



## Senate minutes summary, 19 March 2007 and the adjourned meeting, 2 April 2007

*At its meeting held on Monday 19 March 2007 at 5.00pm and its adjourned meeting held at 5.00pm on 2 April 2007 in the Senate Room at the University:*

### *Highlighted Items*

- ★ 3. **Focus topic: Matters following on from the Senate Retreat, 25-26 March 2007**
- 3.1 **General matters**
- Resolution 54/07**  
Senate deferred to its next meeting consideration of items 3.1 – 3.4 of the report on Matters following on from the Senate Retreat.
- 3.2 **University College Sydney: Discussion paper**  
This item was considered in confidential session.
- ★ 4. **Report of the Vice-Chancellor and Principal**
- 4.1 **Update for Senate's information**
- 4.2 **Admission *ad eundem gradum***
- Resolution 56/07**  
Senate admitted retired member of academic staff Dr Rosemary Cant to the degree of Master of Applied Science (Behavioural Sciences) *ad eundem gradum*.
- 4.3 **Universities Australia membership**
- Resolution 57/07**  
Senate resolved to authorise the Vice-Chancellor to negotiate as far as possible a united front of the Go8 as to what it was prepared to contribute to Universities Australia, with a report to the May meeting Senate.
5. **Foundations and Foundation Rules**
- Resolution 58/07**  
Senate
- (1) adopted the Rules set out in the separate enclosure in respect of the following Foundations, to take effect on 1 May 2007:
- Accounting Foundation
  - Nerve Research Foundation
  - Sydney Conservatorium of Music Foundation
- (2) noted that the template for Foundation Rules, and all Foundation Rules approved by Senate to date, would come back to Senate for amendment as outlined by the Vice-Chancellor.
- ★ 6. **Proposed Senate/Student Associations Liaison Committee**
- Resolution 59/07**  
Senate resolved that, following consultation with each of the student organisations a formal proposal be developed for consideration by Senate at its next meeting for a common point of contact between Senate and the SRC, SUPRA and USU, e.g. to replace the existing SRC

and SUPRA liaison committees with a new, more broadly based, Senate/Student Association Liaison Committee.

### **Standard items**

#### **7. Senate business**

##### **7.1 Apologies for absence**

##### **7.2 Minutes of the previous Senate meeting, 25 February 2007**

###### **Resolution 60/07**

Senate confirmed the minutes of the Senate meeting held in open session on 25 February 2007 as a true and correct record.

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

#### **7.4 Audit and Risk Management Committee – Membership**

##### **7.4.1 Two Fellows of Senate appointed by Senate after consultation by the Chair of the Audit and Risk Management Committee (none of whom should be members of the University of Sydney staff or student) for two years (or for so long as in office if shorter)**

###### **(a) Reappointment of Ms Irene Moss**

###### **Resolution 61/07**

Senate re-appointed Ms Irene Moss to membership of the Audit and Risk Management Committee for a second term of office concluding at the February 2009 meeting of Senate.

###### **★ (b) Appointment of a second Fellow of Senate**

###### **Resolution 62/07**

Senate

- (i) appointed Ms Kim Anderson on the recommendation of the Chair of the Audit and Risk Management Committee to replace Dr Margaret Varady, who has served for two terms as a member of the Audit and Risk Management Committee, for a term of office concluding at the February 2009 meeting of Senate;
- (ii) noted that Ms Kim Anderson had resigned from membership of the Advisory Committee for Honorary Awards; and
- (iii) thanked Dr Varady for her valued service as a Committee member.

##### **7.4.2 Two external members, with appropriate professional expertise and experience, appointed by Senate on the nomination of the Chair of the Audit and Risk Management Committee with appropriate consultation for up to two years**

###### **Resolution 63/07**

Senate

- (i) re-appointed Mr David Smithers to membership of the Audit and Risk Management Committee for a second term of office concluding at the February 2009 meeting of Senate;
- (ii) replaced Mr Paul Davis, who has served for two terms as a member of the Audit and Risk Management Committee, with Mr John Trowbridge for a term of office concluding at the February 2009 meeting of Senate; and
- (iii) thanked Mr Davis for his valued service as a Committee member.

##### **7.5 Induction for new Fellow**

###### **Resolution 64/07**

Senate noted the report on the induction breakfast for new Fellow of Senate Dr Norman Chan.

**7.6 Next meeting**

**Resolution 65/07**

Senate noted that an adjourned meeting would be held in confidential session at 5.00pm on 2 April 2007, and the next Senate meeting would be held at 5.00pm on 7 May 2007 in the Senate Room, Quadrangle.

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

**8.1 International visits**

**Resolution 66/07**

Senate noted the report on International visits.

 **8.2 Earth Hour**

**Resolution 67/07**

Senate noted

- (1) the report on the University's commitment to taking part in Earth Hour, a project mounted by WWF and the Sydney Morning Herald in which all Sydney households and businesses are asked to turn off non-essential lights for one hour from 7.30pm on Saturday, 31 March 2007; and
- (2) that, in response to a question on notice from Adam Spencer, Mr Kotic would gather feedback on the earth hour event with a view to producing guidelines governing out of hours lighting and energy use at the University

**8.3 International**

**Resolution 68/07**

Senate noted the International report.

**8.4 University Relations**

**Resolution 69/07**

Senate noted the University Relations report.

**9. Report of the Academic Board, 28 February 2007**

**9.1 Amendment of the Resolutions of the Senate**

**9.1.1 Faculty of Arts: Master of Letters, Master of Media Practice, Master of Professional Communication, Graduate Diploma in Arts, Graduate Diploma in Media Practice, Graduate Diploma in Professional Communication, Graduate Diploma in Museum Studies, Graduate Certificate in Arts, Graduate Certificate in Media Practice, Graduate Certificate in Professional Communication and Graduate Certificate in Museum Studies**

**Resolution 70/07**

Senate approved:

- (1) the rescission of the Resolutions of the Senate relating to the Master of Letters, Master of Media Practice, Master of Professional Communication, Graduate Diploma in Arts, Graduate Diploma in Media Practice, Graduate Diploma in Professional Communication, Graduate Diploma in Museum Studies, Graduate Certificate in Arts, Graduate Certificate in Media Practice, Graduate Certificate in Professional Communication and Graduate Certificate in Museum Studies in the Faculty of Arts, and
- (2) the adoption of new Resolutions of the Senate relating to these courses, made pursuant to the University of Sydney (Coursework) Rule 2000 (as amended)

with effect from 1 January 2007, as set out in the report presented.

**9.1.2 Faculty of Economics and Business: Graduate Degrees, Diplomas and Certificates**

**Resolution 71/07**

Senate approved:

- (1) the rescission of the Resolutions of the Senate relating to the postgraduate degrees, diplomas and certificates in the Faculty of Economics and Business, and
- (2) the adoption of new Resolutions of the Senate relating to these courses, made pursuant to the University of Sydney (Coursework) Rule 2000 (as amended)

with effect from 1 January 2007, as set out in the report presented.

**9.2 Minor course amendments**

**9.3 Social Sciences Review**

**9.4 Report of the Chair of the Academic Board**

**Resolution 72/07**

Senate noted items 9.2 - 9.4 of the report of the Academic Board.

**10. Report of the Audit and Risk Management Committee, 7 March 2007**

**10.1 Risk Assessment of CRC's**

**10.2 Chief Operating Officer & DVC's Report**

★ **10.3 Draft 2006 Annual Financial Report**

**10.4 Audit, Risk Management and Assurance Report**

**10.5 Next Meeting**

**Resolution 73/07**

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

**11. Report of the Finance and Infrastructure Committee, 13 March 2007**

**11.1 Revised 2007 Budget**

**Resolution 74/07**

Senate approved the Revised 2007 Operating Budget and Capital Development Plan as set out in the report.

**11.2 Vice-Chancellor's Report**

**11.3 COO & DVC Report**

**11.4 2006 Year End Financial Performance Report – Total University**

**2006 Year End Financial Performance Report – Infrastructure and Capability**

**2006 Year End Financial Performance Report – Faculties**

**11.5 Spotlight on Financial Performance**

**11.6 Spotlight on Investment Performance**

★ **11.7 Planning for the new Master of Business Administration**

**Resolution 75/07**

Senate noted items 11.2 – 11.7 of the report of the Finance and Infrastructure Committee.

★ **12. Report of the Investment and Commercialisation Committee, 21 February 2007**

**12.1 Investment Systems – Update**

**12.2 Mercer Investment Consulting**

**12.3 Livingston Farm – Update**

**12.4 Outside Earnings Policy**

**12.5 Commercialisation Activity – Update**

**12.6 BLO Fund Proposal**

**12.7 Business Liaison Office**

**12.8 Investment Performance – December 2006 Monthly & Quarterly Reports**

**12.9 Investment in Alternative Assets**

**12.10 Debt Investments – Update**

**12.11 Private Equity Portfolio – Update**

**12.12 Growth Pool**

**12.13 Property Update – Arthursleigh Farm**

**12.14 Property Update – McGarvie Smith/Fleurs**

- 12.15 Carbon Disclosure Project
- 12.16 Sports Knowledge Australia
- 12.17 Brain and Mind Research Hospital
- 12.18 Unlisted Shares

**Resolution 76/07**

Senate noted the report of the Investment and Commercialisation Committee.

**13. General business**

**13.1 International House Council**

**Resolution 77/07**

Senate appointed the following to the above category of membership of International House Council for the term of office indicated:

Mr P Lean (to 31 December 2009)  
Mr R Manyweathers (to 31 December 2009)

**13.2 Chair of Student Proctorial Boards**

**Resolution 78/07**

Senate appointed the Hon Gerald Edward (Tony) Fitzgerald AC QC as a Chair of Student Proctorial Boards for one year, the term to conclude on 31 March 2008.

**13.3 Honorary awards 2006 – citations**

**Resolution 79/07**

Senate noted the report.

**13.4 Graduation ceremonies (March/April 2007)**

**Resolution 80/07**

Senate noted the report.

 **14. Notice of motion**

**14.1 Notice of motion given by Dr R Fitzsimons**

**Resolution 81/07**

On the occasion of the 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the opening of The Sydney Harbour bridge, Senate records with pride the achievements of its former deputy Chancellor (1942) and Senate Fellow (1913 – 1942), Dr JJC Bradfield; notes that the Bridge is now nearly half as old as the University; and requests the Chancellor to convey to members of the Bradfield family its gratitude for his contribution to both these great enterprises.

 **15. Question time**

**15.1 Question on notice by Dr R Fitzsimons**

**Resolution 82/07**

Senate noted the question and response.

 **16. Any other business**