



Senate minutes summary, 7 May 2007

IN OPEN SESSION: HIGHLIGHTED ITEMS

★ 4. Report of the Vice-Chancellor and Principal

4.1 Update for Senate's information

4.2 Compliance with ESOS Act National Code

Resolution 103/07

Senate, for the purpose of satisfying the requirement that the University submit the following updated statement demonstrating its compliance with the National Code, resolved to adopt the following updated statement and requested the Registrar to forward it to the Director-General on behalf of the Senate:

The University of Sydney fully endorses the purpose of the National Code and has instituted specific measures to ensure compliance with the Code, specifically:

- The Government and Student Relations Unit within our International Office has been established to manage the day-to-day monitoring and reporting responsibilities under the Code as well as having general oversight of the University's compliance with the Code.
- Our Marketing and Admissions staff within the International Office as well as our faculties ensure that prospective international students are provided with accurate information and assessed for admission according to published Academic Board Guidelines. The University of Sydney has some of the most stringent academic and English language entry requirements in the industry.
- Our International Student Advisers as well as our International Student Support Unit (ISSU) ensure that our international students and staff have ready access to informed support and advice and appeals procedures.
- The University's "in-house" student administration system has allowed the University to develop an "ESOS Compliance Module" that provides instant notification of changes to student enrolment status to facilitate our reporting responsibilities. The University has also instituted compliance related "pop-up" messages for students and enrolment staff to ensure they are conversant with the requirements of the National Code.
- The University has actively participated in the recent review of the National Code and has already commenced implementation of the changes that will be necessary for compliance under the new National Code due for implementation from 1 July 2007.

4.3 Restructuring of the Faculty of Health Sciences

Resolution 104/07

Senate noted that, at the request of the Faculty of Health Sciences and with the support of the Dean and the Provost, the Vice-Chancellor had approved the disestablishment of the Schools of Applied Vision Sciences; Behavioural and Community Health Sciences; Communication Sciences and Disorders; Exercise and Sport Science; Health Information Management; Medical Radiation Sciences; Occupation and Leisure Sciences; Physiotherapy; and Indigenous Health Studies in the Faculty of Health Sciences.

4.4 Universities Australia Membership

Resolution 105/07

Senate approved the University of Sydney joining Universities Australia under the Constitution set out in the report presented.

4.5 Ad Eundem Gradum Policy

Resolution 106/07

Senate approved the amended *Ad Eundem Gradum* policy set out in the report presented to take account of the disestablishment of the former Colleges and the creation of the position of Provost and Deputy Vice-Chancellor.

★ 5. Election of Chancellor

Resolution 107/07

Senate noted the Registrar's report that Her Excellency Professor Marie Bashir AC had been declared elected as Chancellor for a four year term of office commencing on 1 June 2007.

6. Foundations and Foundation Rules

Resolution 108/07

Senate adopted the Rules in respect of the following Foundations set out in the report presented, to take effect on 1 June 2007:

- Australian Lebanese Foundation
- Near Eastern Archaeology Foundation

IN OPEN SESSION: STANDARD ITEMS

7. Senate business

7.1 Apologies for absence

Resolution 109/07

Senate accepted apologies for absence from Ms K Anderson, Dr M Copeman and Ms R Jackson for this meeting and from Dr M Varady for the next meeting on 18 June 2007.

7.2 Minutes of the Senate meeting held on 19 March 2007

Resolution 110/07

Senate confirmed the minutes of the Senate meeting held in open session on 19 March as a true and correct record.

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

7.4 Election of four Fellows of Senate by and from the academic staff, with effect from 1 June 2007

Resolution 111/07

Senate noted the report that Professor Simon Chapman had been elected and Dr Roslyn Bohringer, Professor Margaret Harris and Professor Iqbal Ramzan had been re-elected as Fellows of Senate by and from the academic staff for a two year term of office to commence on 1 June 2007, and congratulated Professor Chapman on his election and Dr Bohringer, Professor Harris and Professor Ramzan on their re-election.

7.5 Election of one Fellow of Senate by and from the non-academic staff, with effect from 1 June 2007

Resolution 112/07

Senate noted the report that Ms Kim Wilson had been re-elected as a Fellow of Senate by and from the non-academic staff for a two year term of office to commence on 1 June 2007 and congratulated Ms Wilson on her re-election.

★ **7.6 Retirement of Chancellor, the Hon Justice Kim Santow, on 31 May 2007**

Resolution 113/07

Senate recorded its formal appreciation for the Chancellor's outstanding contribution to the Senate and the University over the preceding five years and eight months.

★ **7.7 Retirement of Fellow of Senate, Associate Professor Anthony Masters, on 31 May 2007**

Resolution 114/07

Senate recorded its formal appreciation for and noted in detail the significant contribution made by Associate Professor Anthony Masters who would retire as a Fellow of Senate on 31 May 2007.

★ **7.8 Investment and Commercialisation Committee: Membership**

Resolution 115/07

Senate

- (i) appointed Mr Ian Macoun to membership of the Investment and Commercialisation Committee for a two year term of office commencing on 7 May 2007 in the following category "Two external members, with appropriate professional expertise and experience, appointed by Senate on the nomination of the Chair of the Investment and Commercialisation Committee with appropriate consultation for up to two years"; and
- (ii) noted that the Chair would come back to Senate with a recommendation for the second external member of the Committee.

7.9 Chancellor's report: University Chancellors' Conference, 19 March 2007

Resolution 116/07

Senate noted the report.

★ **7.10 Alumni Council 2006 Report to Senate**

Resolution 117/07

Senate noted the Alumni Council 2006 Report to Senate.

7.11 Senate representation

Resolution 118/07

Senate noted the report.

7.12 Next meeting

Resolution 119/07

Senate noted that the next Senate meeting would be held at 5.00pm on 18 June 2007 in the Senate Room, Quadrangle.

8. Report of the Vice-Chancellor and Principal

8.2 US Studies Centre Developments

Resolution 120/07

Senate noted the report on US Studies Centre developments and that the Vice-Chancellor anticipated that details of the academic program of the Centre proposed for 2008 would come before Senate through the Academic Board.

8.3 The Student Experience Feedback

Resolution 121/07

Senate noted the report.

8.4 Staff Honours

Resolution 122/07

Senate noted the report and congratulated the Vice-Chancellor on his election to Corresponding Fellowship of the Royal Society of Edinburgh.

8.5 International

Resolution 123/07

Senate noted the International report.

8.6 University Relations

Resolution 124/07

Senate noted the University Relations report.

9. Report of the Academic Board, 18 April 2007

9.1 Amendment of the Resolutions of the Senate

9.1.1 Faculty of Arts

(1) Master of Liberal Studies, Graduate Diploma in Liberal Studies, Graduate Certificate in Liberal Studies

Resolution 125/07

Senate:

- (a) endorsed the Academic Board's approval of the proposal to delete the Master of Liberal Studies, the Graduate Diploma in Liberal Studies and the Graduate Certificate in Liberal Studies in the Faculty of Arts;
- (b) approved the amendment of the Senate Resolutions relating to the Degrees, Diplomas and Certificates in the Faculty of Arts and relating to the courses; and
- (c) approved the deletion of Senate Resolutions relating to the courses

with effect from 1 January 2008, as set out in the report presented.

(2) Master of Medical Humanities, Graduate Diploma in Medical Humanities, Graduate Certificate in Medical Humanities

Resolution 126/07

Senate:

- (a) endorsed the Academic Board's approval of the proposal to delete the Master of Medical Humanities, the Graduate Diploma in Medical Humanities and the Graduate Certificate in Medical Humanities in the Faculty of Arts;
- (b) approved the amendment of the Senate Resolutions relating to the Degrees, Diplomas and Certificates in the Faculty of Arts and relating to the courses; and
- (c) approved the deletion of Senate Resolutions relating to the courses

with effect from 1 January 2008, as set out in the report presented.

9.1.2 Faculties of Arts and Law: Bachelor of Arts (Media and Communications)/Bachelor of Laws

Resolution 127/07

Senate:

- (a) endorsed the Academic Board's approval of the proposal from the Faculty of Arts and the Faculty of Law to introduce the Bachelor of

- Arts (Media and Communications)/Bachelor of Laws combined degree,
- (b) approved the amendment of the Resolutions of the Senate relating to Degrees, Diplomas and Certificates in the Faculty of Arts and Degrees and Graduate Diplomas in the Faculty of Law to reflect the introduction of the new combined degree, and
 - (c) approved the new Resolutions of Senate relating to the course with effect from 1 January 2008, as set out in the report presented.

9.1.3 Faculty of Dentistry: Master of Dental Science (Community Oral Health and Epidemiology), Master of Dental Science (Endodontics), Master of Dental Science (Oral and Maxillo-facial Surgery), Graduate Diploma in Clinical Dentistry (Advanced Practice), Graduate Diploma in Community Oral Health and Epidemiology

Resolution 128/07

Senate:

- (a) endorsed the Academic Board's approval of the proposal from the Faculty of Dentistry to delete the Master of Dental Science (Community Oral Health and Epidemiology), Master of Dental Science (Endodontics), Master of Dental Science (Oral and Maxillo-facial Surgery), Graduate Diploma in Clinical Dentistry (Advanced Practice), Graduate Diploma in Community Oral Health and Epidemiology courses;
- (b) approved the amendment of the Senate Resolutions relating to the Degrees, Diplomas and Certificates in the Faculty of Dentistry; and
- (c) approved the deletion of Senate Resolutions relating to the courses; with effect from 1 January 2008, as set out in the report presented.

9.1.4 Faculty of Engineering and Information Technologies

(1) Constitution of the Faculty of Engineering and Information Technologies

Resolution 129/07

Senate amended the Resolutions of the Senate relating to the Constitution of the Faculty of Engineering and Information Technologies and the Schools within the Faculty, with immediate effect, as set out in the report presented.

(2) Undergraduate Degrees of the Faculty of Engineering and Information Technologies

Resolution 130/07

Senate approved:

- (a) the amendment of the Resolutions of the Senate relating to Degrees, Diplomas and Certificates in the Faculty of Engineering and Information Technologies, and
- (b) the replacement of the Resolutions of the Senate relating to the Bachelor of Engineering by new Resolutions relating to the Undergraduate Degrees of the Faculty of Engineering and Information Technologies,

to reflect the transfer of the Bachelor of Information Technology and Bachelor of Computer Science and Technology degrees from the supervision of the Faculty of Science to that of the Faculty of Engineering and Information Technologies, with effect from 1 January 2008, as set out in the report presented.

9.1.5 Faculty of Science

(1) Bachelor of Information Technology and Bachelor of Computer Science and Technology

Resolution 131/07

Senate approved:

- (a) the amendment of the Resolutions of the Senate relating to Degrees, Graduate Diplomas and Graduate Certificates in the Faculty of Science to delete the Bachelor of Information Technology and Bachelor of Computer Science and Technology degrees from the list of offerings, and
 - (b) the deletion of the Resolutions of the Senate relating to the Bachelor of Information Technology and Bachelor of Computer Science and Technology degrees in the Faculty of Science,
- with effect from 1 January 2008, as set out in the report presented.

(2) Master of Applied Nuclear Science and Graduate Diploma in Applied Nuclear Science

Resolution 132/07

Senate:

- (a) endorsed the Academic Board's approval of the proposal from the Faculty of Science to introduce the Master of Nuclear Science and Graduate Diploma in Nuclear Science courses,
 - (b) approved the amendment of the Resolutions of the Senate relating to Degrees, Diplomas and Certificates in the Faculty of Science to reflect the introduction of the new courses, and
 - (c) approved the new Resolutions of Senate relating to the courses
- with effect from 1 January 2008, as set out in the report presented.

- 9.2 **Charter of Academic Freedom**
- 9.3 **2006 Annual Report of the Academic Board's Activities**
- 9.4 **Minor course amendments**
- 9.5 **Honours Working Party**
- 9.6 **Presentation on SCEQ Results**
- 9.7 **Report of the Chair of the Academic Board**

Resolution 133/07

Senate noted items 9.2 – 9.7 of the report of the Academic Board.

10. Report of the Senate/SRC Liaison Committee, 3 April 2007

- 10.1 **English Language Skills Support**
- 10.2 **Student Appeal Panel**
- 10.3 **AVCC's student finances report**
- 10.4 **Admission and Transfer**
- 10.5 **ASIO and the police**
- 10.6 **University funding agreement**
- 10.7 **Future of the Senate/SRC Liaison Committee meetings**

Resolution 134/07

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

11. Report of the Senate/SUPRA Liaison Committee, 28 March 2007

- 11.1 **Report of the Dean of Graduate Studies**
- 11.2 **Issues arising from previous meetings and follow up**
- 11.3 **Childcare Survey - Follow up**
- 11.4 **Income Support for Postgraduate Students - Follow up**
- 11.5 **The AVCC Australian University Student Finances 2006 - A summary of findings from a national survey of students in public Universities**
- 11.6 **Scheduled AVCC meeting in Sydney**
- 11.7 **University of Sydney Code of Conduct for Responsible Research Practice - Authorship and Acknowledgement Guidelines**
- 11.8 **Security Bus - Faculty of Nursing, Mallett St, Camperdown**
- 11.9 **Future of the Senate/SUPRA Liaison Committee meetings**

Resolution 135/07

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

12. General business

12.1 International House Council: Membership

Resolution 136/07

Senate appointed Ms D C Correa to membership of the International House Council in the category "Three persons nominated by SUIH Members Association appointed annually" to replace Ms S T Sim, the term of office to conclude on to 31 December 2007.

12.2 Mandelbaum House: Membership

Resolution 137/07

Senate appointed Associate Professor David Levy to membership of the Council of Mandelbaum House in the category "one person appointed by the Senate", replacing Professor Ron Newman who has resigned from this position.

12.3 Warren Centre for Advanced Engineering: Membership

Resolution 138/07

Senate approved appointments to the Warren Centre for Advanced Engineering as set out in the report presented.

12.4 Graduation ceremonies (May/June 2007)

Resolution 139/07

Senate noted the report.

★ 13. Notice of motion

13.1 Notice of motion from Dr R Fitzsimons

Dr Fitzsimons had given notice of the following motion:

That Senate notes:-

- (i) press reports that Australian Chancellors intend to adopt a constitution for a national body of Chancellors, and that governance issues will be a major concern of the newly constituted organization.
- (ii) the earlier concerns by universities that a less formal grouping of Australian Chancellors considered issues of university governance in 2002/2003, and adopted a position on these issues before they had been considered by their governing bodies; that a subsequent final report on governance by Chancellors, with the added imprimatur of Vice-Chancellors (save that Professor Brown was, properly, not actively involved), was embargoed from university governing bodies until it had been despatched to Federal Government, and included some representations which in differing ways were not supported by the governing bodies of The University of Sydney and UNSW.
- (iii) that unlike university governing bodies and Vice-Chancellors, Chancellors generally have no separate statutory role in university governance, save for their role as a governing body member and their right to chair meetings.
- (iv) the importance of Chancellors not collectively assuming functions given to either governing bodies or Vice-Chancellors.
- (v) the importance of allowing diversity among institutions on issues of governance.
- (vi) that there are significant arguments both for and against the University participating in such a national body of Chancellors

and, accordingly, RESOLVES to defer a determination as to whether or not it is appropriate for The University of Sydney to be represented in this committee of Australian Chancellors under its new constitution until a suitable time after the next Chancellor has taken office, when questions of the possible benefits of AND constraints on the function of the Chancellors Committee in relation to this university may appropriately be considered.

Resolution 140/07

Senate

- (i) noted that Dr Fitzsimons had withdrawn her motion; and
- (ii) requested the General Counsel to prepare a report on the advantages and disadvantages of the University joining the University Chancellors' Council.

★ 14. **Question time**

★ 15. **Any other business**

The meeting closed at 9.50pm.