



Senate minutes summary, 17 September 2007

At its meeting held in open session on Monday 17 September 2007 at 5.00 pm in the Senate Room at the University, Senate resolved as follows:

★ 3. **Focus topic: Role and function of the Academic Board**

Resolution 288/07

Senate noted the presentation by the Chair of the Academic Board.

★ 4. **Report of the Vice-Chancellor and Principal**

4.1 Update for Senate's information

4.1.1 "No Limits"

Resolution 289/07

Senate noted the update.

4.1.2 Collaboration and Structural Reform Grant

Resolution 290/07

Senate noted the update.

4.1.3 Additional places

Resolution 291/07

Senate noted the update.

4.1.4 Confucius Institute

Resolution 292/07

Senate noted the update.

4.1.5 Funding for a Chair in Public Transport

Resolution 293/07

Senate noted the update.

4.1.6 RNSH

Resolution 294/07

Senate noted the update.

4.2 Workplace Productivity Grant

Resolution 295/07

Senate noted the report that the University had been awarded a Workplace Productivity Grant of \$2,918,000 for the design, development and implementation of a performance aligned total remuneration reward programme.

4.3 Establishment of School of Social and Political Sciences

Resolution 296/07

Senate approved the naming of the new School to be located in the Faculty of Arts as the "School of Social and Political Sciences".

4.4 International

Resolution 297/07

Senate noted the report.

4.5 Community

Resolution 298/07

Senate noted the report.

5. Senate business

5.1 Apologies for absence

Resolution 299/07

Senate accepted apologies for absence from this meeting from Ms K Anderson, Dr R Bohringer and Mr A Brennan.

5.2 Minutes of the previous Senate meeting, 6 August 2007

Resolution 300/07

Senate confirmed the minutes of the Senate meeting held in open session on 6 August 2007 as a true and correct record.

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



5.4 Welcome to the Hon John Aquilina MP

Resolution 301/07

Senate warmly welcomed the Hon John Aquilina again as a Fellow of Senate appointed by the Minister for Education and Training on the nomination of Senate from 6 August 2007 to 4 March 2011.

5.5 2008 Schedule of Senate meetings

Resolution 302/07

Senate approved the following 2008 schedule of Senate meetings:

4 February 2008
17 March 2008
5 May 2008
16 June 2008
4 August 2008
15 September 2008
3 November 2008
1 December 2008



5.6 Induction program for new Fellows of Senate

Resolution 303/07

Senate

- (i) noted the induction program for new Fellows;
- (ii) noted Dr Varady's request for further input; and
- (iii) requested Senate business cards for Fellows of Senate.

5.7 Senate representation

Resolution 304/07

Senate noted the report on Senate representation during August and September 2007.

5.8 Death of former Fellow of Senate Edward (Ted) Lawrence Wheelwright

Resolution 305/07

Senate noted the report with regret.

★ 6. **Report of the Academic Board, 29 August 2007**
6.1 **Amendment of the *University of Sydney (Academic Governance) Rule 2003* as amended**

Resolution 306/07

Senate approved the amendments to:

- (a) the *University of Sydney (Academic Governance) Rule 2003* (as amended) relating to student membership, with immediate effect;
- (b) the Resolutions of the Senate relating to the Student Membership of the Faculties, College Board and Boards of Studies, with immediate effect; and
- (c) the *University of Sydney (Academic Governance) Rule 2003* (as amended) relating to terms of membership, with effect from 1 January 2008

as set out in the report presented, with the following amendment to section 6.5.3 of the Rule (deletion struck through, addition underlined):

A period of service as a Chair of one of the Academic Board's Standing Committees will not count towards calculating the term of membership referred to in clause 6.5.2 but service for a term as a member in a particular category immediately prior to service as a Chair of one of the Academic Board's Standing Committees and service for a term as a member in ~~the same~~ a particular category immediately following service as a Chair of one of the Academic Board's Standing Committees shall constitute service for consecutive terms for the purposes of clause 6.5.2.

(Note: the amendment of the University of Sydney (Academic Governance) Rule 2003 relating to student membership took effect on 21 September 2007, following publishing on official University noticeboards.)

6.2 **Amendment of the Resolutions of the Senate**

6.2.1 **Faculty of Architecture, Design and Planning**

(1) **Student Membership of the Faculties, College Boards and Boards of Studies**

Resolution 307/07

Senate amended the Resolutions of the Senate relating to the Student Membership of the Faculty of Architecture, Design and Planning, with immediate effect, as set out in the report presented.

(2) **Master of Architecture (Architectural Design), Graduate Diploma in Architecture (Architectural Design), Graduate Certificate in Architecture (Architectural Design), Master of Architectural History, Theory and Criticism, Graduate Diploma in Architectural History, Theory and Criticism, Graduate Certificate in Architectural History, Theory and Criticism, Master of Urban Design (Architectural and Urban Design)**

Resolution 308/07

Senate

- (a) endorsed the Academic Board's approval of the proposal from the Faculty of Architecture, Design and Planning to rename existing streams in the Master of Architecture (stream), Graduate Diploma in Architecture (stream) and Graduate Certificate in Architecture (stream) to become the Master of Architecture (Architectural Design), Graduate Diploma in Architecture (Architectural Design), Graduate Certificate in Architecture (Architectural Design), Master of Architectural History, Theory and Criticism, Graduate Diploma in Architectural History, Theory and Criticism, Graduate Certificate in Architectural History, Theory and Criticism, Master of Urban Design (Architectural and Urban Design); and
- (b) approved the amendment of the Resolutions of the Senate relating to the Degrees, Diplomas and Certificates in the Faculty of Architecture, Design and Planning and relating to the courses

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

6.2.2 Faculty of Arts

(1) Transfer of Courses from the Faculty of Economics and Business

Resolution 309/07

Senate:

- (a) endorsed the Academic Board's approval of the proposal to transfer the Bachelor of Economic and Social Sciences, Bachelor of International Studies, Bachelor of Economic and Social Sciences/Bachelor of Laws, Bachelor of International Studies/Bachelor of Laws, the Master of Economics (Social Sciences), Master of Economics (Social Sciences) in Australian Political Economy, Master of International Studies, Master of Public Affairs, Master of Public Policy, Graduate Diploma in Economics (Social Sciences) in Australian Political Economy, Graduate Diploma in International Studies, Graduate Diploma in Public Affairs, Graduate Diploma in Public Policy, Graduate Certificate in Economics (Social Sciences) in Australian Political Economy, Graduate Certificate in International Studies, Graduate Certificate in Public Affairs and Graduate Certificate in Public Policy, from the Faculty of Economics and Business to the Faculty of Arts; and
- (b) approved the amendment of the Resolutions of the Senate relating to the Degrees, Diplomas and Certificates in the Faculty of Arts, the Degrees, Diplomas and Certificates in the Faculty of Economics and Business, and relating to the courses

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

(2) Undergraduate Courses – Amendment to Majors

Resolution 310/07

Senate endorsed the Academic Board's approval of the proposal from the Faculty of Arts to transfer two majors from the Faculty of Economics and Business to the Faculty of Arts, and amend two existing majors in the Faculty of Arts, with effect from 1 January 2008.

6.2.3 Faculty of Economics and Business

(1) Bachelor of International Studies (Major in Human Geography)

Resolution 311/07

Senate:

- (a) endorsed the Academic Board's approval of the proposal from the Faculty of Economics and Business to introduce a major in Human Geography in the Bachelor of International Studies degree; and
- (b) approved amendments to the Resolutions of the Senate relating to the course

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

(2) Postgraduate Degrees, Diplomas and Certificates

Resolution 312/07

Senate approved the amendment of the existing Resolutions of the Senate relating to the postgraduate degrees, diplomas and certificates in the Faculty of Economics and Business with effect from 1 January 2008, as set out in the report presented.

6.2.4 Faculty of Engineering and Information Technologies
(1) Master of Engineering

Resolution 313/07

Senate:

- (a) endorsed the Academic Board's approval of the proposal from the Faculty of Engineering and Information Technologies to rename the Master of Engineering Studies to become the Master of Engineering and introduce the new stream of Power Engineering;
- (b) approved the amendment of the Resolutions of the Senate relating to Degrees, Diplomas and Certificates in the Faculty of Engineering and Information Technologies; and
- (c) approved the new Resolutions of the Senate relating to the course

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

(2) Master of Philosophy

Resolution 314/07

Senate:

- (a) endorsed the Academic Board's approval of the proposal from the Faculty of Engineering and Information Technologies to introduce the Master of Philosophy and delete the Master of Engineering (Research);
- (b) approved the amendment of the Resolutions of the Senate relating to Degrees, Diplomas and Certificates in the Faculty of Engineering and Information Technologies;
- (c) approved the rescission of the Resolutions of the Senate relating to the Master of Engineering (Research); and
- (d) approved the new Resolutions of the Senate relating to the Master of Philosophy

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

(3) Transfer of Courses from the Faculty of Science

Resolution 315/07

Senate:

- (a) endorsed the Academic Board's approval of the proposal from the Faculty of Engineering and Information Technologies to transfer the Master of Information Technology, Master of Information Technology Management, Master of Applied Information Technology, Graduate Diploma in Information Technology, Graduate Diploma in Information Technology Management, Graduate Diploma in Applied Information Technology, Graduate Diploma in Computing, Graduate Certificate in Information Technology, Graduate Certificate in Information Technology Management and Graduate Certificate in Applied Information Technology, from the Faculty of Science to the Faculty of Engineering and Information Technologies; and
- (b) approved the amendment of the Resolutions of the Senate relating to Degrees, Diplomas and Certificates in the Faculty of Engineering and Information Technologies, the Degrees, Diplomas and Certificates in the Faculty of Science and relating to these courses

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

6.1.4 Faculty of Law: Doctor of Juridical Studies

Resolution 316/07

Senate:

- (a) endorsed the Academic Board's approval of the proposal from the Faculty of Law to replace the existing Resolutions of the Senate relating to the Doctor of Juridical Studies with Faculty Resolutions;

- (b) approved the rescission of the existing Resolutions of the Senate relating to the course; and
- (c) approved the new Resolutions of the Senate relating to the course with effect from 1 January 2008, as set out in the report presented.

6.2.5 Faculty of Pharmacy: Master of Herbal Medicines, Graduate Diploma in Herbal Medicines and Graduate Certificate in Herbal Medicines

Resolution 317/07

Senate:

- (a) endorsed the Academic Board's approval of the proposal from the Faculty of Pharmacy to replace the existing Resolutions of the Senate relating to the Master of Herbal Medicines, Graduate Diploma in Herbal Medicines and Graduate Certificate in Herbal Medicine with Faculty Resolutions developed in compliance with the *University of Sydney (Coursework) Rule 2000* as amended;
 - (b) approved the rescission of the existing Resolutions of the Senate relating to these courses; and
 - (c) approved the new Resolutions of the Senate relating to these courses
- with effect from 1 January 2008, as set out in the report presented.

6.2.6 Faculty of Science: Conversion of Senate Resolutions to Faculty Resolutions

Resolution 318/07

Senate:

- (a) endorsed the Academic Board's approval of the proposal from the Faculty of Science to replace the existing Resolutions of the Senate relating to the Master of Science, Master of Science (Microscopy and Microanalysis), Master of Applied Science, Graduate Diploma in Applied Science, Graduate Certificate in Applied Science, Master of Nutrition and Dietetics, Master of Environmental Science and Law, Master of Medical Physics, Graduate Diploma in Medical Physics, Doctor of Clinical Psychology/Master of Science, Graduate Diploma in Science, Graduate Diploma in Science (Microscopy and Microanalysis), Graduate Diploma in Psychology, Graduate Certificate in Science (History and Philosophy of Science) and Graduate Certificate in Science (Microscopy and Microanalysis) with Faculty Resolutions developed in compliance with the *University of Sydney (Coursework) Rule 2000* as amended;
 - (b) approved the rescission of the existing Resolutions of the Senate relating to these courses; and
 - (c) approved the new Resolutions of the Senate relating to these courses
- with effect from 1 January 2008, as set out in the report presented.

6.3 Minor course amendments

6.4 Amendments to policies

6.5 Other matters

Resolution 319/07

Senate note items 6.3 to 6.5 of the report of the Academic Board.

7. Report of the Audit and Risk Management Committee, 2 August 2007

- 7.1 Chief Operating Officer & DVC's Report**
- 7.2 2006 Annual Financial Report**
- 7.3 2007 Annual Financial Report Proposed Timelines**
- 7.4 Audit and Risk Management Report**
- 7.5 Capability Report**
- 7.6 Australian Postgraduate Awards Process**
- 7.7 Foundations, Centres & Institutes 2006 Annual Reports**
- 7.8 Next Meeting**

Resolution 320/07

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

8. Report of the Finance and Infrastructure Committee, 23 August 2007

☆ **8.1 Restructure of the Finance and Infrastructure Committee**

Resolution 321/07

Senate

- (a) approved the revised Finance and Infrastructure Committee Constitution for external members set out below (deletion struck through, addition underlined):

~~Two external members, with appropriate professional expertise and experience, appointed by Senate on the nomination of the Chair of the Finance and Infrastructure Committee with appropriate consultation for up to two years. Four external members, two with appropriate professional expertise and experience in finance and two with appropriate professional expertise and experience in infrastructure, appointed by Senate on the nomination of the Chair of the Finance and Infrastructure Committee with appropriate consultation for up to two years.~~

- (b) approved the appointment of the following external members for a two year term of office, from 17 September 2007 to the Senate meeting in September 2009:
- Ms Meredith Scott, Partner Ernst & Young [Second term of office]
- Finance
 - Mr Michael Cameron, CFO St George Bank
- Finance
 - Ms Jennifer Westacott, Partner KPMG
- Infrastructure
 - Mr Brendan Crotty, retired CEO Australand
- Infrastructure
- (c) noted that Dr R Fitzsimons would be suggesting another person to the Chair.

- ☆ **8.2 Vice-Chancellor's Report: Update on Current Issues**
8.3 Chief Operating Officer and DVC's Report
8.4 Spotlight on Campus Infrastructure and Services
8.5 Spotlight on Sydnovate
8.6 Any Other Business

Resolution 322/07

Senate noted items 8.2 to 8.6 of the report of the Finance and Infrastructure Committee.

9. Report of the Investment and Commercialisation Committee, 22 August 2007

☆ **9.1 Investment and Commercialisation Committee: Membership**

Resolution 323/07

Senate approved the appointment of Mr Chris Condon as external member of the Investment and Commercialisation Committee for a two year term of office, from 17 September 2007 to the Senate meeting in September 2009.

- 9.2 Investment Systems - Update**
9.3 Asset Sector Benchmarks
9.4 Reserving Policy
9.5 Sydnovate Fund Report
9.6 Sydnovate Agreements
9.7 Sydnovate Progress
9.8 Sydnovate Strategic Plan
☆ **9.9 Indirect Cost Recovery Policy**
9.10 Investment Performance – June 2007 Quarterly Report
9.11 Investment Performance – June 2007 Mercer Quarterly Report
9.12 Investment in Alternative Assets-Update
9.13 Debt Investments – Update

- 9.14 Other Investments – Update
- 9.15 Livingston Farm
- 9.16 Arthursleigh Farm
- 9.17 McGarvie Smith/Fleurs
- 9.18 Lone Pine Hotel Land & Buildings, Penang Malaysia
- ★ 9.19 No 99 Morgan Lane, Broken Hill
- 9.20 Commercial Property
- 9.21 Brain and Mind Research Hospital
- 9.22 Operating Reserves

Resolution 324/07

Senate noted items 9.2 to 9.22 of the report of the Investment and Commercialisation Committee.

10. Report of the Senate/Sports Liaison Committee, 22 August 2007

- 10.1 Sport Knowledge Australia
- 10.2 Report to Senate of the previous meeting of the Senate/Sports Liaison Committee
- 10.3 Business arising from the report
 - 10.3.1 Invitation to the Chancellor to attend a meeting
 - 10.3.2 Sports scholarships
- 10.4 SU Sport report
- 10.5 Next meeting
- 10.6 Any other business

Resolution 325/07

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

11. General business

- 11.1 Warren Centre for Advanced Engineering

Resolution 326/07

Senate confirmed the appointment of Mr Neville Mitchell, Mr Michael Myers and Mr Tony Sheehan as Governors of the Board of The Warren Centre for Advanced Engineering.

- 11.2 Graduation ceremonies (October 2007)

Resolution 327/07

Senate noted the report on graduation ceremonies in October 2007.

★ **12. Question time**

- 12.1 Questions raised by Dr R Fitzsimons at the previous meeting

Resolution 328/07

Senate noted the questions and the response provided in the agenda by Professor Hearn.

- 12.2 Notice of questions given by Dr R Fitzsimons

★ **13. Any other business**

- 13.1 Senate Retreat 2008

- 13.2 Institute of Nuclear Science

Resolution 329/07

Senate noted the request and the Vice-Chancellor's response.

- 13.3 Sydney Peace Prize

Resolution 330/07

Senate noted the information.

The meeting closed at 8.40pm.