



Senate minutes summary, 4 February 2008

At the meeting held in open session on Monday 4 February 2008 at 5.00 pm:

- ★ 3. **Report of the Vice-Chancellor and Principal (*Highlighted item*)**
- 3.1 **Update for Senate's information**
- 3.2 **Sydney Peace Foundation**
Resolution 16/08
 Senate adopted the Rules, set out in the report presented, in respect of the Sydney Peace Foundation, to take effect on 1 March 2008.
- 3.3 **Warren Centre for Advanced Engineering**
Resolution 17/08
 Senate approved
- (i) the incorporation of the Warren Centre for Advanced Engineering as a company limited by guarantee in accordance with the Constitution set out in the report presented; and
 - (ii) that the Vice-Chancellor be authorised to execute the Deed poll set out in the report presented.
- 3.4 **Legal Assistance**
Resolution 18/08
 Senate adopted the policy *Provision of Legal Assistance to Staff Members Summoned to Appear before the Independent Commission Against Corruption (ICAC)* set out in the report presented.
- 3.5 **Law Extension Committee**
Resolution 19/08
 Senate
- (i) nominated Dr Margaret Edmond, Acting Director, Student Administration and Services, to replace Mr Rod Tindall on the Law Extension Committee for the remainder of the current term to 30 November 2008, and thanked Mr Tindall for his many years of service to the Law Extension Committee; and
 - (ii) asked the Chancellor to write to Mr Tindall, who has retired from the University, expressing appreciation for his management of graduation ceremonies.
- 3.6 **Award *Ad Eundem Gradum***
Resolution 20/08
 Senate resolved
- (i) to admit Ms Meg Pickup, retired member of the Academic Staff, to the degree of Master of Science *ad eundem gradum*; and
 - (ii) to admit Mr Frank Taeker, retired member of the General Staff, to the degree of Bachelor of Science *ad eundem gradum*:
- 3.7 **International**
Resolution 21/08
 Senate noted the International report.

3.8 Community

Resolution 22/08

Senate

- (i) noted the Community report;
- (ii) noted that the Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Community) would bring back a position paper to Senate on the University's delegations and guidelines for accepting gifts, and the position in relation to other universities; and
- (iii) noted that the Chair of the Academic Board would report in due course on the Board's working party.

4. Senate business (*Highlighted item*)

4.1 Apologies for absence

Resolution 23/08

Senate accepted apologies for absence from this meeting from Ms K Anderson and Dr M Copeman.

4.2 Minutes of the previous Senate meeting, 3 December 2007

Resolution 24/08

Senate confirmed the minutes of the Senate meeting held in open session on 3 December 2007 as a true and correct record, as amended.

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

4.4 Mr Joseph Skrzynski AO: Australia Day honour

Resolution 25/08

Senate

- (i) congratulated Mr Joseph Skrzynski on being made an Officer of the Order of Australia in the Australia Day honours; and
- (ii) noted his question about whether the University had a process to identify members of staff who were worthy of recognition.

4.5 Election of Chairs of the Audit and Risk Management Committee, Finance and Infrastructure Committee and Investment and Commercialisation Committee

Resolution 26/08

Senate noted the report that Mr A Cameron, Mr A Brennan and Mr J Skrzynski had been declared re-elected as Chairs of the Audit and Risk Management, Finance and Infrastructure, and Investment and Commercialisation Committees respectively for a second two year term of office from 4 February 2008 to the Senate meeting in February 2010, and congratulated them on their re-election.

4.6 Election of members of Senate committees

★ 4.6.1 Advisory Committee for Honorary Awards (6 elected members)

Resolution 27/08

Senate elected the following six Fellows to membership of the Advisory Committee for Honorary Awards for a two year term of office from 4 February 2008 to the Senate meeting in February 2010, or for so long as in office if shorter:

- The Hon John Aquilina
- Professor S Chapman
- Professor M Harris
- Mr J McCarthy
- Professor I Ramzan
- Emeritus Professor A Sefton

and thanked Dr R Fitzsimons and Dr M Varady for their valued service to the Committee.

☆ **4.6.2 Chair Appointments Committee (5 elected members)**

Resolution 28/08

Senate elected the following five Fellows to membership of the Chair Appointments Committee for a two year term of office from 4 February 2008 to the Senate meeting in February 2010, or for so long as in office if shorter:

- Professor Simon Chapman
- Dr Robin Fitzsimons
- Professor Margaret Harris
- Professor Iqbal Ramzan
- Emeritus Professor Ann Sefton

4.6.3 Senate/Sports Liaison Committee (not less than 3 elected members)

Resolution 29/08

Senate noted that the Registrar had declared Mr J McCarthy and Professor I Ramzan elected to membership of the Senate/Sports Liaison Committee for a two year term of office from 4 February 2008 to the Senate meeting in February 2010, or for so long as in office if shorter, and congratulated them on their re-election.

4.7 Appointment of members of Senate committees

4.7.1 Remuneration and Benefits Committee (2 appointed members)

Resolution 30/08

Senate appointed Mr Ian Johnson and the Hon John Aquilina to membership of the Remuneration and Benefits Committee for a two year term of office concluding at the Senate meeting in February 2010.

4.7.2 Senate/Sports Liaison Committee (3 appointed members)

Resolution 31/08

Senate reappointed Mr John Boulton, Mr David Hynes and Ms Ann Titterton to membership of the Senate/Sports Liaison Committee for a two year term of office concluding at the Senate meeting in February 2010, subject to their agreement to being so appointed:

4.8 Honorary award acceptances

Resolution 32/08

Senate noted the report.

4.9 Senate Retreat

Resolution 33/08

Senate noted that the Senate Retreat would be held on Sunday 24 February 2008.

4.10 Next meeting

Resolution 34/08

Senate noted that the next Senate meeting would be held at 5.00pm on Monday 17 March 2008 in the Senate Room, Quadrangle.

5. Report of the Academic Board, 12 December 2007

5.1 Amendment of the Resolutions of the Senate

5.1.1 Board of Studies in Indigenous Studies: Constitution

Resolution 35/08

Senate amended the Resolutions of the Senate relating to the Constitution of the Board of Studies in Indigenous Studies, with effect from 1 January 2008, as set out in the report presented.

5.1.2 Faculty of Education and Social Work: Constitution

Resolution 36/08

Senate amended the Resolutions of the Senate relating to the Constitution of the Faculty of Education and Social Work, with effect from 1 January 2008, as set out in the report presented.

5.1.3 Faculty of Science: Constitution

Resolution 37/08

Senate amended the Resolutions of the Senate relating to the Constitution of the Faculty of Science, with effect from 1 January 2008, as set out in the report presented.

Resolution 38/08

Senate noted the report.

6. Report of the Audit and Risk Management Committee, 27 November 2007

Resolution 39/08

Senate noted the report.

7. General business

★ **7.1 Esquire Bedell**

Resolution 40/08

Senate noted that there would be further investigation of this matter and it would be brought back to Senate.

7.2 University of Sydney Union - Proposed reporting to Senate by Directors appointed by Senate

Resolution 41/08

Senate noted that this item had been deferred as there had been no time for the proposal to be discussed with other Union office-bearers.

7.3 Report of the Board of the Warren Centre for Advanced Engineering

Resolution 42/08

Senate approved:

- (a) the appointment of Dr Stephen Farrugia as Governor of the Warren Centre for Advanced Engineering from 6 December 2007;
- (b) the re-appointment of Mr Denis White and Dr Martin Poole as Directors of the Warren Centre for a further two year term from 28 February 2008; and
- (c) the appointment of Professor Emeritus Rolf Prince AO and Professor Emeritus Bob Bilger as honorary Governors of the Warren Centre for a three year term from 6 December 2007.

7.4 Graduation ceremonies (March 2008)

Resolution 43/08

Senate noted the report.

★ **8. Notices of motion**

8.1 Notice of motion by Dr R Fitzsimons

Resolution 44/08

Senate noted the discussion.

8.2 Notice of motion by Dr R Fitzsimons

Resolution 45/08

Senate noted the discussion.

★ 9. **Question time**

9.1 **Senate Retreat**

Resolution 46/08

Senate noted the question and the response.

9.2 **Summer and Winter Schools**

Resolution 48/08

Senate noted the question and the response.

9.4 **VSU**

Resolution 49/08

Senate noted the question and the response.

9.5 **Security at Senate meetings**

Resolution 50/08

Senate noted the questions and the response.

★ 10. **Any other business**

10.1 **Death of David Burnett**

Resolution 47/08

Senate noted the report.

10.2 **Kim Santow**

Resolution 51/08

Senate noted the report.

10.3 **University debaters**

Resolution 52/08

Senate noted the report.

10.4 **Grand Master Chess**

Resolution 53/08

Senate noted the report.

10.5 ***Peking Uni Newsletter***

Resolution 54/08

Senate noted the tabled Peking Uni Newsletter.