



Senate minutes summary, 5 May 2003

At the ordinary meeting on 5 May 2003,

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

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

Resolution 104/03
Senate resolved as recommended with respect to all unstarred items.

 - 2.2 **Minutes of the previous Senate meeting, 7 April 2003**

Resolution 105/03
Senate confirmed the minutes of the Senate meeting held on 7 April 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 **Student Appeals Committee (Exclusions and Readmissions) - 2002 Annual Report**

Resolution 106/03
Senate noted the report.

 - 2.4 **Leave of absence**

Resolution 107/03
Senate granted leave of absence to the Deputy Chancellor for this meeting as requested.

 - ★ 2.5 **Fellow elected by and from the members of the Legislative Council, and Fellow elected by and from the members of the Legislative Assembly**

Resolution 108/03
Senate
 - (i) noted the report; and
 - (ii) resolved to accept the offer of the Hon John Hatzistergos to continue as a member of the Selection Committee for the position of Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Academic and International).

 - ★ 2.6 **Pro-Chancellor**

Resolution 109/03
Senate
 - (i) agreed in principle to establish the position of Pro-Chancellor to be occupied by a small number of Fellows of Senate chosen by Senate on the recommendation of the Chancellor as persons who may properly carry out the functions of delegate of the Chancellor to preside at graduation

- ceremonies when the Chancellor is not available, in addition to the Deputy Chancellor, and Chair of the Academic Board;
- (ii) established a committee of the Senate comprising the Chancellor, the Vice-Chancellor, the Deputy Chancellor and Professor Margaret Harris, to report to the June meeting of Senate on proposed parameters and Resolutions of the Senate relating to the appointment procedure;
 - (iii) agreed that this item would be discussed briefly as Senate business at the June 2003 Colloquium; and
 - (iv) agreed that the question of an ambassadorial role by Fellows/non-Fellows be considered in the future.

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

3.1 Update for Senate's information

3.1.1 Nelson Review

Resolution 110/03

Senate noted the report.

▶ **3.2 Town and Gown**

Resolution 111/03

Senate noted the report that the whole of the Camperdown campus, Mallett Street, the Medical Foundation Building, the Telfer/Mackie buildings, the University of Sydney Village and almost all of the Darlington campus were now included within the revised boundaries of the City of Sydney.

3.3 The Centre for Regional Education, Orange (CREO)

Resolution 112/03

Senate noted the report on the inaugural meeting on 14 April 2003 of the Centre for Regional Education, Orange.

3.4 Australian education

Resolution 113/03

Senate noted the report on the lead role taken by the University in the publication of a new book highlighting the quality of Australian education and the advantages of studying in Australia, *Australian Education – Passport to a Global Career*.

3.5 Veterinary Science

Resolution 114/03

Senate noted the report that the University had hosted a preliminary site visit by a delegation from the American Veterinary Medical Association so that University of Sydney graduates in Veterinary Science may be automatically accredited to practice in the United States.

▶ **3.6 University Website**

Resolution 115/03

Senate noted the report that the Publications Office and the Online Service Delivery Program within the Major Projects Group were working to develop an improved University website, with stage one expected to “go live” at the end of May, and stage two implemented in the second half of 2003.

3.7 Innovation: Beyond the Idea

Resolution 116/03

Senate noted the report on the public Seminar “Innovation: Beyond the Idea” conducted by the Warren Centre for Advanced Engineering.

3.8 International Matters

3.8.1 Review of Internationalisation and International Strategies

3.8.2 Visiting Delegations and VIPs

3.8.3 Training Programs

3.8.4 New International Enrolments

Resolution 117/03

Senate noted the report.

3.9 Development and External Affairs

3.9.1 Recent Events

3.9.2 Planned Events

Resolution 118/03

Senate noted the report.

4. General items (*items for action*)

4.1 Bequests, donations, non-government grants and gifts-in-kind, March 2003

Resolution 119/03

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

4.2 Restructure of Faculty of Agriculture, Food and Natural Resources – Implications for University legislation

Resolution 120/03

Senate approved the “University of Sydney (Authority Within Academic Units) Rule 2003”, as set out in the report.

4.3 Abercrombie Street Child Care Ltd

Resolution 121/03

Senate appointed Emeritus Professor Ann Sefton to membership of the Council of Abercrombie Street Child Care Ltd as a Senate representative.

4.4 International House Council

Resolution 122/03

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

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

Mr Craig Prebble (to 31 December 2003)

4.5 Mandelbaum House Limited

Resolution 123/03

Senate approved the amendment of Article 13.1(b) of the Articles of Association of Mandelbaum House Limited as recommended.

- ☆ 5. **Question time**
- 5.1 **Student/staff ratios**
- Resolution 124/03**
Senate noted the question and response.
6. **Senate business (*items for noting*)**
- 6.1 **Functions attended by the Chancellor and Fellows of Senate in the last month**
- Resolution 125/03**
Senate noted the report on functions attended by the Chancellor and Fellows of Senate in the last month.
- ☆ 6.2 **Next meeting and Colloquium**
- Resolution 126/03**
Senate
- (i) noted that the next Senate meeting and the Colloquium on “Aspects of the future of higher education in Australia and the University’s role within it” would be held at 5.00pm on 2 June 2003 in the Senate Room;
 - (ii) resolved that the Colloquium be conducted primarily in open session where Senate would have a presentation from the Vice-Chancellor and such others as he would wish to introduce to give a descriptive analysis of implications of the higher education review package, but that any recommendations he would wish to make on that analysis, apart possibly from scenario analysis, would not be conducted in open session;
 - (iii) resolved that further consideration be given between now and the agenda setting to whether there would be a closing period at the end of the Colloquium which would be in closed session at which the Vice-Chancellor would wish to lead a discussion on possible outcomes and his tentative other recommendations;
 - (iv) resolved that we announce closer to the time of the Colloquium that there would be a process of consultation in particular with representatives of the student body, the academic staff and the general staff on the higher education review outcome from the Government prior to a further meeting of Senate at which it would attempt to reach conclusions on the University’s position; and
 - (v) resolved that none of the foregoing was to preclude the use of a committee if that was deemed desirable.
- ☆ 7. **Report of the Audit and Risk Management Committee, 1 April 2003 (*items for noting*)**
- 7.1 **Unconfirmed minutes of the Audit and Risk Management Committee meeting held on 1 April 2003**
- 7.1.1 **The Minutes of the Audit and Risk Management Committee meeting of 5 February 2003**
 - 7.1.2 **Matters Arising from the Minutes**
 - 7.1.2.1 **Progress Report on the 2002 year end audit**
 - 7.1.2.2 **OH&S Issues**
 - 7.1.2.3 **Update on the Governance, Risk Management & Compliance Project**
 - 7.1.3 **Audit and Risk Management Committee – Terms of Reference**
 - 7.1.4 **Internal Audit & Review - 2002 Annual Report**
 - 7.1.5 **Internal Audit & Review – Status Report**
 - 7.1.6 **Internal Audit & Review – Implementation Report**
 - 7.1.7 **Other Business**
 - 7.1.8 **Next Meeting**

Resolution 127/03

Senate

- (i) noted the report;
- (ii) noted that Fellows would be forwarded in confidence numbered copies of the Internal Audit and Review 2002 Annual Report, which they were asked to return to the Registrar; and
- (iii) approved the procedure whereby the Chair of the Audit and Risk Management Committee assisted by the Director, Internal Audit, would provide a smaller report to Senate, clearly identifying the main issues arising from the meeting. The minutes of the meeting would be available to Fellows in hard copy as background and optional reading, with this procedure to be reviewed after six months.

8. General items (*items for noting*)

8.1 Graduation ceremonies (May/June 2003)

Resolution 128/03

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

☆ **9. Any other business**

9.1 University of Sydney Union events

Resolution 129/03

Senate noted the report.

9.2 Water polo team

Resolution 130/03

Senate noted the report.

☆ **10. Confidential items**