



The University of Sydney

Senate minutes summary, 6 September 2004

At the meeting on Monday 6 September 2004:

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

☆ 2. **Senate and general business (*priority items*)**

2.1 **National Governance Protocols for Higher Education Providers**

Resolution 258/04

Senate resolved

- (i) to reject "Alternative 2" as the mode of determining the membership of Graduate Fellows provided for in Chapter 4A of the draft By-Law;
- (ii) to note that the President of the Standing Committee of Convocation and the Deputy Chancellor would continue to hold constructive discussions on enhancing the role of the Standing Committee;
- (iii) to adopt the provisions of Section 16 of the draft University Legislation Amendment Bill 2004 as a statement of its primary responsibilities;
- (iv) to adopt in principle the amended By-Law including "Alternative 1" as the mode of determining the membership of Graduate Fellows provided for in Chapter 4A of the draft By-Law;
- (v) to direct the Acting Registrar to write to the Minister requesting that section 9(1)(h)(iii) in Schedule 7 of the draft *University Legislation Amendment Bill* 2004 be amended as follows (deletions struck through):
 - (h)(iii) who are ~~either (as prescribed by the by-laws)~~ elected by graduates of the University in the manner prescribed by the ~~by-laws or appointed by the Minister or the Senate.~~
- (vi) to adopt the *University of Sydney (Removal of Fellow from office) Rule* 2004.

☆ 3. **Report of the Vice-Chancellor (*priority items*)**

3.1 **Reallocation of load**

Resolution 259/04

Senate agreed that the letter to each Fellow from the President of the NTEU be handed out.

Resolution 260/04

Senate resolved as follows:

Preamble:

The University of Sydney affirms its obligation to continue to observe the requirements of the enterprise agreements and any decisions of the Australian Industrial Relations Commission in regard to what follows, particularly concerning consultation requirements, and further that unless steps are taken to pursue these proposals, the opportunity to do so will be lost at considerable cost to the University.

In respect of the Orange Proposal:

- subject to satisfaction of all outstanding contingencies, the transactions and obligations of the University of Sydney and the terms and conditions contemplated by the Orange Proposal, including the principles described in the Agreed Basis for Proposal Development, are in the best interests of the University of Sydney;
- the Vice-Chancellor is appointed:
 - to pursue the legislative changes and ministerial approvals required to implement the Orange Proposal, if there is to be sufficient time for the Orange Proposal to proceed;

- to conduct the negotiations with Charles Sturt University in accordance with the principles set out in the Agreed Basis for Proposal Development; and
 - to sign any formal agreement or agreements with Charles Sturt University setting out the detailed terms and conditions of the Orange Proposal, such agreement or agreements being at all times consistent with the Agreed Basis for Proposal Development and otherwise consistent with and cognisant of all other obligations of the University of Sydney related to the Orange Proposal ("Approved Documents"); and
 - as signatory to do everything that is required, contemplated, desirable or ought, in the opinion of the Vice-Chancellor, to be done by the University of Sydney under the Approved Documents; and
- the Vice-Chancellor is authorised to vary the terms of the Orange Proposal and any Approved Documents other than any material variation. A 'material variation' is a variation which would adversely impact the benefits of the Orange Proposal to the University of Sydney. A material variation can be made by the Vice-Chancellor with the consent of a committee comprising the Chancellor, the Deputy Chancellor and the Chair of the Finance Committee.

In respect of the Undergraduate Nursing Proposal:

- subject to satisfaction of all outstanding contingencies, the transfers and obligations of the University of Sydney contemplated by the Undergraduate Nursing Proposal are in the best interests of the University of Sydney;
- the Vice-Chancellor is appointed as signatory to do everything that is required, contemplated, desirable or ought, in the opinion of the Vice-Chancellor, to be done by the University to effect the Undergraduate Nursing Proposal, and that no final formal decision be made except as is consistent with and cognisant of all binding obligations of the University of Sydney related to the Undergraduate Nursing Proposal; and
- the Vice-Chancellor is authorised to vary the terms of the Undergraduate Nursing Proposal other than any material variation. A 'material variation' is a variation which would adversely impact the benefits of the Undergraduate Nursing Proposal to the University of Sydney. A material variation can be made by the Vice-Chancellor with the consent of a committee comprising the Chancellor, the Deputy Chancellor and the Chair of the Finance Committee.

3.2 Access Scholarship Scheme

Resolution 261/04

Senate noted the report on the Access Scholarship Scheme with acclamation.

4. Senate business (standard items)

4.1 Starring

Resolution 262/04

Senate resolved as recommended with respect to all unstarred items.

4.2 Leave of absence

Resolution 263/04

Senate noted an apology for absence from this meeting from the Hon Henry S-L Tsang.

4.3 Minutes of the previous Senate meeting, 2 August 2004

Resolution 264/04

Senate confirmed the minutes of the Senate meeting held on 2 August 2004 as a true and correct record, subject to an amendment to item 3.2.

4.4 Business arising out of the minutes not dealt with elsewhere in the agenda

4.5 Election of one Fellow of Senate by and from the Postgraduate students

Resolution 265/04

Senate congratulated Mr Jack Clegg on his election as a Fellow of Senate by and from the Postgraduate students for a one year term of office from 1 December 2004 to 30 November 2005.

★ **4.6 Senate focus topic for October meeting**

Resolution 266/04

Senate resolved

- (i) that the focus topic for the October meeting be: The University's admissions policy and degree structure (including graduate entry to professional programs; use of UAI and other criteria); and
- (ii) that the focus topic for the December meeting be: International policy (including student entry and exchange; strategic research linkages; Co-tutelle programs; overseas teaching and/or campus ventures).

4.7 Senate representation

Resolution 267/04

Senate noted the report on Senate representation during August 2004.

4.8 Next meeting

Resolution 268/04

Senate noted that the next Senate meeting would be held at 5.00pm on Tuesday 4 October 2004.

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

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

5.1.1 Project Management Online Program

Resolution 269/04

Senate noted the report and resolved to congratulate the Head of Department on the outstanding achievements of the Project Management Online Program.

5.1.2 Sleek Geek tour

Resolution 270/04

Senate noted the report.

5.1.3 Prime Minister's Prizes for Science

Resolution 271/04

Senate noted the report.

5.1.4 Legal result

Resolution 272/04

Senate noted the report.

★ **5.2 Admission *Ad Eundem Gradum***

Resolution 273/04

Senate resolved

- (i) to admit the following retired member of the Academic Staff to the degree of Master of Applied Science *ad eundem gradum*:

Mr Alan Jones

and

- (ii) to admit the following retired member of the Academic Staff to the degree of Master of Applied Science (Rehabilitation Counselling) *ad eundem gradum*:

Dr Darien Lee Chinnery

★ 5.3 **Delegations of Authority (Human Resources) – Administrative Functions**

Resolution 274/04

Senate approved the Delegations of Authority (Human Resources) – Administrative Functions, and the making of a Rule by the Vice-Chancellor in accordance with the Rule (Apportionment of Administrative Authority – Human Resource Management), as set out in the report presented.

5.4 **University Relations**

Resolution 275/04

Senate noted the report on University Relations.

6. **Report of the Finance Committee, 12 August 2004 (standard items)**

6.1 **Student Associations – 2005 Compulsory Subscriptions**

Resolution 276/04

Senate approved the compulsory subscriptions proposed for 2005 as set out in the report presented.

6.2 **Vice-Chancellor's Report**

6.2.1 **Update on current issues**

6.3 **Capital Development Program**

6.3.1 **Capital Development Program Report**

6.3.2 **Campus 2010 and Building for the Future Report**

6.4 **Fundraising for Campus 2010 – Progress Report**

6.5 **Internal Loan to NANO-MNRF**

★ 6.6 **CFO's Report**

6.6.1 **2004 Half-Yearly Report, including Financial Performance Report**

6.6.2 **2004 Half-Yearly Report – College of Health Sciences**

6.6.3 **2004 Half-Yearly Report – College of Humanities and Social Sciences**

6.6.4 **2004 Half-Yearly Report – College of Sciences and Technology**

6.6.5 **2004 Half-Yearly Financial Report**

6.7 **Annual Reports of Foundations/Centres/Student Associations**

- **Accounting Foundation (2003)**
- **Australian Archaeological Institute at Athens (2003)**
- **Australian Lebanese Foundation (2003)**
- **Celtic Studies Foundation (2003)**
- **Dairy Research Foundation (2002)**
- **Ear and Allied Research Foundation (2003)**
- **Electrical and Information Engineering Research Foundation (2003)**
- **Endocrinology and Diabetes Research Foundation (2003)**
- **Foundation for Inorganic Chemistry (2003)**
- **Medical Foundation (2003)**
- **Melanoma Foundation (2003)**
- **Nerve Research Foundation (2003)**
- **Nutrition Research Foundation (2003)**
- **Post Graduate Veterinary Science Foundation (2003)**
- **Research Institute for Asia and the Pacific (2003)**
- **Save Sight Institute (2003)**
- **Veterinary Science Foundation (2003)**
- **Warren Centre (2003)**

6.8 **Next meeting**

6.9 **Additional reports**

Resolution 277/04

Senate noted items 6.2 to 6.9 of the Report of the Finance Committee, 12 August 2004 (*standard items*).

7. Report of the Academic Board, 4 August 2004 (*standard items*)

7.1 Amendment of the Resolutions of the Senate

7.1.1 Amendment of the Resolutions of the Senate: Constitution of the Faculty of Medicine

Resolution 278/04

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

7.1.2 New or amended courses

7.1.2.1 Sydney College of the Arts: Master of Film and Digital Image

Resolution 279/04

Senate approved:

- (i) the proposal from the Sydney College of the Arts for the introduction of the new course, the Master of Film and Digital Image;
 - (ii) the amendment of the Resolutions of the Senate relating to the Degree, Diplomas and Certificates in the Sydney College of the Arts; and
 - (iii) the adoption of the new Resolutions of the Senate relating to this course, made pursuant to the University of Sydney (Coursework) Rule 2000,
- with effect from 1 January 2005, as set out in the report presented.

7.2 New and amended courses

7.3 Academic Board Resolutions: *Admission to Undergraduate Courses*

7.4 Postgraduate English Language Requirements

7.5 Conferring of all academic titles

7.6 Australian Postgraduate Awards (APA) and University of Sydney Postgraduate Awards (UPA): Method of Award

7.7 Undergraduate English Language Requirements – Tracking English language scores

7.8 Report of the Combined Degrees Working Party

7.9 First Year Experience Working Group 1999-2004: Report from the Institute for Teaching and Learning

7.10 Report of the Sydney Summer School 2004

7.11 Vice-Chancellor's Awards for Excellence in Research Higher Degree Supervision 2004

7.12 Vice-Chancellor's Awards for Outstanding Teaching 2004

7.13 Chairs of Academic Board Standing Committees

7.14 Presentations from the Deans and Pro Vice-Chancellors (College)

Resolution 280/04

Senate noted items 7.2 to 7.14 of the Report of the Academic Board, 4 August 2004 (*standard items*).

8. Report of the Senate/Sports Liaison Committee, 11 August 2004 (*standard items*)

8.1 Senate report, 2 August 2004

8.2 Business Arising

8.3 Sydney University Sport report

8.4 Any other business

Resolution 281/04

Senate noted the Report of the Senate/Sports Liaison Committee, 11 August 2004 (*standard items*).

9. Report of the Senate/SRC Liaison Committee, 23 August 2004 (*standard items*)

9.1 Business arising from the last report

- 9.2 Relocation of load
- 9.3 Academic and Exclusions Appeals
- 9.4 Special consideration and Jury Service
- 9.5 International students
- 9.6 Campus 2010
- 9.7 Failure rates
- 9.8 Summer school costs
- 9.9 Charges to students
- 9.10 Questions by Fellows for the SRC

Resolution 282/04

Senate noted the Report of the Senate/SRC Liaison Committee, 23 August 2004 (*standard items*).

10. General items (*standard items*)

10.1 Report of the Endocrinology and Diabetes Research Foundation

Resolution 283/04

Senate approved the appointment and election of office bearers to the Council of the Endocrinology and Diabetes Research Foundation, as presented in the report.

10.2 Membership of the Law Extension Committee

Resolution 284/04

Senate approved the appointment of Justice John Hislop to membership of the Law Extension Committee in the category of "A judge appointed by Senate on the nomination of the Chief Justice of New South Wales", for the balance of Justice Hamilton's term of office, i.e. until 30 November 2004.

10.3 Report of the Warren Centre for Advanced Engineering

Resolution 285/04

Senate approved the appointments to the Board of the Warren Centre for Advanced Engineering, as presented in the report.

10.4 Graduation ceremonies (September/October 2004)

Resolution 286/04

Senate noted the report on graduation ceremonies to be held in September and October 2004.

★ **11. Question time**

11.1 National Governance Protocols for Higher Education Providers

Resolution 287/04

Senate resolved to endorse the actions of the Chancellor in writing to the Minister for Education and Training on 1 and 3 September 2004 with respect to the revised draft University Legislation Amendment Bill 2004, in particular the proposed regulation-making power in sections 9(9) and (10), and to support their deletion.

11.2 Postgraduate nursing

Resolution 288/04

Senate noted the question and the Vice-Chancellor's response.

★ **12. Any other business**

13. Confidential items (*standard items*)