



Senate minutes summary, 20 June 2005

At its meeting on Monday 20 June 2005 at 5.00pm in the Senate Room at the University:

- ★ 1. **Addition or deletion of confidential items**
 - 1.1 **Lady Black**

Resolution 136/05
Senate noted the Vice-Chancellor's report.
 - 1.2 **"Building Better Foundations for Higher Education"**
 - 1.3 **Confidential items**
 - 1.4 **Order of proceedings**

- 2. **Starring**
 - ★ 2.1 **Starring of items**
 - ★ 2.2 **Unstarred items**

Resolution 137/05
Senate resolved as recommended with respect to all unstarred items.

- 3. **Senate business (*standard items*)**
 - 3.1 **Apologies for absence**

Resolution 138/05
Senate accepted apologies for absence for this meeting from the Chair of the Academic Board (Professor J Carter), Ms Kim Anderson, Dr Suzanne Jamieson, Ms Janet Mooney and Mr Adam Spencer.
 - 3.2 **Minutes of the previous Senate meeting, 2 May 2005**

Resolution 139/05
Senate confirmed the minutes of the Senate meeting held on 2 May 2005 as a true and correct record.
 - 3.3 **Business arising out of the minutes not dealt with elsewhere in the agenda**
 - 3.4 **2005 Senate election dates**

Resolution 140/05
Senate approved the following polling days for the 2005 elections of one Undergraduate Student Fellow of Senate, one Postgraduate Student Fellow, four Academic Staff Fellows, one Non-academic Staff Fellow and five Graduate Fellows:

one Undergraduate Student Fellow of Senate	6 October 2005
one Postgraduate Student Fellow of Senate	6 October 2005
four Academic Staff Fellows of Senate	8 November 2005
one Non-academic Staff Fellow of Senate	8 November 2005
five Graduate Fellows of Senate	14 November 2005
 - ★ 3.5 **University chancellors' meeting, 16-17 May 2005**

Resolution 141/05
Senate noted the Chancellor's oral report.

3.6 Tribute to Emeritus Professor Clifford Turney

Resolution 142/05

Senate noted the tribute to the late Emeritus Professor Clifford Turney.

3.7 Chair Appointments Committee – Casual vacancy

Resolution 143/05

Senate noted that Mr David Hoare had been declared elected to membership of the Chair Appointments Committee to fill a casual vacancy for a term of office to conclude at the Senate meeting in February 2006, and thanked Mr Hoare for his willingness to serve in this capacity.

3.8 Award of the Senate Sesquicentenary Travelling Scholarship

Resolution 144/05

Senate noted the report and congratulated Ms Phoebe Scott on being awarded the Senate Sesquicentenary Travelling Scholarship for 2005.

3.9 Refugee Program Newsletter May 2005

Resolution 145/05

Senate noted the *Refugee Program Newsletter May 2005*.

3.10 Senate representation

Resolution 146/05

Senate noted the report on Senate representation during May/June 2005.

3.11 Next meeting

Resolution 147/05

Senate noted that the next Senate meeting would be held at 5.00pm on 1 August 2005.

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

4.1 Update for Senate's information

4.1.1 Federation Fellowships

Resolution 148/05

Senate noted the Vice-Chancellor's report.

4.1.2 Centres of Excellence

Resolution 149/05

Senate noted the Vice-Chancellor's report.

4.1.3 Research Quality Framework

Resolution 150/05

Senate noted the Vice-Chancellor's report.

4.2 SUPRA

Resolution 150/05

Senate noted the advice.

4.3 The University of Sydney Sport Foundation

Resolution 151/05

Senate approved the Constitution of the University of Sydney Sport Foundation as set out in the report presented, subject to:

- (a) further consideration as to whether it would be prudent to create an entity (possibly a trust) separate from the University, rather than to create a

- Foundation which is part of the University, taking into account the need for tax deductibility and tax exempt status;
- (b) amendments being made following further discussions between the Chancellor, Vice-Chancellor and General Counsel, as may be thought desirable with respect to (a) above, or otherwise in broad conformity with the current draft. A possible amendment would be the addition to clause 10.3 of words to the following effect:
- “... as long as the preferred application does not endanger the tax deductible status of gifts to the University, or the income exempt status of the University.”
- (c) the Constitution of the University of Sydney Sport Foundation as amended being reported to the next meeting of Senate.

4.4 Voluntary Student Unionism

Resolution 152/05

Senate endorsed the submission to the Senate Employment, Workplace Relations and Education Legislation Committee set out in the report presented as amended above, and with such other changes as were agreed to by the Vice-Chancellor.

Resolution 153/05

On the motion of Ms Jo Haylen and with an amendment, Senate resolved unanimously as follows:

The University of Sydney Senate recognises the importance of the on-going campaign in highlighting the potential impact of the government's Abolition of Compulsory Student Union Fees legislation on the student experience at the University of Sydney. Senate will continue to be involved in this campaign by supporting the SRC and students in the rally planned for August 10.

4.5 Deanship, Sydney College of the Arts

Resolution 154/05

Senate appointed the following selection committee for the position of Dean, Sydney College of the Arts:

Ex-officio

Vice-Chancellor and Principal, Professor Gavin Brown

- Chair of the Academic Board, Professor John Carter
- Pro-Vice-Chancellor, Humanities and Social Sciences, Professor June Sinclair

Members appointed by Senate

Three members (plus reserve) nominated by the Faculty:

- Associate Professor Mirabel Fitzgerald
- Dr Ann Elias
- Mr Stephen Lojewski

Reserve member:

- Mr Geoff Weary

External Member:

- Professor David Williams, Director, School of Art, Australian National University

Additional Member:

- Professor Margaret Harris

4.6 Pro-Vice-Chancellor (Learning and Teaching)

Resolution 155/05

Senate appointed the following selection committee for the position of Pro-Vice-Chancellor (Learning and Teaching):

Ex Officio:

- Vice-Chancellor and Principal, Professor Gavin Brown
- Chair of the Academic Board, Professor John Carter, or nominee
- The Deputy Vice-Chancellor to whom the Pro-Vice-Chancellor reports, Professor John Hearn

Members appointed by Senate:

Up to two nominees of Senate, who may or may not be a member of Senate

- Professor Margaret Harris
- Dr Suzanne Jamieson

Two members nominated by the Academic Board

- Professor Penny Gay
- Professor Peter Wolnizer

One member, external to the University, on the nomination of the Vice-Chancellor

- Professor Adrian Lee, Pro-Vice-Chancellor (Teaching and Learning), UNSW

4.7 Media commentary

Resolution 156/05

Senate noted the report.

4.8 International visits

Resolution 157/05

Senate noted the report.

4.9 International activities

Confidential item 13.3.3 refers.

Resolution 158/05

Senate noted the report.

4.10 University relations

Resolution 159/05

Senate noted the report.

5. Report of the Finance Committee, 12 May 2005 (standard items)

☆ **5.1 Terms of Reference**

Resolution 160/05

Senate approved the updated Terms of Reference for the Finance Committee as set out in the report presented.

☆ **5.2 Future viability of the University**

This item was considered in confidential session.

5.3 Unconfirmed Minutes of the Meeting held on 17 March 2005

5.4 Vice-Chancellor's Report

5.5 Capital Program Update

5.6 CFO's Report

5.7 Investment and Commercialization Board of Management

5.8 2004 Annual Reports of Foundations/Centres/Student Associations

- Accounting Foundation
- Australian Archaeological Institute at Athens
- Celtic Studies Foundation
- Dermatology Research Foundation
- Institute of Criminology

- Institute of Transport Studies
- Near Eastern Archaeological Foundation
- Power Institute Foundation for Art and Visual Culture
- Research Institute for Asia and the Pacific
- Sydney Conservatorium of Music Foundation
- Sydney Law School Foundation
- Sydney Peace Foundation
- Yannadah On-Campus Residence

5.9 Next Meeting

5.10 Any Other Business

Resolution 162/05

Senate noted items 5.3 - 5.10 of the report of the Finance Committee.

6. Report of the Academic Board, 4 May 2005 (*standard items*)

6.1 Amendment of the Resolutions of the Senate

6.1.1 Faculty of Agriculture, Food and Natural Resources

6.1.1.1 Bachelor of Animal Science

Resolution 163/05

Senate amended the Resolutions of the Senate relating to the Degrees and Diplomas of the Faculty of Agriculture, Food and Natural Resources, with effect from 1 January 2006, as set out in the report presented.

6.1.2 Faculty of Arts

6.1.2.1 Bachelor of Arts/Bachelor of Science combined degree

Resolution 164/05

Senate amended the Resolutions of the Senate relating to the Degrees, Diplomas and Certificates of the Faculty of Arts, with effect from 1 January 2006, as set out in the report presented.

6.1.3 Faculty of Dentistry

6.1.3.1 Bachelor of Dentistry and Bachelor of Oral Health

Resolution 165/05

Senate endorsed the Academic Board's approval of amendments to the Bachelor of Dentistry and the Bachelor of Oral Health courses of the Faculty of Dentistry.

6.1.4 Faculty of Health Sciences

6.1.4.1 Bachelor of Applied Science (Medical Radiation Sciences) and Bachelor of Applied Science (Medical Radiation Sciences) (Honours)

Resolution 166/05

Senate amended the Resolutions of the Senate relating to the Bachelor of Applied Science (Medical Radiation Sciences) and the Bachelor of Applied Science (Medical Radiation Sciences) (Honours) of the Faculty of Health Sciences, with effect from 1 January 2006, as set out in the report presented.

6.1.5 Faculty of Law

6.1.5.1 Units of Study

Resolution 167/05

Senate amended the Resolutions of the Senate relating to the Appendix: Units of Study Offered of the Faculty of Law, with effect from 1 March 2005, as set out in the report presented.

6.1.6 Faculty of Nursing and Midwifery
6.1.6.1 Constitution of the Faculty of Nursing and Midwifery

Resolution 168/05

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

6.1.7 Faculty of Science
6.1.7.1 Bachelor of Science/Bachelor of Arts combined degree

Resolution 169/05

Senate:

- (1) amended the Resolutions of the Senate relating to the Degrees, Diplomas and Certificates of the Faculty of Arts and the Faculty of Science; and
- (2) approved the introduction of the Resolutions of the Senate relating to the Bachelor of Science/Bachelor of Arts combined degree of the Faculty of Science,
with effect from 1 January 2006, as set out in the report presented.

- 6.2 Academic Board Resolutions: Amendment, Variation and Deletion of Award Courses**
6.3 Principles of Learning and Teaching
6.4 Review of the Scholarship Index
6.5 Membership of the Academic Board: Co-opted Members

Resolution 170/05

Senate noted items 6.2 – 6.5 of the report of the Academic Board.

- 7. Report of the Senate/Sports Liaison Committee, 11 May 2005 (standard items)**
7.1 Special consideration
7.2 Voluntary Student Unionism
7.3 SU Sport report

Resolution 171/05

Senate noted the report of the Senate/Sports Liaison Committee.

- 8. Report of the Senate/SRC Liaison Committee, 7 June 2005 (standard items)**
8.1 Security arrangements for the Mallett Street campus
8.2 VSU
8.3 Course Costs
8.4 Faculty of Nursing
8.5 International Student – Independent Grievance Handling/Dispute Resolution Procedures
8.6 Scholarships and Centrelink Payments
8.7 Academic Standards

Resolution 172/05

Senate noted the report of the Senate/SRC Liaison Committee.

- 9. General business (standard items)**
9.1 Report of the Medical Foundation

Resolution 173/05

Senate approved appointments to membership of the Council of the Medical Foundation for 2005 as set out in the report presented.

- 9.2 Report of the Science Foundation for Physics**

Resolution 174/05

Senate approved elections to membership of the Council of the Science Foundation for Physics for the period to the next Annual General Meeting as set out in the report presented.

9.3 Report of the Warren Centre for Advanced Engineering

Resolution 175/05

Senate appointed Mr Peter North as a Director of the Warren Centre for Advanced Engineering for a further two year term from 4 May 2005.

★ **10. Notice of motion**

10.1 Notice of motion provided by Dr R Fitzsimons

Resolution 176/05

Senate approved the amendment of the draft By-law as follows (additions underlined):

Chapter 4A

46A. Nominations for appointed Fellows

1. For the purposes of section 9(6) of the Act, the following procedures are prescribed for the nomination of persons for appointment as Fellows of the Senate.
2. Prospective members of the Senate for categories of Fellows that are not elected shall be appointed by Senate or nominated by the Senate for the purposes of section 9(1)(b) of the Act on the basis that they are able and willing to contribute to the effective working of the Senate by having expertise and experience relevant to the functions exercisable by the Senate and an appreciation of the object, values, functions and activities of the University.
3. The Senate, but without prejudice to 4 below, delegates the responsibility for facilitating the nomination of persons who are judged to be so qualified to a Nominations Committee on the understanding that appointments or nominations facilitated by the Nominations Committee must be made by the Senate and in conformity with section 9(4) of the Act, summarised in 2 above. 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 three other external Fellows of Senate appointed to the Committee by the Senate.
4. The Senate retains a discretion to reach a different view from that of the Nominations Committee but subject always to 2 above.

★ **11. Question time**

11.1 Centre for Continuing Education Advisory Committee

Resolution 177/05

Senate noted the question and the response.

11.2 AGSM

Resolution 178/05

Senate noted the question and the response.

★ **12. Any other business**

12.1 Queen's birthday honours list

Resolution 179/05

Senate noted the Vice-Chancellor's advice.

12.2 "Building Better Foundations for Higher Education"

Resolution 180/05

Senate noted the Vice-Chancellor's advice.

12.3 Launch of University of Sydney Union Brochure "VSU: Changing the Fabric of University Life"

Resolution 181/05

Senate noted the comment.

12.4 Article from the *New York Times*

Resolution 182/05

Senate noted the article from the New York Times entitled "Behind every grad ..."
and the Vice-Chancellor's advice.

12.5 Senate/Sports Liaison Committee

Resolution 183/05

Senate noted the advice.

12.6 Professor Judith Robinson-Valery

Resolution 184/05

Senate resolved to support investigation by the Vice-Chancellor of the request that the Legion d'Honneur be awarded to Professor Judith Robinson-Valery in the Great Hall and, if feasible, for it to be implemented.

13. Confidential standard items