



The University of Sydney

Senate minutes summary, 2 May 2005

At its meeting on Monday 2 May 2005 at 5.00pm in the Senate Room at the University:

- ★ 1. **Addition or deletion of confidential items**
 - 1.1 **The Hon Mr Rob Cartwright**

Resolution 92/05
Senate noted the Chancellor's advice.
 - 1.2 **Handbook for Fellows of Senate**

Resolution 93/05
Senate noted the Handbook for Fellows of Senate.
- ★ 2. **Starring**
 - 2.1 **Starring of items**
 - 2.2 **Unstarred items**

Resolution 94/05
Senate resolved as recommended with respect to all unstarred items.
- ★ 3. **Focus topic: The University of Sydney Strategic Directions 2005-2010**

Resolution 95/05
Senate noted the presentation by the Vice-Chancellor on *The University of Sydney Strategic Directions 2005-2010*.
- 4. **Senate business (standard items)**
 - 4.1 **Leave of absence**
 - 4.2 **Minutes of the previous Senate meetings**
 - 4.2.1 **Minutes of the Senate meeting, 21 March 2005**

Resolution 96/05
Senate confirm the minutes of the Senate meeting held on 21 March 2005 as a true and correct record.
 - 4.2.2 **Minutes of the special Senate meeting, 6 April 2005**

Resolution 97/05
Senate confirmed the minutes of the special Senate meeting held on 6 April 2005 as a true and correct record.
 - 4.3 **Business arising out of the minutes not dealt with elsewhere in the agenda**
 - 4.4 **Welcome to new Fellows of Senate**

Resolution 98/05
Senate welcomed new Fellow Ms Janet Mooney to her first regular meeting of Senate and the Hon John Aquilina and the Hon Henry Tsang to their first regular meeting of Senate in 2005 since their reappointment under the new arrangements in the University of Sydney Act.

4.5 Professor Leslie Field

Resolution 99/05

Senate placed on record its formal appreciation for and noted in detail the contribution made by former Fellow of Senate, Professor Leslie Field, who resigned from the University effective from 1 April 2005.

4.6 Remuneration Committee – Membership

Resolution 100/05

Senate re-appointed the Hon John Aquilina to membership of the Remuneration Committee in lieu of the Deputy Chancellor for a term of office to conclude on 31 December 2005.

4.7 Chair Appointments Committee – Casual vacancy

Resolution 101/05

Senate noted the call for nominations to fill a casual vacancy on the Chair Appointments Committee in the category of “Five other Fellows, elected by Senate for two years”, the term of office to begin at the June Senate meeting and conclude at the Senate meeting in February 2006.

4.8 Senate/SUPRA Liaison Committee – Casual vacancy

Resolution 102/05

Senate noted the call for nominations to fill a casual vacancy on the Senate/SUPRA Liaison Committee in the category of “Four other Fellows, elected by Senate for two years”, the term of office to begin at the June Senate meeting and conclude at the Senate meeting in February 2006.

4.9 Senate representation

Resolution 103/05

Senate noted the report on Senate representation in April 2005.

4.10 Next meeting

Resolution 104/05

Senate noted that the next Senate meeting would be held at 5.00pm on 20 June 2005.

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

5.1 Update for Senate’s information

5.1.1 Higher Education Workplace Relations Requirements

Resolution 105/05

Senate noted the update.

5.1.2 Saudi Arabia

Resolution 106/05

Senate noted the update.

5.1.3 AGSM Joint Venture

Resolution 107/05

Senate noted the update.

5.1.4 Vice-Chancellor’s sabbatical

Resolution 108/05

Senate noted the update.

5.1.5 Law School

Resolution 109/05

Senate noted the tabled booklet.

5.2 SUPRA

Resolution 110/05

Senate noted the update.

5.3 Delegations of Authority

Resolution 111/05

Senate approved by way of a Rule, to take effect on 1 June 2005, the extension of the class of person to whom delegations of authority may be made and the further proposed delegations as set out in the report presented.

5.4 Naming of Buildings and Other Physical Assets

Resolution 112/05

Senate

(i) approved the policy on the naming of buildings and other physical assets set out in the report presented subject to the following amendments (additions underlined):

(a) the name of the policy to read "Naming of buildings and other significant physical assets"

(b) the first sentence under the heading Policy to read: "The University seeks to protect the existing names of assets and to establish a basis for determining new names for assets which appropriately match the context and significance of those assets and take into account University policy."

(ii) endorsed the associated procedures document.

5.5 Disestablishment of the Australian Centre for Lesbian and Gay Research

Resolution 113/05

Senate noted the report that the Acting Vice-Chancellor (Professor T Hirst) had approved the recommendation of the Board of the Australian Centre for Lesbian and Gay Research to disestablish the Centre.

5.6 Staff Honours

Resolution 114/05

Senate noted the report that that Professor Ruth Hall of the School of Molecular and Microbial Biosciences had been elected to Fellowship of the Australian Academy of Science and joined the Vice-Chancellor in congratulating Professor Hall on this recognition by her peers.

5.7 International Activities

5.7.1 Fulbright Awards

5.7.2 China Scholarship Council

5.7.3 World Health Organisation

5.7.4 Medical Program Licensed to Saudi Arabia

Resolution 115/05

Senate noted the report on international activities.

5.8 University Relations

Resolution 116/05

Senate noted the report on University relations.

5.9 Centenary Institute of Cancer Medicine and Cell Biology

Resolution 117/05

Senate approved the nomination of Mr James Longley as Chair of the Board of the Centenary Institute for a period of three years from 17 May 2005.

6. Report of the Finance Committee, 17 March 2005 (*standard items*)

- 6.1 Business arising
 - 6.1.1 2004 Year End Result
- 6.2 Acting Vice-Chancellor's Report
 - 6.2.1 Update on current issues
 - 6.2.1.1 Strategic Directions Plan 2005-2010
 - 6.2.1.2 Commonwealth Government's Review of Learning and Teaching Performance Indicators
 - 6.2.1.3 Workplace Relations and Voluntary Student Unionism
 - 6.2.1.4 Transfer of Orange Campus
 - 6.2.1.5 Faculty of Nursing
 - 6.2.1.6 IDP Education Australia
- 6.3 Capital Program Update
 - ☆ 6.3.1 Campus 2010
- 6.4 CFO's Report
 - ☆ 6.4.1 2004 Year End Financial Management Report, including Financial Performance Trends
 - 6.4.2 Planning Support Office Report
 - 6.4.3 2004 Year End Financial Management Report – College of Health Sciences
 - 6.4.4 2004 Year End Financial Management Report – College of Humanities and Social Sciences
 - 6.4.5 2004 Year End Financial Management Report – College of Sciences and Technology
- ☆ 6.5 Draft Annual Financial Report
- 6.6 Investment and Commercialisation Board of Management
- 6.7 Terms of Reference
- 6.8 Membership of the Tender Board
- 6.9 Next meeting
- 6.10 Any other business
 - 6.10.1 Student Associations and VSU

Resolution 118/05

Senate noted the Report of the Finance Committee (standard items).

☆ 7. Report of the Academic Board, 16 March 2005 (*standard items*)

- 7.1 Amendment of the Resolutions of the Senate
 - 7.1.1 Faculty of Medicine
 - 7.1.1.1 Master of Surgery by coursework

Resolution 119/05

Senate amended the Resolutions of the Senate relating to the Master of Surgery by coursework degree in the Faculty of Medicine, with effect from 1 January 2005, as set out in the report presented.

- ☆ 7.2 Summary of Academic Board activities 2004
- 7.3 Academic Board Resolutions: *Academic Honesty in Coursework*
- 7.4 Student Grievances, Appeals and Applications for Review
- 7.5 Academic Board Forum
- 7.6 National Students' Day of Action
- 7.7 Semester and vacation dates
- 7.8 Academic Board Faculty Review Visits
- 7.9 Committee Terms of Reference
- 7.10 Postgraduate English Language Requirements
- 7.11 Academic Promotions

Resolution 120/05

Senate noted items 7.2 to 7.11 of the Report of the Academic Board (standard items).

8. Report of the Audit and Risk Management Committee, 6 April 2005 (standard items)

- 8.1 Unconfirmed Minutes of the Meeting held on 13 December 2004
- 8.2 Unconfirmed Minutes of the Meeting held on 4 February 2005
- 8.3 Audit and Risk Management Committee's Performance during 2004
- 8.4 Australian Universities Quality Agency
- 8.5 Web Access
- 8.6 Acting Vice-Chancellor's Report
- 8.7 CFO's Report
- 8.8 Internal Audit and Review Report
- 8.9 Insurance Report
- 8.10 Audit and Risk Management Committee Charter
- 8.11 Client Service Plan for Year Ended 31 December 2004
- 8.12 Next Meeting

Resolution 121/05

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

9. Report of the Senate/SRC Liaison Committee, 12 April 2005 (standard items)

- 9.1 Security at Mallett Street
- 9.2 VSU
- ★ 9.3 Course Costs
- 9.4 Building University Diversity
- 9.5 Nursing Faculty
- 9.6 Satisfactory Progress - Exclusions
- 9.7 International Student – Independent Grievance Handling/Dispute Resolution Procedures
- 9.8 Scholarships and Centrelink Payments
- 9.9 Programs for Refugees
- 9.10 HECS Upfront Payment Requirement for Permanent Residents
- 9.11 Travel Concessions for International Students
- 9.12 Special Consideration Requests

Resolution 122/05

Senate noted the Report of the Senate/SRC Liaison Committee (standard items).

10. General business (standard items)

- ★ 10.1 Notice of motion

Resolution 123/05

Senate resolved to congratulate Ms Alex Blackwell, Ms Kate Blackwell and Ms Lisa Sthalekar on their membership of Australia's world cup winning women's cricket team and to congratulate the Sydney University Cricket Club on winning the First Grade minor premiership and the Club Championship for 2004-05.

10.2 Power Institute Foundation for Art and Visual Culture

Resolution 124/05

Senate approved the change to the composition of the Council of the Power Institute Foundation for Art and Visual Culture as recommended in the report presented.

10.3 Graduation ceremonies (May/June 2005)

Resolution 125/05

Senate noted the report on graduation ceremonies to be held in May/June 2005.

10.4 Adviser on Payments made by Student Societies - 2004 Annual Report

Resolution 126/05

Senate noted the 2004 Annual Report of the Adviser on Payments made by Student Societies and the steps to be taken vis a vis internal audit in particular.

- ★ 11. **Question time**
 - 11.1 **Medical Therapies Limited**
 - Resolution 127/05**
Senate noted the question and the response.

- ★ 12. **Any other business**
 - 12.1 **Monash report**
 - Resolution 128/05**
Senate noted report.

 - 12.2 **Mr Bruce Reid**
 - Resolution 129/05**
Senate resolved to convey its condolences on the death of Mr Bruce Reid to his widow and other family members.

- ★ 13. **Confidential priority items**

- 14. **Confidential standard items**