i) noted that Ms Thalia Anthony, Mr John McCarthy and Ms Valerie Pratt had been re-elected to membership of the Finance Committee for a one year term of office to conclude on 2 February 2004 and congratulated them on their election; and
- (ii) noted that an election for the remaining two vacancies would be held at the Senate meeting on 3 March 2003.

2.7.3 Two external members appointed by Senate every two years

Resolution 11/03

Senate

- (i) approved the appointment of Mr Terrey Arcus, subject to his agreement; and
- (ii) approved the reappointment of Mr Robert Elstone as external members of the Finance Committee for a term of office of two years, to conclude on 7 February 2005.

★ **2.8 Unsolicited material**

Resolution 12/03

Senate resolved that unsolicited material to Fellows of Senate be placed in the Fellows' Room with Fellows so advised by the Registrar and with attention drawn to particular material that might be of interest to Fellows.

★ **2.9 English Language Support for Refugees**

Resolution 13/03

Senate resolved that the Registrar be authorised to discuss with appropriate persons in the Faculty of Education and Social Work a way in which the University might put together a scheme, on a voluntary base with a coordinator who may be partially remunerated and coopting the Chair of the Academic Board to the extent she has the time and capacity, to provide English teaching and associated support for temporary visa holders.

2.10 Bequests, donations, non-government grants and gifts-in-kind, November and December 2002

Resolution 14/03

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

2.11 Report of the Civil Engineering Foundation

Resolution 15/03

Senate approved the election of Dr Daksh Baweja as the President and Ms Irene Scott as the Deputy President of the Civil Engineering Foundation and of the Council as recommended.

2.12 Report of the Poultry Research Foundation

Resolution 16/03

Senate approved the election of Dr I Partridge as the President and Mr D Damjanovic as the Deputy President of the Poultry Research Foundation and of the Council and the election of the following members of the Council as recommended, for the period to the next Annual General Meeting:

Governor Members

Barter Enterprises
Inghams Enterprises Pty Limited

Company Members

ADM Australia Pty Ltd
BASF Australia Ltd
Ridley AgriProducts
Roche Vitamins Australia Pty Limited

Members

Elanco Animal Health
Novus International Pty Ltd
Weston Animal Nutrition Millmaster Feeds

Honorary Governors

Emeritus Professor E F Annison
Dr B S Bains
Dr D Balnave
Professor W L Bryden
Mr J Darling
Emeritus Professor T J Robinson

2.13 Report of the Save Sight Institute

Resolution 17/03

Senate ratified the following membership of the Council of the Save Sight Institute and the appointment of Mr Ken Coles as the President and Mr Alan Judd as the Vice-President as recommended:

Mrs Michele Bentley
 Mr Ken Coles AM
 Mr John Davies
 Mr Greg Dunn
 Professor Ramzi Fayed
 Mr George Harris
 Mr Alan Judd
 Mr Peter Ketley
 Professor John McAvoy
 Mr Ben Meek
 Mr Steven Stux
 Mrs Caroline Wilkinson

☆ 3. Report of the Vice-Chancellor and Principal

3.1 Update for Senate's information

Updates had been provided by the Vice-Chancellor during the Senate retreat.

3.2 Deanship of the Graduate School of Government – Selection Committee

Resolution 18/03

Senate appointed the following Selection Committee for the position of Dean and Director of the Graduate School of Government:

Ex-officio

Vice-Chancellor and Principal
 Chair of the Academic Board
 Pro-Vice-Chancellor with supervisory responsibility for the Dean (PVC CHASS)

Members appointed by Senate

Three members nominated by the Vice-Chancellor in consultation with the Chair of the Academic Board:

- Professor Peter Wolnizer
- Professor Michael Vitale
- Member of the Discipline of Government and International Relations (tbc)

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

- Director-General, NSW Premier's Department (alternately, Director-General, NSW Cabinet Office)

3.3 Acting Arrangements

Resolution 19/03

Senate noted the report on acting arrangements approved by the Vice-Chancellor in response to the recent resignations of Ms Jennifer Doubell as Director, Development and External Affairs and Professor Simon Carlile as Chief Information Officer.

3.4 AGSM

Resolution 20/03

Senate noted the report on interim arrangements following the decision of Professor Michael Vitale, Dean and Director of the AGSM, to step down.

3.5 University Senate Sport Scholarships**Resolution 21/03**

Senate noted the report on the Vice-Chancellor's establishment of a series of scholarships to be known as the University Senate Sport Scholarships.

3.6 Staff Honours**Resolution 22/03**

Senate noted the report and resolved to congratulate Professors Hugh Durrant-Whyte of the School of Aerospace, Mechanical and Mechatronic Engineering and Brian Haynes of the Department of Chemical Engineering on their recent election to the Academy of the Technological Sciences and Engineering.

3.7 Accreditation of Graduate Dental Program**Resolution 23/03**

Senate noted the report that the new graduate-entry Bachelor of Dentistry program had been given full accreditation by the Australian Dental Council.

3.8 Development and External Affairs**3.8.1 Fundraising****3.8.2 Development infrastructure****3.8.3 Alumni****3.8.4 Events****Resolution 24/03**

Senate noted the report.

☆ 4. Report of the Academic Board, 11 December 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 25/03**

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 in the shaded box in the report presented.

4.1.2 Faculty of Education and Social Work**Resolution 26/03**

Senate:

- (i) amended the Resolutions of the Senate relating to the Constitution of the Faculty of Education;
- (ii) rescinded the Resolutions of the Senate relating to the Constitution of the Board of Studies in Social work;
- (iii) amended the Resolutions of the Senate relating to the degrees, diplomas and certificates in the Faculty of Education;
- (iv) rescinded the Resolutions of the Senate relating to the degrees, diplomas and certificates in the Board of Studies in Social Work;
- (v) transferred all courses currently under the direction of the Board of Studies in Social Work to the renamed Faculty of Education and Social Work; and
- (vi) 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 in the shaded box in the report presented.

4.1.3 New or amended courses

4.1.3.1 Faculty of Education and Social Work: Graduate Diploma in Educational Studies (Coach Education) and Graduate Certificate in Educational Studies (Coach Education)

Resolution 27/03

Senate:

- (i) amended the Resolutions of the Senate relating to the degrees, diplomas and certificates in the Faculty of Education and Social Work; and
- (ii) adopted the Resolutions of the Senate relating to the Graduate Diploma in Educational Studies (Coach Education) and Graduate Certificate in Educational Studies (Coach Education),

with effect from 1 January 2003, as set out in the shaded box in the report presented.

4.1.3.2 Faculty of Medicine: Advanced Diploma in Indigenous Primary Health Care and Diploma in Indigenous Primary Health Care

Resolution 28/03

Senate approved:

- (i) the proposal from the Faculty of Medicine for the introduction in 2003 of the new courses, the Diploma in Indigenous Primary Health Care, and the Advanced Diploma in Indigenous Health Care,
- (ii) the amendment of the Resolutions of the Senate relating to Degrees, Diplomas and Certificates in the Faculty of Medicine, with effect from 1 January 2003,
- (iii) the adoption of Resolutions of the Senate relating to the Diploma in Indigenous Primary Health Care, made pursuant to the University of Sydney (Coursework) Rule 2000 (as amended), with effect from 1 January 2003,
- (iv) the adoption of Resolutions of the Senate relating to the Advanced Diploma in Indigenous Primary Health Care, made pursuant to the University of Sydney (Coursework) Rule 2000 (as amended), with effect from 1 January 2003,

as set out in the shaded box in the report presented.

4.1.3.3 Faculty of Engineering: Bachelor of Engineering

Resolution 29/03

Senate approved:

- (i) the rescission of the Resolutions of Senate relating to the Bachelor of Engineering course and
- (ii) the adoption of the new Resolutions of Senate relating to this course, made pursuant to the University of Sydney (Coursework) Rule 2000 (as amended), with effect from 1 January 2003, as set out in the report presented;

as set out in the shaded box in the report presented.

4.1.4 University of Sydney Library

Resolution 30/03

Senate amended the Resolutions of the Senate relating to the Use of the University of Sydney Library with effect from 1 January 2003, as set out in the shaded box in the report presented.

☆ 5. Report of the Senate/Sports Liaison Committee, 11 December 2002 (*items for action*)

5.1 Senate/Sports Liaison Committee: Term of office

Resolution 31/03

Senate approved the term of office for members of the Senate/Sports Liaison Committee to be two years, with the first term to conclude at the Senate meeting in February 2004 to bring the term of office into line with other Senate committees.

5.2 Senate/Sports Liaison Committee: Terms of Reference

Resolution 32/03

Senate approved the following Terms of Reference for the Committee:

To be a forum for Sydney University Sports representatives to liaise with Senate and the University administration to discuss issues relating to the objectives and strategies listed in the University of Sydney Mission Statement for Sport, or matters which SU Sport feels it is important for Senate to be made aware, and to report regularly to Senate.

☆ 6. Question time

6.1 Bachelor of Rural Pharmacy

Dr Robin Fitzsimons had given notice of the following question:

I note from the press that students who apply to enter The Bachelor of Rural Pharmacy degree require a UAI which is five points lower than that required of city applicants for this degree course. I now understand that this is because students from schools in regional or rural 'NSW' (i.e. excluding those schools in Sydney, Wollongong or Canberra) receive an automatic '5-point bonus' added to their original UAI, not available to city students, if they apply for any Faculty at Orange. As this scheme is clearly not targeted at disadvantaged students, how can we justify school 'post-code preferential admissions' to The University of Sydney Orange campus, especially as we rightly give no preference to non-disadvantaged students from Glebe who wish to study Pharmacy or Agriculture on Science Road?

Resolution 33/03

Senate noted the question and response.

6.2 International exchange arrangements

Dr Fitzsimons had given notice of the following question:

"The Australian" reports that a Sydney University arrangement with Seoul University will enable students from each university to spend a year at the other university and thus obtain degrees from both universities. Does this admirable exchange arrangement amount to "two university degrees for the work of one", and if so does it differ fundamentally from the situation where a Sydney exchange student spends a year away at any of a number of other overseas universities, thereby part-fulfilling the requirements of the Sydney (only) degree?

Resolution 34/03

Senate noted the question and response.

6.3 Faculty of Medicine

Dr Fitzsimons had given notice of the following question:

Are there any Medical Faculty proposals to accept some students conditionally on leaving school – for course commencement after successful completion of a first degree?

Resolution 35/03

Senate noted the question and response.

7. Senate business (*items for noting*)**7.1 Notice of election of Chancellor****Resolution 36/03**

Senate noted the report that the election of Chancellor would be held at the ordinary meeting of Senate in April 2003.

7.2 Functions attended by the Chancellor and Fellows of Senate in the last two months**Resolution 37/03**

Senate noted the report.

7.3 Sydney University Sport – Gender Equity Policy**Resolution 38/03**

Senate noted correspondence from Ms Ann Mitchell, the Deputy Director of Sydney University Sport.

7.4 Next Senate meeting**Resolution 39/03**

Senate noted that the March Senate meeting would not be a Colloquium, but would have as a contingency plan a preliminary discussion led by the Vice-Chancellor if the Nelson Review Report was released.

8. Report of the Finance Committee, 19 December 2002 (*items for noting*)**Resolution 40/03**

Senate noted the report on the following items:

8.1 Confidential items**8.2 Leave of Absence****8.3 Unconfirmed minutes of the meeting held on 25 November 2002****8.4 Business Arising out of the minutes****8.5 Capital Development Program – Monthly Works Report for the period ending 30 November 2002****8.6 CFO Report****8.6.1 Work-in-Progress Update****8.6.2 2002 Year End Schedule****8.6.3 Annuity Bond Scenarios****8.6.4 Standard and Poor's Update****8.6.5 Monthly Financial Management Report for November 2002****8.6.6 Request to cancel January 2003 Finance Committee meeting (16 January 2003)**

- 8.7 **Annual Report of Foundations/Centres/Student Associations**
 - 8.7.1 **Standing Committee of Convocation President's 2001 Annual Report**
- 8.8 **Next Meeting**
- 8.9 **Any other Business**
 - 8.9.1 **Professor Stephen Leeder**

9. Report of the Academic Board, 11 December 2002 (*items for noting*)

Resolution 41/03

Senate noted the report on the following items:

- 9.1 **Report of the Chair**
 - 9.1.1 **Guidelines for Faculties to Elect Academic Staff Members of the Academic Board**
 - 9.1.2 **New and amended courses**
 - 9.1.3 **Resolutions of the Academic Board Resolutions relating to the Use of the University of Sydney Library**
 - 9.1.4 **Semester and vacation dates**
 - 9.1.5 **Academic Board Faculty Review Visits**
 - 9.1.6 **Vice-Chancellor's Awards for Excellence in Research Higher Degree Supervision 2003**
 - 9.1.7 **Teaching Awards to University of Sydney Staff**
 - 9.1.8 **Promotion of Academic Staff from Level C to Level D**
 - 9.1.9 **Promotion of Academic Staff to Professor**

10. Report of the Audit Committee, 12 December 2002 (*items for noting*)

Resolution 42/03

Senate noted the report on the following items:

- 10.1 **Unconfirmed minutes of the Audit Committee meeting held on 12 December 2002**
 - 10.1.1 **The Minutes of the Audit Committee meeting of 25 September 2002**
 - 10.1.2 **Matters Arising from the Minutes**
 - 10.1.3 **Progress Re: 2002 Year End Audit**
 - 10.1.4 **The Audit Office Management Letter (Year Ended 31 December 2002) – Implementation Action**
 - 10.1.5 **Audit Committee - Terms of Reference**
 - 10.1.6 **Internal Audit & Review – 2003 Draft Audit Plan**
 - 10.1.7 **Internal Audit & Review – Status Report**
 - 10.1.8 **Internal Audit & Review – Follow-up Action**
 - 10.1.9 **Risk Management Update**
 - 10.1.10 **Other Business**
 - 10.1.11 **Next Meeting**

11. Report of the Senate/Sports Liaison Committee, 11 December 2002 (*items for noting*)

Resolution 43/03

Senate noted the report on the following items:

- 11.1 **Welcome and Apologies**
- 11.2 **Report of the previous Senate/Sports Liaison Committee meeting held on 16 October 2002**
- 11.3 **Report of the Convenor on Senate meetings**
 - 11.3.1 **Report of the Senate meeting held on 4 November 2002**
 - 11.3.2 **Report of the Senate meeting held on 2 December 2002**

11.3.2.1 Sydney University Sport constitution - membership of student organisations

11.3.2.2 Sydney University Sport constitution - Gender issues

11.4 Business Arising

11.5 Government Grants

11.6 The second strategy in the University Mission Statement – “Develop relations with appropriate external groups, such as sports institutes, sports organisations, schools, alumni, corporate groups, local Council”

11.7 Any other business

11.7.1 Scholarships

11.7.2 Mr Bruce Ross

11.8 Next meeting

12. General items (*items for noting*)

12.1 Graduation ceremonies (February/March 2003)

Resolution 44/03

Senate noted the report.

★ **13. Confidential items**

★ **14. Campus 2010: Project Definition Plan**

Resolution 56/03

Senate resolved:

- (i) to agree in principle to the major changes from the Preferred Proposal Scope of Works approved by Senate on 8 October 2002, which were proposed in the Project Definition Plan (PDP) and which were:
 - relocation of the School of Information Technologies from the City Road North site to a new building incorporating a basement carpark on the Cleveland Street site. There are also associated Public Domain Works in the Darlington Campus;
 - reduction in the volume of works envisaged in City Road which will now be limited to the introduction of a signalised vehicle entry and pedestrian crossing in City Road to join Barff Road;
 - retention of the City Road North site as a site for a possible development to suit strategic priorities; and
 - incorporation of the Combined Sciences and Technology Library at a lower level of the USYD Central Building overlooking Maze Green.
- (ii) to proceed with the following tasks in order to sustain the momentum of Campus 2010:
 - implementation of the early elements of the program outlined in the PDP;
 - organisation of plans for an architectural design competition for the major building and public domain elements; and
 - preparation for the appointment of a consultant Project Director.
- (iii) to note paragraph 8 in the Matters arising from meeting of the Campus 2010 Steering Committee held on 30 January 2003, which reads:
 8. The Committee discussed in detail the three program options for the Law Building described in the PDP. It was noted that retention of the Edgeworth David Building in situ during the construction of the Law Building, whilst offering some time advantages, could limit the best possible design outcome for Law. It was agreed that the selection of a program option should not be made until completion of the design competition. The Dean of Law stated that, in his view, the achievement of the best possible design for the building was of greater importance over the life span of the building than the achievement of an earlier commencement date.