



The University of Sydney

Senate minutes summary, 3 November 2003

At the meeting on 3 November 2003:

- ☆ 1. **Addition or deletion of confidential items**
- 2. **Senate business**
 - 2.1 **Order of business**
 - ☆ 2.2 **Starring**

Resolution 462/03
Senate resolved as recommended with respect to all unstarred items.
 - 2.3 **Leave of absence**

Resolution 463/03
Senate granted leave of absence to Emeritus Professor Ann Sefton for this meeting as requested.
 - ☆ 2.4 **Minutes of the previous Senate meeting and Colloquium, 7 October 2003**

Resolution 464/03
Senate confirmed the minutes of the Senate meeting and Colloquium held on 7 October 2003 as a true and correct record, subject to some amendments.
 - ☆ 2.5 **Business arising out of the minutes not dealt with elsewhere in the agenda**
 - 2.5.1 **Senate minutes, 7 October 2003**

Resolution 465/03
Senate noted Dr Butler's comments.
 - 2.5.2 **Senate minutes, 1 September 2003**

Resolution 465/03
Senate noted the Vice-Chancellor's advice.
 - ☆ 2.6 **Items carried forward from the previous meeting**
 - 2.6.1 **Report on Fees and Charges incurred by Students (2003)**

Resolution 465/03
Senate noted the Report on Fees and Charges incurred by Students (2003).
 - ☆ 2.7 **Election of four Fellows by and from the academic staff and one Fellow by and from the non-academic staff**

Resolution 466/03
Senate noted the report, congratulated Associate Professor Anthony Masters on his election and Professor Margaret Harris, Dr Suzanne Jamieson, Professor Leslie Field and Ms Kim Wilson on their re-election as Fellows of Senate for a two year term of

office from 1 December 2003, and thanked Dr Gavan Butler, who did not stand for re-election, for his valued contribution as a Fellow of Senate.

2.8 Election of one Fellow by and from the undergraduate students and one Fellow by and from the postgraduate students

Resolution 467/03

Senate noted the report and congratulated Ms Joanna (Jo) Haylen and Mr Matthew Hall on their election as Fellows of Senate for a one year term of office from 1 December 2003.

2.9 Senate/SRC Liaison Committee

Resolution 468/03

Senate appointed Ms J Haylen to membership of the Senate/SRC Liaison Committee from 1 December 2003 to 30 November 2004.

2.10 Senate/SUPRA Liaison Committee

Resolution 469/03

Senate appointed Mr M Hall to membership of the Senate/SUPRA Liaison Committee from 1 December 2003 to 30 November 2004.

2.11 Induction of new Fellows of Senate

Resolution 470/03

Senate noted the report on the induction of new Fellows of Senate.

★ **2.12 Additional Fellow appointed by Senate**

Resolution 471/03

Senate

- (i) noted that Ms Valerie Pratt had indicated her intention to retire as a Fellow of Senate at the end of February 2004; and
- (ii) resolved that this item be considered at the December meeting.

★ **2.13 Retiring Fellows of Senate**

Resolution 472/03

Senate

- (i) noted that the Deputy Chancellor, Mrs Renata Kaldor intended to retire as a Fellow of Senate on 31 December 2003;
- (ii) resolved to place on record its formal appreciation for and note in detail the contribution made by retiring Fellows of Senate, Dr Gavan Butler, Mrs Renata Kaldor, Ms Valerie Pratt, Ms Moksha Watts and Ms Thalia Anthony; and
- (iii) requested the Registrar to consider and report on appropriate processes for electing a replacement for Mrs Kaldor.

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2.14 Dinner after the November Senate meeting

Resolution 473/03

Senate noted the report on the Senate dinner following the November meeting which was principally to honour retiring Fellows, welcome new Fellows the Hon John Aquilina MP and the Hon Henry Tsang MLC and thank not just the Senior Executive of the University, but also the external members of Senate Committees who had given so generously of their time in 2003.

☆ **2.15 Review of report/minutes formats for the Finance Committee and the Audit and Risk Management Committee**

Resolution 474/03

Senate resolved to continue the current process for reporting to Senate on meetings of the Finance and Audit and Risk Management Committees.

2.16 Functions attended by the Chancellor and Fellows of Senate in the previous month

Resolution 475/03

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

2.17 Honorary awards

Resolution 476/03

Senate noted the report on those who had accepted Senate's invitation to receive an honorary degree/honorary fellowship in 2004 since the previous Senate meeting.

2.18 Next meeting

Resolution 477/03

Senate noted the report that the next Senate meeting would be held at 5.00pm on 1 December 2003 in the Senate Room, and be preceded by an afternoon tea at 4.35pm for:

- the presentation of the 2003 Wentworth Medal to the winner by the Chancellor.
- the Federation Fellows based at the University of Sydney.

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

3.1 Update for Senate's information

3.1.1 Rhodes Scholarships

Resolution 478/03

Senate noted with pleasure the Vice-Chancellor's report that University of Sydney student Ms Stephanie Topp had won the NSW Rhodes Scholarship for 2004, and that two University of Sydney students Mr Sandy Cameron and Mr Robert Yezerski had been recommended for the Australia-at-large Rhodes Scholarship.

3.2 AGSM Review Report

Resolution 479/03

Senate

- (a) resolved, subject to (b), to approve the continuation of the Joint Venture Agreement between the University of Sydney and the University of New South Wales to form the Australian Graduate School of Management and the preparation of the Joint Venture Agreement document to reflect the recommendations contained in the Report presented and to reflect other changes that are necessary to update the document; and
- (b) resolved that the Report Recommendations 2(d) and 3(a) (concerning the Chair of the Board of AGSM] were not acceptable in their present form and that the Chair should rotate between the Vice-Chancellors on a regular basis.

3.3 Industrial Relations Developments

Resolution 480/03

Senate noted the Vice-Chancellor's update on industrial relations developments.

3.4 Campus 2010 Design Competition

Resolution 481/03

Senate noted the report on the Campus 2010 Design Competition relating to the principal elements in the Campus 2010 and Building For The Future proposals: the new Law Building, USyd Central and the Public Domain (landscaping).

3.5 ARC Results

Resolution 482/03

Senate noted the report that the University of Sydney had achieved another outstanding result in the ARC grant round for 2004, receiving more funding in new grants than any other University.

3.6 RIBA Silver Medal

Resolution 483/03

Senate noted the report that a recent Architecture graduate, Mr Matthew Bennett had received a Commendation in the Royal Institute of British Architects Silver Medal Awards for the best design at any RIBA recognised school, and joined the Vice-Chancellor in congratulating Mr Bennett and the staff of the Faculty who taught him over the five years he spent the University of Sydney

3.7 Meeting with Hu Jintao

Resolution 484/03

Senate noted the report on the Acting Vice-Chancellor's meeting with Hu Jintao, the President of the People's Republic of China, on his recent visit to Sydney.

3.8 Media Reports

Resolution 485/03

Senate noted some recent examples of a wide range of media coverage for the University of Sydney.

3.9 International Visits

Resolution 486/03

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

3.10 Development and External Affairs

Resolution 487/03

Senate noted the report on events in October 2003 and planned events for 2003/2004.

☆ 4. Report of the Finance Committee, 15 October 2003 (items for action)

4.1 2004 Strategic Budget Planning Document

Resolution 488/03

Senate adopted the 2004 Strategic Budget Planning Document.

4.2 2004-2008 Capital Development Program

Resolution 489/03

Senate approved the 2004-2008 Capital Development Program, noting that the report had been amended to show the appropriate cash flow figures for 2004 to 2008.

☆ 5. Report of the Academic Board, 15 October 2003 (*items for action*)

5.1 Amendment of the Resolutions of the Senate

5.1.1 Faculty constitutions

(1) Faculty of Nursing

Resolution 490/03

Senate amended the Resolutions of the Senate relating to the Constitution of the Faculty of Nursing, with immediate effect, as set out in the report.

5.1.2 Delegations of Authority: Academic Functions

Resolution 491/03

Senate amended the “Delegations of Authority: Academic Functions”, with effect from 1 January 2004, as set out in the report.

5.1.3 New or amended courses

(1) Faculty of Health Sciences: Bachelor of Applied Science (Medical Radiation Sciences) (Honours)

Resolution 492/03

Senate amended the Resolutions of the Senate relating to Bachelor of Applied Science (Medical Radiation Sciences) with effect from 1 January 2004 as set out in the report.

(2) Faculty of Pharmacy: Master of Pharmacy

Resolution 493/03

Senate approved:

- (i) the proposal for the re-naming of the existing Master of Pharmacy to the Master of Pharmacy (Research);
 - (ii) the proposal for the introduction of the new course, the Master of Pharmacy,
 - (iii) the amendment of the Resolutions of the Senate relating to the Degree, Diplomas and Certificates in the Faculty of Pharmacy,
 - (iv) the amendment of the Resolutions of the Senate relating to the renaming of the Master of Pharmacy to the Master of Pharmacy (Research), and
 - (v) the adoption of the Resolutions of the Senate relating to the new Master of Pharmacy,
- with effect from 1 January 2004, as set out in the report.

(3) Sydney Conservatorium of Music

(a) Master of Music

Resolution 494/03

Senate:

- (i) rescinded the Resolutions of the Senate relating to the Master of Music; and
 - (ii) adopted the revised Resolutions of the Senate relating to the Master of Music,
- with effect from 1 January 2004, as set out in the report.

(b) Master of Music (Applied Research in Music Performance) and Master of Applied Science (Music Performance)

Resolution 495/03

Senate approved:

- (i) the proposal for the introduction of the new courses, the Master of Music (Applied Research in Music Performance) and the Master of Applied Science (Music Performance),
- (ii) the amendment of the Resolutions of the Senate relating to the Degree, Diplomas and Certificates in the Sydney Conservatorium of Music,
- (iii) the amendment of the Resolutions of the Senate relating to the Master of Music, and
- (iv) the adoption of the Resolutions of the Senate relating to the Master of Applied Science (Music Performance)

with effect from 1 January 2004, as set out in the report.

6. General items (*items for action*)

6.1 Graduation schedule, 2004

Resolution 496/03

Senate

- (i) approved the recommended schedule of dates for the 2004 ceremonies;
- (ii) gave authority to the Chancellor, the Deputy Chancellor, the Vice-Chancellor and Principal, the Chair of the Academic Board and the Pro-Chancellors to admit to the appropriate degree or degrees, and to award the appropriate diploma or diplomas at these ceremonies to, those who have qualified for degrees and diplomas concerned and whose names appear in the printed lists contained in the official programs; and
- (iii) gave authority to the Registrar to change the disciplines to be presented at any ceremony or the scheduled time of any ceremony, after appropriate consultation with the faculties, colleges and boards of studies concerned and after appropriate notice to the graduands concerned.

6.2 Bequests, donations, non-government grants and gifts-in-kind, September. 2003

Resolution 497/03

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

6.3 Report of the Science Foundation for Physics

Resolution 498/03

Senate approved the election of Emeritus Professor Dame Leonie Kramer AC DBE, an Honorary Governor, to membership of the Council of the Science Foundation for Physics as recommended.

6.4 Report of the Warren Centre for Advanced Engineering

Resolution 499/03

Senate confirmed the appointment of Mr Robert Sharp as a Governor of the Warren Centre for Advanced Engineering as recommended.

☆ 6.5 **Question/notice of motion: Sydney Peace Prize - Dr Hanan Ashrawi**

6.5.1 Senate resolution

Resolution 501/03

The Vice-Chancellor moved an amendment to resolution 500/03, to read as follows, which was put and carried:

Senate, having noted the joint statement of the Chancellor and Vice-Chancellor and the statement of the Vice-Chancellor to Fellows of Senate, both on 31 October 2003, affirms that:

The University of Sydney has made clear its position on the Sydney Peace Prize on a number of occasions. That is, that the Sydney Peace Foundation that awards the prize is an autonomous foundation making its decisions independently of the University, in accordance with its own rules and procedures.

The University is scrupulous in not taking sides in the complex political problems of our times, but is committed to furthering the understanding of the issues involved.

The autonomy of the Foundation and the independence and bipartisanship of the University as a place for those engaged to be heard are and will remain the fundamental principles.

6.5.2 Community relations

Resolution 502/03

Senate noted:

- (i) that the Vice-Chancellor took on notice the importance of conveying advice to the wider community that comment in the media about the availability of the Great Hall for the Peace Prize ceremony had been inaccurate; and
- (ii) that the Hon Henry Tsang had undertaken to communicate the Senate resolution in 6.5.1 above to the Premier.

☆ 6.6 **Notices of motion: Ancillary fees Guidelines**

The Vice-Chancellor agreed that it was appropriate for Senate to debate a revised motion relating to ancillary fees and charges policy if one were formulated.

☆ 7. **Question time**

7.1 Off-shore degrees

Resolution 503/03

Senate noted the questions and that a response would be circulated.

7.2 Governance

Resolution 504/03

Senate noted the questions regarding the review of University governance and the responses of the Chancellor and Vice-Chancellor.

8. Report of the Finance Committee, 15 October 2003 (items for noting)

Resolution 505/03

Senate noted the report on the following items:

- 8.1 CDP-IT Program Plan Review 2003 and Proposed Budget Arrangements to 2008
- 8.2 Capital Development Program Update
 - 8.2.1 Summary of Monthly Works Report for the period ending 30 September 2003
- 8.3 Campus 2010 and Building for the Future Design Competition
- 8.4 CFO's Report
 - 8.4.1 Financial Management Report
 - 8.4.2 Operational Improvements Project
- 8.5 Any Other Business
 - 8.5.1 Senate Retreat, February 2004

9. Report of the Academic Board, 15 October 2003 (*items for noting*)

Resolution 506/03

Senate noted the report on the following items:

- 9.1 Report of the Chair
 - 9.1.1 Admission to the University
 - 9.1.2 Semester and vacation dates
 - 9.1.3 Academic Board Resolutions: *Admission to Undergraduate Courses*
 - 9.1.4 Postgraduate English Language Requirements
 - 9.1.5 Academic Board Resolutions: *Academic Honesty in Coursework*
 - 9.1.6 Academic Board Faculty Review Visits: Phase One
 - 9.1.7 Academic Board Faculty Review Visits: Phase Two
 - 9.1.8 Promotion of Academic Staff from Level B to Level C
 - 9.1.9 Presentations from the Deans and Pro Vice-Chancellors (College)
 - 9.1.10 Report of the Australian Graduate School of Management (AGSM) Academic Board

10. Report of the Senate/SRC Liaison Committee, 13 October 2003 (*items for noting*)

Resolution 507/03

Senate noted the report of the Committee's discussion on the following items:

- 10.1 Welcome and apologies
- 10.2 Business arising from the previous report
 - 10.2.1 English language skill support
- 10.3 Course/Ancillary Fees
- 10.4 Cumberland Security Audit
- 10.5 Anonymous marking
- 10.6 Commercial Plagiarism Detection Software - 'Turnitin .com'
- 10.7 Unsatisfactory Progress Exclusion Appeals - Nursing Faculty
- 10.8 Overseas Fee paying students converting to HECS places
- 10.9 Higher Education Workplace Relations Requirements
- 10.10 2004 meeting dates
- 10.11 Questions by Fellows for the SRC
- 10.12 Any other business

11. Report of the Senate/SUPRA Liaison Committee, 14 October 2003 (*items for noting*)

Resolution 508/03

Senate noted the report of the Committee's discussion on the following items:

- 11.1 Welcome and apologies
- 11.2 Business arising from the previous report

- 11.2.1 Signage
- 11.3 Report of the Dean of Graduate Studies
- 11.4 Marketing and Promotional Practices at the University of Sydney
- 11.5 Access to the Library for research students who have submitted their thesis
- 11.6 Review of Copyright Amendment (Digital Agenda) Act 2000 /Sony and others v University of Tasmania and others
- 11.7 Provision of completion Scholarships for Research students
- 11.8 2004 meeting dates
- 11.9 Any other business
 - 11.9.1 Trust
 - 11.9.2 SUPRA President
- 12. General items (*items for noting*)
 - 12.1 Graduation ceremonies (November/December 2003)
 - Resolution 509/03**
Senate noted the report on Graduation ceremonies for November and December 2003.
 - 12.2 Notice of appointments by Senate on 1 December 2003
 - Resolution 510/03**
Senate noted that, at its December 2003 meeting, it would be asked to consider making appointments to the following organisations:
 - Abercrombie Street Child Care Limited Council
 - International House Council
 - The University of Sydney Union Board of Directors
 - Sydney University Sport
- ☆ 13. Any other business
There was no other business.
- ☆ 14. Confidential items
- 15. Optional and background reading
 - 15.1 Finance Committee meeting, 15 October 2003 – Minutes and papers
 - 15.2 Additional optional and background reading