



The University of Sydney

Senate minutes summary, 5 February 2007

At its meeting held on Monday 5 February 2007 at 5.00 pm in the Senate Room at the University:

IN OPEN SESSION:

HIGHLIGHTED ITEMS

- ☆ 4. **Report of the Vice-Chancellor and Principal**
- 4.1 **Update for Senate's information**
- 4.1.1 **National Union of Students (NUS), NSW Branch leaflet: Voluntary Student Unionism and your University**
- Resolution 16/07**
Senate noted the tabled NUS leaflet.
- 4.1.2 **United States Studies Centre**
- Resolution 17/07**
Senate noted the tabled report of the Planning Director to the Board of the United States Studies Centre.
- 4.2 **Delegations of Authority – Administrative Functions**
- Resolution 18/07**
Senate adopted the proposed amendments to the Delegations of Authority - Administrative Functions as set out in the report presented and as further amended at the meeting.
- 4.3 **St John's College Lands**
- Resolution 19/07**
Senate approved the entry by the University into the Deed dated 22 December 2006, to the transactions contemplated under the Deed and to the taking of steps incidental to or contemplated by the Deed, in relation to the proposed renunciation by St John's College of its rights with respect to certain of the St John's College Land on which the University proposes to carry out the development of the Sydney Institute of Health & Medical Research Complex.

STANDARD ITEMS

5. **Senate business**
- 5.1 **Apologies for absence**
- Resolution 20/07**
Senate accepted apologies for absence from this meeting from Dr Michael C Copeman and Associate Professor Anthony F Masters.
- 5.2 **Minutes of the previous Senate meeting, 4 December 2006**
- Resolution 21/06**
Senate confirmed the minutes of the Senate meeting held in open session on 4 December 2006 as a true and correct record.

★ 5.3 **Business arising out of the minutes not dealt with elsewhere in the agenda**
5.3.1 **SUPRA stipends**

Resolution 22/07

Senate resolved to confirm the stipends for SRC and SUPRA office-bearers be as proposed by the SRC and recommended by the Registrar, i.e. \$13.47 per hour.

★ 5.4 **Membership of the Joint Selection Committee for the next Vice-Chancellor**

Resolution 23/07

Senate resolved to extend the Hon Mr John Aquilina's membership of the Joint Selection Committee for the next Vice-Chancellor and such other Senate committees of which he is a member until the outcome of any further appointment under S 9 (2) has been determined.

5.5 **2007 Schedule for election of Fellows of Senate**

Resolution 24/07

Senate approved the following polling days for the 2007 elections:

- four academic staff Fellows of Senate 17 April 2007
- one non-academic staff Fellow of Senate 17 April 2007
- one undergraduate student Fellow of Senate 16 October 2007
- one postgraduate student Fellow of Senate 16 October 2007

5.6 **2007 graduation ceremony**

Resolution 25/06

Senate noted the report that the graduation ceremonies scheduled for 7 December 2007 were now scheduled to be held on 6 December 2007.

5.7 **Honorary award acceptance**

Resolution 26/07

Senate noted the report that Ms Lyn Bronger had accepted Senate's invitation to receive the title of Honorary Fellow of the University in 2007.

5.8 **Orientation Day with Senior Financial Managers**

Resolution 27/07

Senate noted that the Orientation Day with Senior Financial Managers would be held from 8.30am to 10.30am on 19 February 2007 in the Darlington Centre.

★ 5.9 **Senate Retreat**

Resolution 28/07

Senate noted that the Senate retreat would be held on 25 and 26 February 2007 in the HC Coombs Centre, Kirribilli.

5.10 **Next Senate meeting**

Resolution 29/07

Senate noted that the next Senate meeting would be held at 5.00pm on 19 March 2007 in the Senate Room, Quadrangle.

6. **Report of the Vice-Chancellor and Principal**

6.1 **Restructuring of the Faculty of Economics and Business**

Resolution 30/07

Senate noted the report that the Vice-Chancellor had approved the restructure of the Faculty of Economics and Business by the adoption of a single school structure to replace the two school model.

6.2 Staff Honours

Resolution 31/07

Senate noted the report that Professor Albert Zomaya and Associate Professor Alan Fekete have been honoured by the American Association for Computing Machinery, and congratulated Professor Zomaya and Associate Professor Fekete on this honour.

6.3 International

Resolution 32/07

Senate noted the international report.

6.4 University Relations

Resolution 33/07

Senate noted the University Relations report.

7. Report of the Academic Board, 13 December 2006

- 7.1 Minor course amendments**
- 7.2 Identifying and Supporting Students at Risk**
- 7.3 Research Principles**
- 7.4 Research-enhanced Learning and Teaching**
- 7.5 Draft Charter of Academic Freedom**
- 7.6 2007 Semester and Vacation Dates**

Resolution 34/07

Senate noted the report of the Academic Board.

8. Report of the Audit and Risk Management Committee, 5 December 2006

- 8.1 Foundations Project Update**
- 8.2 CRC's Risk Management Report**
- 8.3 Risk Assessment: University assessment against ICAC sector review concepts**
- 8.4 Chief Financial Officer & DVC's Report**
- 8.5 Annual Financial Report – Status Report**
- 8.6 Internal Audit and Assurance Report**
- 8.7 Risk Management Report**
- 8.8 AUQA Outcomes Report**
- 8.9 Institution Assessment Framework Update**
- 8.10 Report on the Operations of the Office of General Counsel**
- 8.11 Annual Reports for Student Associations, Foundations, Centres, Institutes**
- 8.12 Next Meeting**

Resolution 35/07

Senate noted the report of the Audit and Risk Management Committee.

9. General business

9.1 Report of the Warren Centre for Advanced Engineering

Resolution 36/07

Senate approved the following appointments to the Warren Centre for Advanced Engineering:

Reappointment of Directors:

Mr Hugh Ralston	Further two year term from 1 January 2007
Mr Ian Dart	Further two year term from 8 February 2007

Reappointment of Honorary Governor:

Dr John Nutt AM	Further three year term from 1 December 2006
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★ 9.2 **Student Appeals Panel: Membership**

Resolution 37/07

Senate appointed the following additional members of the Student Appeals Body:

Undergraduate:

Vafa Ghazavi
Laura Mineo
Leith Robertson
Vishal Sood
Tom Kavanagh

Postgraduate:

Fabrizio D'Esposito
Deo Harsheil Indevan
Kirsten Harley

9.3 **Graduation ceremonies (March 2007)**

Resolution 38/07

Senate noted the report on graduation ceremonies in March 2007.

★ 10. **Question time**

10.1 **Question on notice from Associate Professor A Masters**

10.2 **Question on notice from Associate Professor A Masters**

10.3 **Questions on notice from Dr N Chan**

Resolution 39/07

Senate deferred all the questions on notice to the Senate retreat, with written answers to be provided.

★ 11. **Any other business**

11.1 **Debating team's success**

Resolution 40/07

Senate resolved to invite the successful University of Sydney debaters in the recent World Intervarsity Debating Championships to an afternoon tea to celebrate their success.

The meeting closed at 9.45pm.