



The University of Sydney

Senate minutes summary, 3 December 2007

At the meeting held in open session on Monday 3 December 2007 at 5.00 pm in the Senate Room at the University, Senate resolved as follows:

Highlighted Items

- ★ 3. **Focus topic: Research outcomes and strategy**
Resolution 388/07
Senate noted the presentation.

- ★ 4. **Report of the Vice-Chancellor and Principal**
 - 4.1 **Update for Senate's information**

 - 4.2 **Postgraduate Foundation in Veterinary Science – disestablishment as a Foundation**
Resolution 3897/07
Senate resolved to disestablish the Postgraduate Foundation in Veterinary Science which would be reformed as a University Centre.

 - 4.3 **Student Association of the Sydney College of the Arts (SASCA)**
Resolution 390/07
Senate resolved to disestablish the Student Association of the Sydney College of the Arts (SASCA), with a view to its becoming a club or society of the University of Sydney Union.

 - 4.4 **Membership of Yannadah Governing Council**
Resolution 391/07
Senate reappointed Professor Phyllis Watson and appointed Mrs Sally Farrington of the Faculty of Health Sciences as members of the Yannadah Governing Council.

 - 4.5 **Chair of the Academic Board – term of appointment**
Resolution 392/07
Senate noted that Professor Bruce Sutton had been re-elected unopposed as Chair of the Academic Board, and so it was unnecessary to extend the term of his appointment until the declaration of the poll to be conducted for the election of this position.

 - 4.6 **THES World University Rankings for 2007**
Resolution 393/07
Senate noted the report on the University's continued rise in the annual Times Higher Education Supplement (THES) World Universities Ranking.

4.7 Student Honours

Resolution 394/07

Senate noted that the winner of the 2008 NSW Rhodes Scholarship was Joanna Mascarenhas, a University of Sydney Economics/Law undergraduate.

4.8 International

Resolution 395/07

Senate noted the International report.

4.9 Community

Resolution 396/07

Senate noted the Community report.

☆ **5. 2008 Budget**

5.1 2008 Operating Budget

5.2 Information Technology Capital Development Program Budget

5.3 Capital Development Plan and 2008 Budget

5.4 Summary

Resolution 397/07

Senate approved:

- the 2008 Operations Budget of \$1,441.3million Revenue and \$1,181.6million Expenditure,
- the 2008 Capital Development Information Technology Program of \$10.22million Expenditure
- the 2008 Capital Development Program of \$248.8million Expenditure

Standard items

6. Senate business

6.1 Apologies for absence

Resolution 398/07

Senate accepted apologies from Ms I Moss for absence from this meeting.

6.2 Minutes of the previous Senate meeting, 5 November 2007

Resolution 399/07

Senate confirmed the minutes of the Senate meeting held in open session on 5 November 2007 as a true and correct record.

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

☆ **6.4 Fellows of Senate elected by and from the undergraduate and postgraduate students of the University**

Resolution 400/07

Senate noted the report, congratulated Mr Angus McFarland and Ms Jenny Leong on their election as Fellows of Senate by and from the undergraduate students and postgraduate students respectively to hold office from 1 December 2007 to 30 November 2008, and welcomed them to the meeting.

★ **6.5 Senate Retreat**

Resolution 401/07

Senate resolved that the Senate retreat in 2008 would now be held on 24 February 2008 at the Darlington Centre.

6.6 Notice of election of Deputy Chancellor, 4 February 2008

Resolution 402/07

Senate noted the report.

6.7 Notice of election of Chairs of Senate committees, 4 February 2008

6.7.1 Audit and Risk Management Committee

6.7.2 Finance and Infrastructure Committee

6.7.3 Investment and Commercialisation Committee

Resolution 403/07

Senate noted the report.

6.8 Notice of election of members of Senate committees, 4 February 2008

6.8.1 Advisory Committee for Honorary Awards (6 members)

6.8.2 Chair Appointments Committee (5 members)

6.8.3 Senate/Sports Liaison Committee (not less than 3 members)

Resolution 404/07

Senate noted the report.

6.9 Notice of appointment of members of Senate committees, 4 February 2008

6.9.1 Remuneration and Benefits Committee

6.9.2 Senate/Sports Liaison Committee

Resolution 405/07

Senate noted the report.

6.10 Schedule for remaining Senate Committee memberships

Resolution 4065/07

Senate noted the report.

6.11 Induction for Fellows

Resolution 407/07

Senate noted the report.

6.12 Senate representation

Resolution 408/07

Senate noted the report.

6.13 Next meeting

Resolution 409/07

Senate noted that the next Senate meeting would be held at 5.00pm on 4 February 2008 in the Senate Room, Quadrangle.

7. **Report of the Academic Board, 21 November 2007**
 - 7.1 **Amendment of the Resolutions of the Senate**
 - 7.1.1 **Faculty of Economics and Business: Master of Philosophy in Economics**

Resolution 410/07
Senate:
 - (a) endorsed the Academic Board's approval of the proposal from the Faculty of Economics and Business to amend the Master of Philosophy in Economics; and
 - (b) approved the amendment of the Resolutions of Senate relating to the coursewith effect from 1 January 2008, as set out in the report presented.
 - 7.1.2 **Faculty of Health Sciences: Bachelor of Health Sciences**

Resolution 411/07
Senate:
 - (a) endorsed the Academic Board's approval of the proposal from the Faculty of Health Sciences to amend the Bachelor of Health Sciences; and
 - (b) approved the amendment of the Resolutions of Senate relating to the coursewith effect from 1 January 2008, as set out in the report presented.
 - 7.1.3 **Sydney College of the Arts: Master of Contemporary Arts for Educators**

Resolution 412/07
Senate:
 - (a) endorsed the Academic Board's approval of the proposal from the Sydney College of the Arts to delete the Master of Contemporary Arts for Educators;
 - (b) approved the amendment of the Resolutions of Senate relating to the Degrees in the Sydney College of the Arts; and
 - (c) rescinded the Resolutions of Senate relating to the coursewith effect from 1 January 2008, as set out in the report presented.
 - 7.2 **Minor course amendments**
 - 7.3 **Policy Amendments**
 - 7.4 **Other Items**

Resolution 413/07
Senate noted items 7.2- 7.4 of the report of the Academic Board.
8. **Report of the Finance & Infrastructure Committee, 13 November 2007**
 - 8.1 **Financial Report**
 - 8.1.1 **September 2007 Results**
 - 8.1.2 **Proposed Write Off**
 - 8.1.2.1 **Sydney University Sport Loan**
 - 8.1.2.2 **Welding Technology Innovations Pty Ltd Royalty Debt**
 - 8.1.2.3 **Australian Photonics Debt**
 - 8.2 **Abercrombie Precinct Project Progress Report**
 - 8.3 **Next Meeting**
 - 8.4 **Any Other Business**
 - 8.4.1 **Disclosure of research grants in the Annual Financial Report**

Resolution 414/07
Senate noted the report of the Finance and Infrastructure Committee.
9. **Report of the Investment & Commercialisation Committee, 7 November 2007**
 - 9.1 **Investment Systems – Update**
 - 9.2 **Asset Sector and Aggregate Benchmarks Review**
 - 9.3 **Reserving Policy**
 - 9.4 **Peer Performance Review**

- 9.5 Sydnovate Fund – Crediting Rate
- 9.6 Sydnovate – Fund Report
- 9.7 Sydnovate – Agreements Update
- 9.8 Sydnovate – Patents and Agreements Statistics
- 9.9 Sydnovate – IP Sharing Model with Area Health Services
- 9.10 Investment Performance – September 2007 Quarterly Report
- 9.11 Investment Performance – September 2007 Mercer Quarterly Report
- 9.12 Market Outlook – Equity Market
- 9.13 Market Outlook – Currency Market
- 9.14 Long Term Funds – Asset Allocation
- 9.15 Growth Pool
- 9.16 Debt Investments – Compliance Report and Update
- 9.17 Other Investments – Commercial Subsidiaries and Non-Portfolio Investments
- 9.18 Livingston Farm
- 9.19 Arthursleigh Farm
- 9.20 McGarvie Smith/Fleurs
- 9.21 Commercial Property

Resolution 415/07

Senate noted the report of the Investment and Commercialisation Committee.

- 10. **Report of the Senate/Sports Liaison Committee, 31 October 2007**
 - 10.1 Apologies
 - 10.2 Report to Senate of the previous meeting of the Senate/Sports Liaison Committee
 - 10.3 Business arising from the report
 - 9.3.1 SU Sport budget submission
 - 10.4 SU Sport report
 - 10.5 2008 Meeting schedule

Resolution 416/07

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

- 11. **General business**
 - 11.1 **International House Council**

Resolution 417/07

Senate appointed members of the International House Council for the terms of office specified, commencing on 1 January 2008, as follows:

- **One other Fellow of Senate, appointed annually, for a one year term of office:**
Professor Margaret Harris (to 31 December 2008)
- **One person nominated by SUIH Alumni Association appointed annually:**
Mr G de Graaff (to 31 December 2008)
- **Three persons nominated by SUIH Members Association appointed annually:**
Mr S Bhatia (to 31 December 2008)
Mr J Ribot (to 31 December 2008)
Ms S Yari (to 31 December 2008)
- **Up to nine other persons each appointed for three years of whom three shall retire each year:**
Ms D North (to 31 December 2010)

- 11.2 **Sydney University Sport General Committee/ Management Committee**

Resolution 418/07

Senate reappointed Mr Christopher Noel and Ms Anne Titterton to the Sydney University Sport General Committee/ Management Committee as the two representatives of Senate for a one year term of office commencing on 1 January 2008.

11.3 The University of Sydney Union Board of Directors

Resolution 419/07

Senate re-appointed Ms Kaye Dening AM and Mr Sam Weiss to the University of Sydney Union Board of Directors as the two representatives of Senate for a one year term of office commencing on 1 January 2008.

11.4 Graduation ceremonies (December 2007)

Resolution 420/07

Senate noted the report.

★ **12. Question time**

★ **13. Any other business**

13.1 Esquire Bedell

Resolution 421/07

On the recommendation of Mr McCarthy after wide consultation, Senate appointed Mr Bohdan Bilinsky as Esquire Bedell.

13.2 International Research Scholarships

The meeting closed at 9.50pm.