



The University of Sydney

Senate minutes summary, 2 August 2004

At the ordinary meeting on 2 August 2004:

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

★ 2. **Focus topic (*priority item*)**

2.1 IT at the University of Sydney: Strategic Considerations

Resolution 203/04

Senate noted the presentation by the Chief Information Officer (Mr Edward Binney) and Acting Pro Vice-Chancellor (Teaching and Learning) (Professor Judyth Sachs) on IT at the University of Sydney: Strategic Considerations.

★ 3. **Senate and general business (*priority items*)**

3.1 Pro-Chancellor

Resolution 204/04

Senate resolved that

- The position of Pro-Chancellor continue and that at any given time there will normally be two Fellows appointed to the position of Pro-Chancellor.
- The role of the Pro-Chancellor is to carry out, by arrangement with the Chancellor, 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 the Chair of the Academic Board.
- Consistent with Senate's resolution establishing the position of Pro-Chancellor (chosen by Senate on the recommendation of the Chancellor) and recognising that the Chancellor is responsible for the manner in which the functions of his or her office are carried out, that recommendations for the position of Pro-Chancellor be put forward by the Chancellor for endorsement by Senate, noting that it is open to the Chancellor to put forward the names of more nominees than there are positions to be filled. On such occasions the determination of which candidates are to be appointed will be by an election conducted by the Registrar.
- An appointment to the position of Pro-Chancellor is normally for a period of two years.
- Normally appointment to the position of Pro-Chancellor is made at the last Senate meeting of the year with the term of office to commence on the following 1 January.
- Fellows appointed to the position of Pro-Chancellor are eligible for re-appointment.
- In view of the small number of graduation ceremonies remaining in 2004 no appointment be made to the position of Pro-Chancellor vacated by Professor Sefton at the time of her election as Deputy Chancellor.

3.2 Update on legislative changes

Resolution 205/04

Senate noted the update on legislative changes.

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- ☆ 4. **Report of the Finance Committee, 17 June 2004 (*priority items*)**
- 4.1 **Capital Development Program**
- 4.1.1 **Capital Development Program 2005-2009 incorporating Campus 2010 and Building for the Future**
- Resolution 206/04**
Senate approved the Capital Development Program 2005-2009 incorporating Campus 2010 and Building for the Future.
- 4.2 **Capital Development Program – IT Plan Review 2004 and Proposed Budget Arrangements to 2008**
- 4.3 **Investment and Commercialisation Strategy**
- Resolution 207/04**
Senate noted the report of the Finance Committee (*priority items*), 17 June 2004.
5. **Senate business (*standard items*)**
- 5.1 **Starring**
- Resolution 208/04**
Senate resolved as recommended with respect to all unstarred items.
- 5.2 **Leave of absence**
- Resolution 209/04**
Senate noted the apology from Professor John Carter and The Hon John Aquilina for this meeting as requested.
- 5.3 **Minutes of the previous Senate meeting, 7 June 2004**
- Resolution 210/04**
Senate confirmed the minutes of the Senate meeting held on 7 June 2004 as a true and correct record.
- 5.4 **Business arising out of the minutes not dealt with elsewhere in the agenda**
There was no business arising out of the minutes not dealt with elsewhere in the agenda.
- ☆ 5.5 **Chair of the Academic Board**
- Resolution 211/04**
Senate congratulated Professor John Carter on his election as Chair of the Academic Board from 7 July 2004 to 31 December 2005.
- ☆ 5.6 **University of Dundee**
- Resolution 212/04**
Senate congratulated the Vice-Chancellor on his receipt of the award of Doctor of Laws *honoris causa* from the University of Dundee.
- 5.7 **Senate representation**
- Resolution 213/04**
Senate noted the report on Senate representation during June and July 2004.

5.8 Next meeting

Resolution 214/04

Senate noted that the next Senate meeting will be held at 5.00pm on 6 September 2004 in the Senate Room.

6. Report of the Vice-Chancellor and Principal (*standard items*)

★ **6.1 Update for Senate's information**

6.1.1 American Australian Association grants

Resolution 215/04

Senate noted the report and congratulated the recipients of the American Australian Association Grants.

6.1.2 University of Sydney Union Debaters

Resolution 216/04

Senate noted the report and congratulated the University of Sydney Union Debaters.

6.1.3 Update on proposals for restructuring

Resolution 217/04

Senate noted the update on proposals for restructuring.

6.2 Dissolution of the Centre for Health Economics Research and Evaluation Foundation

Resolution 218/04

Senate approved the dissolution of the Centre for Health Economics Research and Evaluation Foundation as recommended.

6.3 Naming of the Brain and Mind Research Institute

Resolution 219/04

Senate approved the naming of the building located at 100 Mallet St as the Brain and Mind Research Institute Building.

6.4 Research Grant Success

Resolution 220/04

Senate noted the report.

6.5 Student Achievements

Resolution 221/04

Senate noted the report on student achievements.

6.6 Chinese Alliances

Resolution 222/04

Senate noted the report on Chinese alliances

6.7 Accreditation of the Bachelor of Social Work

Resolution 223/04

Senate noted the report on the accreditation of the Bachelor of Social Work.

6.8 University Relations

Resolution 224/04

Senate noted the report on University relations.

6.9 International Report

Resolution 225/04

Senate noted the international report.

7. Report of the Finance Committee, 17 June 2004 (*standard items*)

7.1 Business Arising out of the Minutes

7.2 Vice-Chancellor's Report

7.3 Tender Board Report for period November 2003 – April 2004

7.4 Capital Development Program

7.5 Annual Reports of Foundations/Centres/Student Associations

7.6 Next Meeting

Resolution 226/04

Senate noted the report of the Finance Committee (*standard items*), 17 June 2004.

8. Report of the Academic Board, 9 June 2004 (*standard items*)

8.1 Amendment of the Rules

8.1.1 Degree of Doctor of Philosophy (PhD)

Resolution 227/04

Senate:

(1) repealed part 10, division 4 of the University of Sydney (Amendment Act) Rule 1999 (as amended); and

(2) adopted the University of Sydney (Doctor of Philosophy (PhD)) Rule 2004

as set out in the report presented.

8.2 Amendment of the Resolutions of the Senate

8.2.1 Course proposals

8.2.1.1 Faculty of Faculty of Science: Bachelor of Science (Media and Communications)

Resolution 228/04

Senate approved:

(1) the proposal from the Faculty of Science to rescind the Bachelor of Science in Media and Communications course,

(2) the amendment of the Resolutions of the Senate relating to the Degrees, Graduate Diplomas and Graduate Certificates in the Faculty of Science,

(3) the rescission of the Resolutions of the Senate relating to the above course, made pursuant to the University of Sydney (Coursework) Rule 2000; and

with effect from 1 January 2005, as set out in the report presented.

8.3 Report of the Vice-Chancellor

8.4 New and amended courses

8.5 Parallel teaching of postgraduate and undergraduate students

8.6 Co-funded University of Sydney Postgraduate Awards: Method of Award (Second Semester)

8.7 Annual review of postgraduate research candidates and probationary candidature

8.8 Academic Board Resolutions: Assessment and Examination of Coursework

8.9 Academic Board Resolutions: Award with Honours

- 8.10 Standardisation of credit points for undergraduate units of study**
- 8.11 Academic Board Forum**

Resolution 229/04

Senate noted the report of the Academic Board (*standard items*), 9 June 2004.

- 9. Report of the Audit and Risk Management Committee, 23 June 2004 (*standard items*)**
 - 9.1 Financial Services – Operational Initiatives**
 - 9.2 Auditor-General’s Report to Parliament**
 - 9.3 International Finance Accounting Standards (IFAS)**
 - 9.4 Directors & Officers Liability**
 - 9.5 Auditor-General’s Management Letter**
 - 9.6 Australian Photonics CRC/Optic Fibre Technology Centre**

Resolution 230/04

Senate noted the report of the Audit and Risk Management Committee (*standard items*), 23 June 2004.

- 10. Report of the Senate/Sports Liaison Committee, 16 June 2004 (*standard items*)**
 - 10.1 Chair of the Senate/Sports Liaison Committee**
 - 10.2 Welcome and Apologies**
 - 10.3 Report of the previous Senate/Sports Liaison Committee meeting held on 14 April 2004**
 - 10.4 Senate report, 3 May 2004**
 - 10.5 Business Arising**
 - 10.6 Any other business**
 - 10.7 Next meeting**

Resolution 231/04

Senate noted the report of the Senate/Sports Liaison Committee (*standard items*), 16 June 2004.

- 11. General business (*standard items*)**
 - 11.1 Report of the Ageing and Alzheimer’s Research Foundation**

Resolution 232/04

Senate approved the membership of the Foundation Council and the appointment of the Foundation’s Office Bearers to the Council for the Ageing and Alzheimer’s Research Foundation, as set out in the report presented.

- 11.2 Report of the Australian Lebanese Foundation**

Resolution 233/04

Senate approved the membership of the Foundation Council and the appointment of the Foundation’s Office Bearers to the Council for the Australian Lebanese Foundation, as set out in the report presented.

- 11.3 Report of the Australian Vietnam Medical Trust**

Resolution 234/04

Senate approved the membership of the Foundation Council and the appointment of the Foundation’s Office Bearers to the Council for the Australian Vietnam Medical Trust, as set out in the report presented.

11.4 Report of the Bone and Joint Research Foundation

Resolution 235/04

Senate approved the membership of the Foundation Council and the appointment of the Foundation's Office Bearers to the Council for the Bone and Joint Research Foundation, as set out in the report presented.

11.5 Report of the Dermatology Research Foundation

Resolution 236/04

Senate approved the membership of the Foundation Council and the appointment of the Foundation's Office Bearers to the Council for the Dermatology Research Foundation, as set out in the report presented.

11.6 Report of the Ear and Allied Research Foundation

Resolution 237/04

Senate approved the membership of the Foundation Council and the appointment of the Foundation's Office Bearers to the Council for the Ear and Allied Research Foundation, as set out in the report presented.

11.7 Report of the Medical Foundation

Resolution 238/04

Senate approved the membership of the Foundation Council and the appointment of the Foundation's Office Bearers to the Council for the Medical Foundation, as set out in the report presented.

11.8 Report of the Melanoma Foundation

Resolution 239/04

Senate approved the membership of the Foundation Council and the appointment of the Foundation's Office Bearers to the Council for the Melanoma Foundation, as set out in the report presented.

11.9 Report of the Nepean Medical Research Foundation

Resolution 240/04

Senate approved the membership of the Foundation Council and the appointment of the Foundation's Office Bearers to the Council for the Nepean Medical Research Foundation, as set out in the report presented.

11.10 Report of the Pharmacy Practice Foundation

Resolution 241/04

Senate approved the membership of the Foundation Council and the appointment of the Foundation's Office Bearers to the Council for the Pharmacy Practice Foundation, as set out in the report presented.

11.11 Report of the Warren Centre for Advanced Engineering

Resolution 242/04

Senate approved one appointment and two re-appointments to the Board of the Warren Centre for Advanced Engineering, as set out in the report presented.

★ **11.12 Dr Pat Lahy**

Resolution 243/04

Senate noted the tribute to Dr Pat Lahy.

11.13 Graduation ceremonies (July/August 2004)

Resolution 244/04

Senate noted the report on graduation ceremonies held in June and July 2004.

☆ 12. Question time

Dr Robin Fitzsimons had given notice of the following questions:

- (1) “The University of Sydney 2006”
What consideration has been given to whether or not we can appropriately take advantage of our postcode-year for promotional purposes?
- (2) The University of Sydney will be aware of reports in “The Sunday Times” (London) that overseas students have allegedly obtained access to British Universities with lower marks than UK students. Can the Vice-Chancellor reassure Senate that overseas students will not be admitted to the University of Sydney with lower mark equivalents than local fee-paying students and that monitoring processes to guard against this are adequate?

Resolution 245/04

Senate noted the questions and the Vice-Chancellor’s responses.

☆ 13. Any other business

13.1 Emeritus Professor Bill Richie

Resolution 246/04

Senate noted with sorrow the death of Emeritus Professor Bill Richie and resolved to extend its condolences to the family.

13.2 Olympic athletes

Resolution 247/04

Senate noted the comments on the University of Sydney’s Olympic athletes.

13.3 Media summaries

Resolution 248/04

Senate noted the comments on the media summaries.

13.4 Standing orders

Resolution 249/04

Senate noted the comments on standing orders for Senate.

13.5 Unsolicited mail

Resolution 250/04

Senate noted that copies of the correspondence regarding the Orange and Nursing proposal were available in the Fellows’ Room.

☆ 14. Confidential items (*priority items*)

15. Confidential items (*standard items*)