



The University of Sydney

Senate minutes summary, 7 April 2003

At the ordinary meeting on 7 April 2003:

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

No confidential items deleted.

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

Resolution 104/03

Senate thanked the Hon John Hatzistergos for his valued and significant contribution to Senate.

★ 2.1 **Starring**

Resolution 105/03

Senate resolved as recommended with respect to all unstarred items.

2.2 **Minutes of the previous Senate meeting, 3 March 2003**

Resolution 106/03

Senate confirmed the minutes of the Senate meeting held on 3 March 2003 as a true and correct record.

★ 2.3 **Business arising out of the minutes not dealt with elsewhere in the agenda**

2.3.1 **Postgraduate numbers**

Resolution 107/03

Senate noted the advice.

2.3.2 **Review of University legislation**

Resolution 108/03

Senate noted the advice.

2.4 **Leave of absence**

Resolution 109/03

Senate granted leave to Ms Kim Wilson for this meeting as requested and noted an apology for absence given by Mr Kevin Greene.

★ 2.5 **Election of Chancellor**

Resolution 110/03

Senate

- (i) noted that The Hon Justice Kim Santow has been re-elected as Chancellor for a term of four years commencing on 1 June 2003; and
- (ii) congratulated The Hon Justice Santow on his re-election.

2.6 Membership of the Finance Committee

Resolution 111/03

Senate noted that Mr Adam Spencer had been elected to membership of the Finance Committee for a term of office to conclude on 2 February 2004, and congratulated Mr Spencer on his election.

2.7 Election of Fellows of Senate 2003

Resolution 112/03

Senate approved the polling days for the elections of Academic and Non-Academic Staff Fellows (10 October 2003), and Undergraduate and Postgraduate Student Fellows (17 October 2003) as recommended.

★ 2.8 Senate agenda

Resolution 113/03

Senate

- (i) noted the Registrar's report;
- (ii) requested the Chair of the Finance Committee assisted by the CFO to provide a smaller report to Senate, clearly containing all items where action was required but with more selective reporting of items for noting in a way which focused attention on matters the Chair considered to be particularly worthy of Fellows' attention. A list of all items dealt with by the Committee would be included in the report and full documentation relating to its activities would be available to Fellows in hard copy as background and optional reading, with this procedure to be reviewed after six months.
- (iii) adopted the use of an additional symbol ► to be applied to items by the agreement of the Chancellor and Vice-Chancellor at the time the agenda was set to identify those which in the view of the Chancellor and Vice-Chancellor were of particular significance.

★ 2.9 Fellows of Senate: Terms in office

Resolution 114/03

Senate resolved that The Hon J T Ludeke take up the issue of maximum terms in office with Fellows, having already the task of our next evaluation of Senate's performance.

★ 2.10 Senate Colloquium, 5 May 2003

Resolution 115/03

Senate approved a June rather than a May Colloquium with the tentative topic *Government Report on Higher Education*, unless there was such a report in sufficient time to enable mature consideration at the May Senate meeting.

★ 3. Report of the Vice-Chancellor and Principal

3.1 Update for Senate's information

3.1.1 Cricket

Resolution 116/03

Senate resolved

- (i) to note the report with pleasure;
- (ii) to ask the Chancellor and Vice-Chancellor to congratulate the team on their outstanding achievement on behalf of Senate; and
- (iii) to invite the team to afternoon tea with Fellows of Senate.

3.1.2 DEST funding

Resolution 117/03

Senate noted the report.

3.1.3 NSW Residency Expatriate Scientists Awards

Resolution 118/03

Senate noted the report.

3.1.4 Sudden Acute Respiratory Syndrome (SARS)

Resolution 119/03

Senate noted the question and response.

3.2 Research Commercialisation

Resolution 120/03

Senate noted the report on research commercialisation.

3.3 Federation Fellowships

Resolution 121/03

Senate

- (i) noted the report that the University had been awarded four Federation Fellows in the latest round: Professor Marcela Bilek, School of Physics, The University of Sydney; Professor Martin Johnson, Department of Anatomy, University of Cambridge; Professor Thomas Maschmeyer, Laboratory for Applied Organic Chemistry & Catalysis, Delft University of Technology; and Professor Peter Robinson, School of Physics, The University of Sydney; and
- (ii) agreed that the Federation Fellows be invited to afternoon tea with Fellows of Senate.

3.4 Student Load 2003

Resolution 122/03

Senate noted the report on student load for 2003.

3.5 New International Enrolments

Resolution 123/03

Senate noted the report on new international student enrolments and that the Vice-Chancellor would bring the terms of reference of the review of international strategy to the next Senate meeting for information.

3.6 Timetabling

Resolution 124/03

Senate noted the report on timetabling.

3.7 Establishment of the Rural Management Research Institute

Resolution 125/03

Senate noted the report on the establishment of the Rural Management Institute.

3.8 International Matters

Resolution 126/03

Senate noted the report on international visiting delegations and VIPs to the University of Sydney in March 2003.

3.9 Development and External Affairs

3.9.1 Events

3.9.2 Annual Appeal

Resolution 127/03

Senate noted the report.

☆ 4. Report of the Finance Committee, 20 March 2003 (*items for action*)

4.1 Delegations of Authority – Administrative Functions – 2003

Resolution 128/03

Senate approved Delegations of Authority – Administrative Functions – 2003 as revised, subject to amending section 7.1 to read:

7.1 This delegation does not derogate from the Senate's independent capacity to obtain legal advice in relation to matters within its proper sphere, if it so resolves, and likewise the Chancellor on behalf of Senate.

4.2 Membership of the Tender Board

Resolution 129/03

Senate amended the Resolutions of Senate relating to the membership of the Tender Board by deleting the member category "A member of the Finance Committee not otherwise a member" and replacing this with the amended category "A Fellow of Senate (appointed by the Finance Committee for a term of office not exceeding two years, but subject to reappointment for a further two-year term)".

☆ 5. Report of the Academic Board, 12 March 2003 (*items for action*)

5.1 Amendment of the Resolutions of the Senate

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

Resolution 130/03

Senate amended the Resolutions of the Senate "Faculties, Colleges, College Boards, Boards of Studies, Departments, Schools and Committees: academic governance" relating to the election of students to faculties as set out in the shaded box in the report.

6. Report of the Senate/SUPRA Liaison Committee, 19 March 2003 (*items for action*)

6.1 Membership of the Senate/SUPRA Liaison Committee

Resolution 131/03

Senate approved the amendment of the constitution for the Senate/SUPRA Liaison Committee to include the position of Dean of Graduate Studies.

7. General items (*items for action*)**7.1 Bequests, donations, non-government grants and gifts-in-kind, February 2003****Resolution 132/03**

Senate accepted with gratitude the various bequests, donations, non-government grants and gifts-in-kind received in February 2003.

7.2 Chairs of Student Proctorial Boards**Resolution 133/03**

Senate re-appointed The Hon Matthew John Robert Clarke QC and Mr Stephen Herrick as Chairs of Student Proctorial Boards for a one year term of office from 7 April 2003.

7.3 Abercrombie Street Child Care Ltd**Resolution 134/03**

Senate

- (i) thanked Ms Valerie Pratt for her valued service to the Council of Abercrombie Street Child Care Ltd as a Senate representative for seven years including four years as Chairman; and
- (ii) appointed Professor Leslie Field to membership of the Council as a Senate representative.

7.4 Veterinary Science Foundation Constitution**Resolution 135/03**

Senate approved the amendments to the Constitution of the Veterinary Science Foundation as recommended.

☆ 8. Question time

Question time was not held owing to timing constraints.

9. Senate business (*items for noting*)**9.1 Functions attended by the Chancellor and Fellows of Senate in the last month****Resolution 136/03**

Senate noted the report on functions attended by the Chancellor and Fellows of Senate in the last month.

9.2 Next meeting**Resolution 137/03**

Senate noted that the next meeting would be held on Monday 5 May 2003.

10. Report of the Finance Committee, 20 March 2003 (*items for noting*)**Resolution 138/03**

Senate noted the report on the following items:

10.1 Confidential items**10.2 Leave of Absence****10.3 Unconfirmed minutes of the meeting held on 20 February 2003****10.4 Business arising out of the minutes****10.5 Capital Development Program****10.5.1 Monthly Works Report for the period ending 28 February 2003****10.6 CFO Report****10.6.1 Monthly Financial Management Report for February 2003**

- 10.7 Annual Reports of Foundations/Centres/Student Associations
 - 10.7.1 Dairy Research Foundation Annual Report for 2001
- 10.8 Next Meeting
- 10.9 Any other business

11. Report of the Academic Board, 12 March 2003 (*items for noting*)

Resolution 139/03

Senate noted the report on the following items:

- 11.1 Report of the Chair
 - 11.1.1 New and amended courses
 - 11.1.2 Exemptions and Waivers
 - 11.1.3 Weighted Average Marks (WAM) and Yearly Average Marks (YAM)
 - 11.1.4 Self-audit of the Academic Board
 - 11.1.5 Australia and New Zealand School of Government (ANZSOG)
 - ★ 11.1.6 National Day of Action
 - 11.1.7 Full-fee paying students
 - 11.1.8 Academic Board Faculty Review Visits
 - 11.1.9 Presentations from the Deans and Pro Vice-Chancellors (College)

and noted the Academic Board's resolution that it acknowledge the National Day of Action organised by the National Union of Students, from 12 noon on 10 April 2003, and recommend to all staff that students not be penalised for not attending classes during that time.

12. Report of the Senate/SUPRA Liaison Committee, 19 March 2003 (*items for noting*)

Resolution 140/03

Senate noted the report of the discussion on the following items, noting that issues relating to starred items 12.6 and 12.7 had been discussed in the Vice-Chancellor's report:

- 12.1 Welcome and leave of absence
- 12.2 Business arising from the previous report
 - 12.2.1 Academic Writing Skills and English Language Assistance
 - 12.2.2 Recent ICAC Investigation of Access to Computerised Record Systems at UTS
 - 12.2.3 Merger of Chemistry and Geosciences libraries
- 12.3 Proposal for Signage on Campus
- 12.4 Nelson Review
- 12.5 Australian Vice-Chancellor's Committee
- ★ 12.6 Voluntary Student Unionism
- ★ 12.7 Minimum Resources Policy
- 12.8 Scholarships for International Students
- 12.9 Postgraduate Coursework Degrees
- 12.10 Internet Content Providers
- 12.11 Next Meeting

13. General items (*items for noting*)

- 13.1 Graduation ceremonies (April/May 2003)

Resolution 141/03

Senate noted the report on graduation ceremonies to be held in April and May 2003.

13.2 Adviser on payments made by Student Societies - 2002 Annual Report

Resolution 142/03

Senate noted the 2002 Annual Report of the Adviser on Payments made by Student Societies.

☆ **13.3 Discipline of Students - 2002 Annual Report**

Resolution 143/03

Senate noted the 2002 Annual Report on Discipline of Students.

☆ **13.4 Student Appeals Committee (Exclusions and Readmissions) - 2002 Annual Report**

Resolution 144/03

Senate noted the 2002 Annual Report of Senate's Student Appeals Committee (Exclusions and Readmissions) and noted that Professor Sachs would provide a demographic breakdown of students who appealed and data relating to patterns of upheld appeals.

13.5 Citations for recipients of Honorary Awards in 2002

Resolution 145/03

Senate noted the citations for recipients of honorary awards in 2002.

13.6 Citations for recipients of the Vice-Chancellor's Awards for Outstanding Teaching 2002

Resolution 146/03

Senate noted the citations for recipients of the Vice-Chancellor's Awards for Outstanding Teaching in 2001, awarded in 2002.

13.7 Citations for recipients of the Vice-Chancellor's Awards for Excellence in Research Higher Degree Supervision 2002

Resolution 147/03

Senate noted the citations of recipients of the Vice-Chancellor's Awards for Excellence in Research Higher Degree Supervision in 2001, awarded in 2002.

☆ **14. Any other business**

14.1 Obiter dicta

Resolution 148/03

Senate noted the comment.

14.2 Pro Chancellor

Resolution 149/03

Senate resolved that the position of Pro Chancellor be considered at the May meeting, and requested the Registrar to report to Senate.

14.3 Draft 2002 University Annual Report

Resolution 150/03

Senate noted that any comments on the tabled draft 2002 University Annual Report should be given to the Registrar by 14 April 2003, and sought advice on whether those whose photos had been included had given their permission.

14.4 Class sizes, student/staff ratios

Resolution 151/03

Senate noted Mr McCarthy's question on notice as to how student/staff ratios at the University of Sydney could be improved.

14.5 Student organisations

Resolution 152/03

Senate noted Mr Spencer's advice that Fellows would receive dates of events organised by the student organisations for their reference.

☆ **15. Confidential items**