



Senate minutes summary, 1 December 2008

Minutes of the meeting held in open session on Monday 1 December 2008 at 5.00pm:

2. Apologies for absence
3. Minutes of the previous Senate meeting held in open session on 3 November 2008 and the adjourned meeting on 25 November 2008

Resolution 382/08

Senate

- (1) deferred consideration of the minutes of the Senate meeting held in open session on 3 November 2008 and the adjourned meeting held in open session on 25 November 2008 to its next meeting; and
- (2) noted a Fellow's indication that they wished to request an amendment to the minutes of the previous Senate meeting held in open session on 3 November 2008.

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

5. Report of the Vice-Chancellor and Principal

- ★ 5.1 Update for Senate's information
- 5.2 Vice-Chancellor's and Provost's Business
 - ★ 5.2.3 Senate Retreat

Resolution 383/08

Senate resolved

- (1) to hold its Annual Retreat in 2009 in late February/early March; and
- (2) to establish an ad hoc agenda committee, comprising the Deputy Chancellor, the Vice-Chancellor, the Hon John Aquilina, Dr Margaret Varady and Ms Kim Wilson, to determine the components of an agenda which fully addresses Senate concerns and responsibilities at that critical time.

- ★ 5.2.4 Indigenous Signage and Recognition

Resolution 384/08

Senate deferred consideration of this item to the next meeting.

- 5.2.5 Law Extension Committee

Resolution 385/08

Senate approved the appointment of the following membership of the Law Extension Committee for a period of two years from 1 December 2008:

Members *ex-officio*:

- Chancellor
- Deputy Chancellor
- Vice-Chancellor and Principal
- Dean, Faculty of Law

Three members of the Faculty of Law appointed by Senate on the nomination of the Faculty:

- Mr Ross Anderson
- Ms Mikko Kumar
- Dr Gregory Tolhurst

A judge appointed by Senate on the nomination of the Chief Justice of New South Wales:

- Justice Paul Brereton

Two barristers appointed by Senate on the nomination of the New South Wales Bar Association:

- Ms Janet Oakley
- Mr Anthony J O'Brien

Four persons appointed by Senate:

- Professor Derrick Armstrong
- Dr Margaret Edmond*
- Mrs Daphne Kok
- Professor Ann Brewer

5.3 Research

5.4 Education

5.5 Finance, Infrastructure and ICT

5.6 International

5.7 External Relations

5.8 Human Resources

5.8.1 Selection Committee for the Dean, Faculty of Arts

Resolution 386/08

Senate appointed the following selection committee for the Deanship of the Faculty of Arts:

Ex-officio

Vice-Chancellor and Principal (Dr Michael Spence)
Chair of the Academic Board (nominee) Professor Robyn Norton
Provost and Deputy Vice-Chancellor, Professor Don Nutbeam

Members appointed by Senate

Three members (plus reserve) nominated by the Faculty:

- Professor Richard Waterhouse
- Associate Professor Anne Dunn
- Professor Graeme J Gill

Reserve members:

- Professor Moira Gatens (Reserve)
- Professor Geraldine Barnes (Reserve)

External member:

- Professor Stuart Macintyre, President, Academy of Social Sciences in Australia

Reserve External member:

- Professor Graeme Turner, Professor of Media, University of Queensland (former President, Australian Academy of the Humanities)

5.9 Faculty Business

Resolution 387/08

Senate noted the report.

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Budget 2009

Resolution 388/08

Senate

- (1) approved the following as set out in the report presented:
 - (a) Operations budget;
 - (b) Capital Development Information Technology Program;
 - (c) Capital Development Program;
- (2) resolved to discuss the Budget 2009 at the February Senate Retreat.

- 7. Report of the Academic Board, 12 November 2008**
- 7.1 Amendment of the Resolutions of the Senate**
- 7.1.1 Governance of Faculties, Colleges, College Boards, Departments, Schools and Committees**
- Resolution 389/08**
Senate approved the amendment of the Resolutions of Senate relating to the Governance of Faculties, Colleges, College Boards, Departments, Schools and Committees, as set out in the report presented.
- 7.1.2 Faculty of Health Sciences**
- (1) Bachelor of Health Science (Medical Radiation Technology), Bachelor of Health Science (Occupational Therapy) and Bachelor of Health Science (Physiotherapy)**
- Resolution 390/08**
Senate endorsed the Academic Board's approval of the proposal from the Faculty of Health Sciences to delete the Bachelor of Health Science (Medical Radiation Technology), Bachelor of Health Science (Occupational Therapy) and Bachelor of Health Science (Physiotherapy), noting there were no amendments to the Resolutions of Senate related to the courses.
- (2) Master of Health Science (Child and Adolescent Health)**
- Resolution 391/08**
That Senate endorse the Academic Board's approval of the proposal from the Faculty of Health Sciences to delete the Master of Health Science (Child and Adolescent Health), noting there are no amendments to the Resolutions of Senate related to the course.
- 7.1.3 Sydney Conservatorium of Music: Master of Applied Science (Music Performance)**
- Resolution 392/08**
Senate:
- (1) endorsed the Academic Board's approval of the proposal from the Sydney Conservatorium of Music to delete the Master of Applied Science (Music Performance);
- (2) approved the amendment of the Resolutions of Senate relating to the Degrees, Diplomas and Certificates in the Sydney Conservatorium of Music; and
- (3) approved the rescission of the Resolutions of Senate relating to the degree
with effect from 1 January 2009, as set out in the report presented.
- Resolution 393/08**
Senate noted the report.
- 8. Report of the Finance and Infrastructure Committee, 17 November 2008**
- Resolution 394/08**
Senate noted the report.
- 9. Report of the Investment and Commercialisation Committee, 5 November 2008**
- Resolution 395/08**
Senate noted the report.

10. Senate business

10.1 Secretary to Senate

Resolution 396/08

Senate noted the report, and congratulated Dr William Adams on his appointment as Secretary to Senate, with effect from 24 November 2008.

10.2 Fellows of Senate elected by and from the undergraduate and postgraduate students of the University

Resolution 397/08

Senate noted the report, congratulated Ms Kate Laing and Mr Tom Kavanagh on their election as Fellows of Senate by and from the undergraduate and postgraduate students respectively, to hold office from 1 December 2008 to 30 November 2009, and welcomed them to the meeting.

10.3 Pro-Chancellor

Resolution 398/08

Senate endorsed the re-appointment of Mr John McCarthy to the position of Pro-Chancellor from 1 January 2009 for the balance of his current term of office.

★ **10.4 Senate meeting commencement times**

Resolution 399/08

Senate resolved to defer consideration of this item to the next meeting.

10.5 Nominations Committee

10.5.1 Membership

Resolution 400/08

Senate noted that the Acting Registrar had declared the following elected to membership of the Nominations Committee in the category "*Three Fellows who are external persons*", appointed to the Committee by the Senate":

- Mr A Brennan
- Dr R Fitzsimons
- Mr A Spencer

10.5.2 Recommendation to Senate

Resolution 401/08

Senate, in accordance with sections 46B(2), (3) and (4) of the University of Sydney By-law 1999, resolved to request the Nominations Committee:

- (i) to identify persons who may be suitable for appointment to the position of one external person, noting that external persons are persons who are not members of the academic or non-academic staff of the University or undergraduate or postgraduate students of the University; and
- (ii) to recommend the length of appointment for each such person.

10.5.3 Consideration by Senate

Resolution 402/08

Senate, in accordance with sections 46B(5) and (6) of the University of Sydney By-law 1999, noted that it would carry out the following at its meeting on 3 February 2009:

- (i) consider the recommendations forwarded by the Nominations Committee;
- (ii) determine which of the recommended persons are to be nominated for appointment,
- (iii) note that it may select one or more other persons for nomination in place of one or more of the persons recommended by the Nominations Committee;
- (iii) determine which of the recommended persons are to be appointed by the Senate; and
- (iv) determine the length of appointment.

- 10.6 2009 Schedule - Senate and Senate committee membership**
Resolution 403/08
Senate noted the 2009 Schedule relating to Senate and Senate committee membership.
- 10.7 Senate representation**
Resolution 404/08
Senate noted the report on Senate representation during November 2008.
- 10.8 Next meeting**
Resolution 405/08
Senate noted that the next Senate meeting would be held at 5.00pm on Monday 2 February 2009 in the Senate Room, Quadrangle.
- 11. General business**
- 11.1 International House Council**
Resolution 406/08
Senate appointed members of the International House Council for the terms of office specified, commencing on 1 January 2009, as follows:
- Clause 7(a)(ii)(aa), One other Fellow of Senate, appointed annually:**
Professor M Harris (for the balance of her term of office)
- Clause 7 (a)(ii) (dd), Three persons nominated by SUIH Members Association appointed annually:**
Ms C Lai (to 31 December 2009)
Mr J Ribot (to 31 December 2009)
Ms M Neely (to 31 December 2009)
- Clause 7 (a)(ii)(ee), Up to nine other persons each appointed for three years of whom three shall retire each year:**
Mr H Sharp (to 31 December 2011)
Dr H Bergsteiner (to 31 December 2011)
- 11.2 2008 Student Appeals Body Annual Report**
Resolution 407/08
Senate noted the 2008 Student Appeals Body Annual Report.
- 11.3 Sydney University Sport and Fitness General Committee / Management Committee**
Resolution 408/08
Senate resolved to re-appoint Mr C Noel and Ms A Titterton to membership of the Sydney University Sport and Fitness General and Management Committees as Senate representatives for a one year term of office commencing on 1 January 2009.
- 11.4 The University of Sydney Union Board of Directors**
Resolution 409/08
Senate resolved to re-appoint Ms K Denning AM and Mr S Weiss, subject to his response to the invitation, to membership of the University of Sydney Union Board of Directors as Senate representatives for a one year term of office commencing on 1 January 2009.
- 11.5 Women's College Council**
Resolution 410/08
Senate renominated Dr Robin Fitzsimons to membership of the Women's College Council as a member of Senate from 1 February 2009 for the balance of her current term of office.
- 11.6 Graduation ceremonies (December 2008)**
Resolution 411/08
Senate noted the report.

- ★ 12. **Notice of motion**
12.1 **Provided by Dr R Fitzsimons**
- ★ 13. **Question time**
- ★ 14. **Any other business**