



Senate minutes summary, 20 February 2005

At its meeting at 2.30pm on Sunday 20 February 2005 at the Reserve Bank of Australia's HC Coombs Centre, Kirribilli:

★ 1. Addition or deletion of confidential items

★ 2. Starring
2.1 Starring of items
2.2 Unstarred items

Resolution 1/05

Senate resolved as recommended with respect to all unstarred items.

★ 3. Senate and general business (*priority items*)
3.1 National Governance Protocols

Resolution 2/05

Senate resolved:

- (i) to adopt the following Statement of Senate's Primary Responsibilities in accordance with National Governance Protocol 2, without prejudice to Senate's capacity to debate whether there are any more primary responsibilities to be added to the Statement:

Statement of Primary Responsibilities

The Senate's primary responsibilities are:

- (a) appointing the Vice-Chancellor as the principal executive officer of the university, and monitoring his or her performance;
- (b) approving the mission and strategic direction of the university, as well as the annual budget and business plan;
- (c) overseeing and reviewing the management of the university and its performance;
- (d) establishing policy and procedural principles, consistent with legal requirements and community expectations;
- (e) approving and monitoring systems of control and accountability, including general overview of any controlled entities;
- (f) overseeing and monitoring the assessment and management of risk across the university, including commercial undertakings;
- (g) overseeing and monitoring the academic activities of the university;

- (ii) pursuant to section 9(2) of the *University of Sydney Act 1989*, to nominate and recommend to the Minister the following for appointment as Fellows of Senate under section 9(1)(b) of the Act:

- The Hon Henry Shui-Lung Tsang, OAM MLC
- The Hon John Joseph Aquilina, MP

Please note that there is no item 4.

5. Senate business (standard items)

5.1 Leave of absence

Resolution 3/05

Senate granted leave of absence for this meeting and for the Senate Retreat to Professor Leslie Field as requested.

5.2 Minutes of the previous Senate meeting, 6 December 2004

Resolution 4/05

Senate confirmed the minutes of the Senate meeting held on 6 December 2004 as a true and correct record.

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

5.4 Australia Day Honours

Resolution 5/05

Senate congratulated Mrs Margaret Varady on being made an Officer in the Order of Australia in the 2005 Australia Day awards for leadership in education, particularly as Principal of Sydney Girls High School, to fostering academic excellence and to promoting student participation across a range of community activities, sports and the arts.

5.5 Finance Committee: Election of two members

Resolution 6/05

Senate

- (i) noted that Associate Professor Tony Masters had been elected to membership of the Finance Committee in the category of "two Fellows, elected by Fellows of Senate annually" for a one year term of office to conclude at the Senate meeting in February 2006; and
- (ii) noted that an election for the remaining vacancy would be held at the Senate meeting on 21 March 2005.

5.6 Senate/Sports Liaison Committee: Constitution

Resolution 7/05

Senate resolved to amend the Constitution of the Senate/Sports Liaison Committee as set out in the report presented.

5.7 Finance Committee: Election of Chair

Resolution 8/05

Senate noted that Mr David Hoare had been re-elected unopposed as Chair of the Finance Committee for a term of office from the Senate meeting on 20 February 2005 to the Senate meeting in February 2006 and congratulated him on his re-election.

5.8 Finance Committee: Three other Fellows appointed by Senate annually on the nomination of the Chair of the Finance Committee

Resolution 9/05

Senate noted the report.

5.9 Senate representation, December 2004 and January 2005

Resolution 10/05

Senate noted the report.

5.10 Next meeting

Resolution 11/05

Senate noted the report.

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

6.1 Update for Senate's information

6.1.1 Sydney University Flames

Resolution 12/05

Senate noted the Vice-Chancellor's update that the Sydney University Flames had again been runners up in the Grand Final.

6.2 Name and Structure of the Faculty of Nursing

Resolution 13/05

Senate approved the change of name of the Faculty of Nursing to the Faculty of Nursing and Midwifery.

6.3 New Government Requirement

Resolution 14/05

Senate

- (i) noted the report;
- (ii) resolved that the Senate unanimously is of the view that the current proposal for an additional condition of grant for funding arrangements as set out in the Minister's letter of 8 December 2004 is strongly opposed in so far as it interferes with the responsibility of this University to devise courses appropriate to its needs, but would not object to an appropriately worded condition that made the closure of specialist courses the subject of negotiation and consultation with the Government so long as it was clear that the Government did not have the power of veto;
- (iii) noted the Vice-Chancellor's undertaking to ensure that the Government's proposal was considered by the AVCC.

6.4 Employer of Choice for Women

Resolution 15/05

Senate noted the report that the Equal Opportunity for Women in the Workplace Agency had again cited the University of Sydney as an EOWA Employer of Choice for Women in 2005.

6.5 Overseas Visits

Resolution 16/05

Senate noted the report.

6.6 Refugee Language Program

Resolution 17/05

Senate noted the report that the Centre for Peace and Conflict Studies would take over the Refugee Language Program from the beginning of 2005, with this arrangement to be reviewed at the end of the year.

6.7 Change of Name of Institute of Transport Studies

Resolution 18/05

Senate noted the report that the Vice-Chancellor had approved the change of name of the Institute of Transport Studies to the Institute of Transport and Logistics Studies.

6.8 International Activities

Resolution 19/05

Senate noted the report.

6.9 University Relations

Resolution 20/05

Senate noted the report.

6.10 AUQA Report

Resolution 21/05

Senate noted the report on the positive outcome for the University from its review by the Australian Universities Quality Agency.

7. Report of the Academic Board, 8 December 2004 (standard items)

7.1 Amendment of the Resolutions of the Senate

7.1.1 New or amended courses

7.1.1.1 Faculty of Architecture: Master of Architecture (Architectural and Urban Design); Master of Urban Design (Urban Design and Planning); Master of Design Science

Resolution 22/05

Senate resolved:

- (i) to endorse the Academic Board's decision to approve the introduction of the new courses, Master of Architecture (Architectural and Urban Design), Master of Urban Design (Urban Design Planning) and Master of Design Science¹;
- (ii) to adopt the new Resolutions of the Senate relating to the Master of Architecture (Architectural and Urban Design), Master of Urban Design (Urban Design Planning) and Master of Design Science, made pursuant to the *University of Sydney (Coursework) Rule 2000*, as amended, with effect from 1 January 2005, as set out in the report presented.

7.1.1.2 Faculty of Economics and Business: Master of Economics (Social Sciences) in Australian Political Economy, Graduate Diploma in Economics (Social Sciences) in Australian Political Economy, Graduate Certificate in Economics (Social Sciences) in Australian Political Economy, Master of Human Resource Management and Coaching, Graduate Diploma in Human Resource Management and Coaching, Graduate Certificate in Human Resource Management and Coaching, Master of International Relations and Human Resource Management, Graduate Diploma in International Relations and Human Resource Management, Graduate Certificate in International Relations and Human Resource Management, Master of International Business, Graduate Diploma in International Business, Graduate Certificate in International Business, Master of International Business Law, Master of Logistics Management, Graduate Diploma in Logistics Management, Graduate Certificate in Logistics Management, Graduate Certificate in Marketing, Master of Public Policy, Graduate Diploma in Public Policy, Graduate Certificate in Public Policy, Master of Transport Management, Graduate Diploma in Transport Management, Graduate Certificate in Transport Management, Master of Commerce and Master of Transport Management, Master of Commerce and Master of Logistics Management, Master of International Business and Master of Commerce, Master of International Business and Master of Logistics Management, Master of International Business and Master of Transport

Management, Master of Transport Management and Master of Logistics Management

Resolution 23/05

Senate resolved:

- (i) to approve the rescission of the Resolutions of Senate relating to the Master's degrees, Graduate Diploma and Graduate Certificates in the Faculty of Economics and Business; and
- (ii) to approve the adoption of new Resolutions of Senate relating to Master's degrees, Graduate Diploma and Graduate Certificates in the Faculty of Economics and Business, made pursuant to the *University of Sydney (Coursework) Rule 2000*;

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

7.1.1.3 Faculty of Education and Social Work

Resolution 24/05

Senate resolved:

- (i) to approve the rescission of the Resolutions of the Senate relating to the Master of Education, Graduate Diploma of Educational Studies, Graduate Certificate of Educational Studies; and
- (ii) to adopt new Resolutions of the Senate relating to these courses, made pursuant to the *University of Sydney (Coursework) Rule 2000*,

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

7.1.1.4 Faculty of Engineering: Master of Engineering Studies

Resolution 25/05

Senate resolved

- (i) to endorse the Academic Board's decision to approve the revised course, Master of Engineering Studies; and
 - (ii) to amend the Resolutions of the Senate relating to the Master of Engineering Studies in the Faculty of Engineering,
- with effect from 1 January 2005 , as set out in the report presented.

7.1.1.5 Graduate School of Government: Master of Public Administration; and Master of Public Administration (International)

Resolution 26/05

Senate resolved:

- (i) to endorse the Academic Board's decision to approve the introduction of the new course, Master of Public Administration, including the International Stream;
- (ii) to amend the Resolutions of the Senate relating to Degrees, Diplomas and Certificates in the Graduate School of Government; and
- (iii) to adopt the Resolutions of the Senate relating to the Master of Public Administration, including the International Stream, made pursuant to the *University of Sydney (Coursework) Rule 2000*, as amended;

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

7.1.1.6 Faculty of Law

- (1) **Master's coursework degrees and Graduate Diplomas: Credit for units of study offered towards another degree or diploma; Changes to optional units in various postgraduate courses; Trading up of an old Graduate Diploma in Criminology to a Master of Criminology;**

Enrolment of postgraduate candidates in undergraduate units of study for credit towards a Graduate Diploma or Masters degree

Resolution 27/05

Senate resolved to approve the amendment of the Resolutions of the Senate relating to Master's degrees and Graduate Diplomas in the Faculty of Law, with effect from 1 January 2005, as set out in the report presented.

(2) Master of Business Law

Resolution 28/05

Senate resolved:

- (i) to endorse the Academic Board's decision to approve changes to the Master of Business Law in the Faculty of Law; and
 - (ii) to approve the amendment of the Resolutions of the Senate relating to the Master of Business Law;
- with effect from 1 January 2005, as set out in the report presented.

7.1.1.7 Faculty of Medicine

- (1) Master of Medicine (Infection and Immunity)(Honours); Master of Science in Medicine (Infection and Immunity)(Honours); Master of Medicine (Infection and Immunity); Master of Science in Medicine (Infection and Immunity); Graduate Diploma in Infection and Immunity; and Graduate Certificate in Infection and Immunity**

Resolution 29/05

Senate resolved:

- (i) to endorse the Academic Board's decision to approve the introduction of the new courses, Master of Medicine (Infection and Immunity)(Honours); Master of Science in Medicine (Infection and Immunity)(Honours); Master of Medicine (Infection and Immunity); Master of Science in Medicine (Infection and Immunity); Graduate Diploma in Infection and Immunity; and Graduate Certificate in Infection and Immunity;
- (ii) to amend the Resolutions of the Senate relating to Degrees, Diplomas and Certificates in the Faculty of Medicine; and
- (iii) to adopt the Resolutions of the Senate relating to the Master of Medicine (Infection and Immunity)(Honours); Master of Science in Medicine (Infection and Immunity)(Honours); Master of Medicine (Infection and Immunity); Master of Science in Medicine (Infection and Immunity); Graduate Diploma in Infection and Immunity; and Graduate Certificate in Infection and Immunity;

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

- (2) **Master of Medicine (Pain Management); Master of Science in Medicine (Pain Management); Graduate Diploma in Medicine (Pain Management); Graduate Diploma of Science in Medicine (Pain Management); and Graduate Certificate in Pain Management**

Resolution 30/05

Senate resolved:

- (i) to endorse the Academic Board's decision to approve changes to the courses Master of Medicine (Pain Management); Master of Science in Medicine (Pain Management); Graduate Diploma in Medicine (Pain Management); Graduate Diploma of Science in Medicine (Pain Management); and Graduate Certificate in Pain Management, and
- (ii) to amend the Resolutions of Senate relating to these courses;

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

- (3) **Master of Science in Medicine (Clinical Epidemiology)(Honours); Master of Medicine (Clinical Epidemiology)(Honours); Master of Science in Medicine (Clinical Epidemiology); Master of Medicine (Clinical Epidemiology); Graduate Diploma of Science in Medicine (Clinical Epidemiology); Graduate Diploma of Medicine (Clinical Epidemiology); and Graduate Certificate in Clinical Epidemiology**

Resolution 31/05

Senate resolved:

- (i) to endorse the Academic Board's decision to approve the introduction of the new courses, Master of Science in Medicine (Clinical Epidemiology)(Honours); Master of Medicine (Clinical Epidemiology)(Honours); and Graduate Certificate in Clinical Epidemiology
- (ii) to amend the Resolutions of the Senate relating to Degrees, Diplomas and Certificates in the Faculty of Medicine; and
- (iii) to adopt the Resolutions of the Senate relating to the Master of Science in Medicine (Clinical Epidemiology)(Honours); Master of Medicine (Clinical Epidemiology)(Honours); and Graduate Certificate in Clinical Epidemiology;

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

- 7.2 **New and amended courses**
7.3 **Guidelines for the Australian Postgraduate Awards (APA) and University of Sydney Postgraduate Awards (UPA)**
7.4 **Establishment of a Board of Studies in Rural Management**
7.5 **Award with Honours – Annual Report 2002-2003**
7.6 **Special Consideration Due to Serious Illness or Misadventure**
7.7 **Academic Board Resolutions: Quality Assurance and Learning Management Systems**
7.8 **Issues for consideration in 2005**
7.9 **Review of Student Appeals Provision - Implementation Team Membership**
7.10 **Student Code of Conduct**
7.11 **Self-Review of the Academic Board**
7.12 **Resignation of the Chair of Graduate Studies**
7.13 **Presentations from the Deans and Pro Vice-Chancellors (College)**

Resolution 32/05

Senate noted items 7.2 to 7.13 of the report of the Academic Board (standard items).

8. **Report of the Academic Board, 2 February 2005 (standard items)**
- 8.1 **Self-Review of the Academic Board**
 - 8.2 **Student Code of Conduct**
 - 8.3 **AUQA Review Report**
 - 8.4 **Involvement of Professorial Staff in University Community**
 - 8.5 **Semester and Vacation Dates 2007- 2010**

Resolution 33/05

Senate noted the report of the Academic Board (standard items).

9. **Report of the Audit and Risk Management Committee, 13 December 2004 (standard items)**
- 9.1 **Internal Audit and Review – Status Report**
 - 9.2 **Internal Audit and Review – Implementation Review**
 - 9.3 **Risk Management Report**
 - 9.4 **Audit and Risk Management Committee’s Performance during 2004**
 - 9.5 **Proposed Audit and Risk Management Committee Meeting Dates for 2005**

Resolution 34/05

Senate noted the report of the Audit and Risk Management Committee (standard items).

10. **General business (standard items)**
- 10.1 **International House**

Resolution 35/05

Senate approved appointments to the International House Council as set out in the report presented.

- 10.2 **Report of the Board of the Warren Centre for Advanced Engineering**

Resolution 36/05

Senate approved

- (i) the appointment of Mr Ross Fowler as Governor of the Warren Centre for Advanced Engineering; and
- (ii) the reappointment of Mr Hugh Ralston and Mr Ian Dart as Directors of the Warren Centre.

- ★ 11. **Notice of motion**

- ★ 12. **Question time**
- 12.1 **Senate**

Resolution 37/05

Senate noted the request.

- 12.2 **Student Code of Conduct**

Resolution 38/05

Senate noted the question and response.

- ★ 13. **Any other business**

- ★ 14. **Confidential priority items**

15. **Confidential standard items**
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