



The University of Sydney

Senate minutes summary, 21 March 2005

At its meeting at 5.00pm on Monday 21 March 2005 in the Senate Room at the University:

- ★ 1. **Addition or deletion of confidential items**
- Resolution 49/05**
Senate
- (i) congratulated Adam Spencer on the recent birth of his daughter with acclamation;
and
- (ii) noted with sorrow the death of Professor Cliff Turney, Foundation Dean of the Faculty of Education, and resolved to convey its condolences to Mrs Turney, noting that the Chancellor would write on behalf of Senate and that a tribute would be brought to the next Senate meeting by Professor Stephen Garton.
2. **Starring**
- ★ 2.1 **Starring of items**
- ★ 2.2 **Unstarred items**
- Resolution 50/05**
Senate resolved as recommended with respect to all unstarred items.
- ★ 3. **Focus topics**
- 3.1 **Research and innovation: how do we capitalise on our strategies**
- Resolution 51/05**
Senate noted and thanked Professor Hirst for the presentation on "Research and innovation: how do we capitalise on our strategies".
- 3.2 **New Senate website: demonstration**
- Resolution 52/05**
Senate noted and thanked Ms Russell for the demonstration of the new Senate website at <http://www.usyd.edu.au/senate/>
- ★ 4. **Senate and general business (*priority items*)**
- 4.1 **Governance**
- Resolution 53/05**
Senate
- (i) resolved as follows with respect to the Nominations Committee:
- there should be a Nominations Committee;
 - its composition should be spelt out in the By-law;
 - the number of external members of the Nominations Committee should be increased from 2 to 3;
 - the Chancellor, the Deputy Chancellor, the Vice-Chancellor and the Chair of the Academic Board should be *ex-officio* members of the Nominations Committee;
- (ii) approved the proposed By-Law in principle as recommended in the report presented, with the following amendment (deletion struck through, addition underlined):

46A. Nominations for appointed Fellows

3. ... The Nominations Committee shall be comprised ordinarily of the Chancellor as Chairperson, the Deputy Chancellor, the Vice-Chancellor, the Chair of the Academic Board and ~~two~~ three other external Fellows of Senate appointed to the Committee by the Senate

(iii) agreed to hold a special meeting to consider the By-law on one of the following dates/times, as appropriate, subject to Ministerial approval of the appointment of Mr Aquilina and Mr Tsang:

- 5.30pm, 6 April 2005
- 8.00am, 15 April 2005
- 5.00pm, 15 April 2005

5. Senate business (*standard items*)

5.1 Apologies

Resolution 54/05

Senate accepted apologies for this meeting from Professor Leslie Field.

5.2 Minutes of the previous Senate meeting, 20 February 2005

Resolution 55/05

Senate confirmed the minutes of the Senate meeting held on 20 February 2005 as a true and correct record.

 **5.3 Decisions of the Senate Retreat, 20-21 February 2005**

Resolution 56/05

Senate confirmed the Senate decisions of the Senate Retreat held on 20-21 February 2005 as a true and correct record.

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

5.5 Appointment of Pro-Chancellors

Resolution 57/05

Senate endorsed the appointment Mr David Hoare and Mr John McCarthy to the position of Pro-Chancellor on the nomination of the Chancellor, the term of office to conclude on 31 December 2006.

5.6 Finance Committee: Appointment of three other members by Senate on the nomination of the Chair of the Finance Committee

Resolution 58/05

Senate appointed Ms Kim Anderson, Mr Jack Clegg and Mr John McCarthy to membership of the Finance Committee on the nomination of the Chair, for a one year term of office to conclude at the Senate meeting in March 2006.

5.7 Finance Committee: Election of one member

Resolution 59/05

Senate noted that Dr Suzanne Jamieson 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.

5.8 Senate representation, March 2005

Resolution 60/05

Senate noted the report on Senate representation in March 2005.

5.9 Next meeting

Resolution 61/05

Senate noted that the next Senate meeting would be held at 5.00pm on 2 May 2005.



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

6.1 Update for Senate's information

6.1.1 Plagiarism

Resolution 62/05

Senate noted the update.

6.2 Ministerial Issues Paper: Building University Diversity

Resolution 63/05

Senate resolved to support the Vice-Chancellor's view that, while competition was welcomed, it should be on the basis that the University should not be impeded from competing and in particular should not be subject to unnecessary constraints from government regulations, especially (but not only) those to which new entrants were not subject.

6.3 Delegations of Authority

Resolution 64/05

Senate approved the Delegations of Authority – Administrative Functions as set out in the report presented.

6.4 Dissolution of the Asia-Pacific Capital Markets Foundation

Resolution 65/05

Senate approved the dissolution of the Asia-Pacific Capital Markets Foundation (ACMF) and the assignment to the Securities Industry Research Centre of Asia-Pacific (SIRCA) of the funds held by the University pertaining to the conduct and operation of ACMF in accordance with the terms of the Termination Deed.

6.5 Women's College Heritage Listing

Resolution 66/05

Senate noted the report and congratulated the Women's College on its recognition by the NSW Heritage Office.

6.6 International Activities

Resolution 67/05

Senate noted the report on international activities.

6.7 University Relations

Resolution 68/05

Senate noted the report on University relations.

7. Report of the Senate/Sports Liaison Committee, 23 February 2005 (*standard items*)

7.1 Membership

7.2 Special consideration

7.3 Voluntary Student Unionism

7.4 SU Sport report

Resolution 69/05

Senate noted the report of the Senate/Sports Liaison Committee (*standard items*).

8. General business (standard items)

8.1 Report of the Warren Centre for Advanced Engineering

Resolution 70/05

Senate approved the reappointment of Mr Sandy Longworth as a Director and the appointment of Mr Neil Bibby as a Governor of the Warren Centre for Advanced Engineering as recommended.

8.2 Chairs of Student Proctorial Boards

Resolution 71/05

Senate re-appointed The Hon Jane Hamilton Mathews QC and The Hon Matthew John Robert Clarke QC as Chairs of Student Proctorial Boards for a one year term of office to conclude at the Senate meeting in March 2006.

8.3 Graduation ceremonies (March/April/May 2005)

Resolution 72/05

Senate noted the report on graduation ceremonies in March/April/May 2005.

8.4 Student Appeals Committee (Exclusions and Readmissions): Report on appeals heard by the Committee in 2004

Resolution 73/05

Senate noted the Report on appeals heard by the Student Appeals Committee (Exclusions and Readmissions) in 2004.

8.5 Citations for recipients of honorary awards conferred in 2004

Resolution 74/05

Senate noted the report on citations for recipients of honorary awards conferred in 2004.

8.6 Citations for recipients of the Vice-Chancellor's Awards for Outstanding Teaching 2003 (awarded in 2004)

Resolution 75/05

Senate noted the report on citations for recipients of the Vice-Chancellor's Awards for Outstanding Teaching 2003.

8.7 Citations for recipients of the Vice-Chancellor's Awards for Excellence in Research Higher Degree Supervision 2003 (awarded in 2004)

Resolution 76/05

Senate noted the report on citations for recipients of the Vice-Chancellor's Awards for Excellence in Research Higher Degree Supervision 2003.

8.8 Honorary awards

Resolution 77/05

Senate noted the report that The Hon Bryan Alan Beaumont QC AO had accepted Senate's invitation to receive the honorary degree in of Doctor of Letters in 2005.

★ 9. Question time

★ 10. Any other business

10.1 Student organisations

Resolution 78/05

Senate adopted the following resolution: The Senate of the University of Sydney recognises the importance of the national day to be held on 28 April 2005 and supports the students in their celebration of the essential role of student organisations in contributing to the overall student experience, which will be marked at the University of Sydney by a variety of events.

- ★ **10.2 Report of the Advisory Committee for the Selection of Candidates for Honorary Awards, 23 February 2005 (*standard items*)**
 - 10.2.1 Revised Guidelines and Procedures for Honorary Awards**

Resolution 79/05

Senate approved the Revised Guidelines and Procedures for Honorary Awards as set out in the report presented.

- 11. Confidential standard items**