



Senate minutes summary, 5 May 2008

At the meeting held in open session on Monday 5 May 2008 at 5.00 pm:

- ★ 3. **Campus 2020 Master Plan (*Highlighted item*)**
Resolution 123/08
 Senate approved the circulation of the draft Master Plan to staff and students for comment.

- ★ 4. **Report of the Vice-Chancellor and Principal (*Highlighted item*)**
 - 4.1 **Update for Senate's information**
 - 4.1.1 **Emeritus Professor David Armstrong**
Resolution 124/08
 Senate noted the update.

 - 4.1.2 **Federation Fellows**
Resolution 125/08
 Senate noted the update.

 - 4.1.3 **Federal Government advice to Universities Australia on full-fees**
Resolution 126/08
 Senate noted the update.

 - 4.1.4 **Public policy "think tank" in Melbourne**
Resolution 127/08
 Senate noted the update.

 - 4.2 **Recommendations from the Nomenclature Committee**
 - 4.2.1 **Change of Name: Sir William Tyree Laboratory in Power Engineering**
Resolution 128/08
 Senate approved the recommendation that the Power Engineering Laboratory in the School of Electrical and Information Engineering be renamed the Sir William Tyree Laboratory in Power Engineering.

 - 4.2.2 **Naming: Poche Centre for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health**
Resolution 129/08
 Senate approved the recommendation that the Centre for Indigenous Health be named the Greg Poche Centre for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health, subject to the agreement of Mr Poche.

 - 4.3 **St John's College and New Biomedical Research Building – Further Amending Deed**
Resolution 130/08
 Senate approved the entry by the University into the Further Amending Deed, the transactions completed under that deed and the taking of steps incidental to or contemplated by that deed.

 - 4.4 **Recruitment and Selection Policy**
Resolution 131/08
 Senate
 - (i) noted the draft Recruitment and Selection Policy, and
 - (ii) noted that a final version would be provided to Senate for noting after its consideration by the Staff Consultative Committee.

- 4.5 Gift Policy**
Resolution 132/08
Senate noted the progress report that a revised policy on accepting gifts would now be brought to the June meeting of Senate for approval together with information about the position in relation to other universities
- 4.6 Legal Assistance**
Resolution 133/08
Senate noted the progress report that consultation between the General Counsel and Ms Jenny Leong was proceeding, with Ms Leong wishing to involve further representatives of SUPRA who were yet to be identified.
- 4.7 Kuwait Proposal**
Resolution 134/08
Senate noted the report on a proposal under joint consideration for the University of Sydney to contract to a Kuwaiti company, which would be the academic sponsor of a private university to deliver programs in Education.
- 4.8 International Research Success**
Resolution 135/08
Senate noted the report and congratulated Associate Professor Balwant Singh in the Faculty of Agriculture, Food and Natural Resources, Professor Basil Roufogalis in the Faculty of Pharmacy and Dr Harbans Bariana at the Plant Breeding Institute - Cobbitty who had received funding from the recent, second round of the Australia-India Strategic Research Fund.
- 4.9 2008 Cancer Council Grants**
Resolution 136/08
Senate noted the report and congratulated the following members of staff who were recent recipients of grants from the New South Wales Cancer Council: Professor Jacob George, Professor Bruce Armstrong, Associate Professor Michael Boyer, Dr Roderick Clifton-Bligh, Professor Merlin Crossley, Associate Professor Diona Damian, Associate Professor Vivienne Reeve, and Dr Lyndal Trevena.
- 4.10 2008 State Library Fellowship Awards**
Resolution 137/08
Senate noted the report and congratulated Dr Nathan Garvey who was awarded (jointly) the C H Currey Memorial Fellowship and Ms Agnieszka Sobocinska who was awarded a Milt Lugar Fellowship.
- 4.11 International**
Resolution 138/08
Senate noted the International report.
- 4.12 Community**
Resolution 139/08
Senate noted the Community report.
- 5. Senate business**
- 5.1 Apologies for absence**
Resolution 140/08
Senate accepted apologies for absence from Ms Kim Anderson, Professor Simon Chapman, Emeritus Professor Ann Sefton and Mr Joseph Skrzynski from this meeting.
- 5.2 Minutes of the previous Senate meeting held in open session, 17 March 2008**
Resolution 141/08
Senate confirmed the minutes of the Senate meeting held in open session on 17 March 2008 as a true and correct record.

- ★ 5.3 **Business arising out of the minutes not dealt with elsewhere in the agenda**
- ★ 5.4 **The Hon Kim Santow AO**
Resolution 142/08
Senate noted with sorrow the death of the Hon Kim Santow AO and request the Chancellor to convey its condolences to Mrs Lee Santow and her family.
- ★ 5.5 **Update on Senate processes**
Resolution 143/08
Senate
 - (i) noted the report,
 - (ii) expressed its support for online voting for Senate elections as proposed by the Registrar, noting that at this stage it would apply only to the staff and student elections, and
 - (iii) noted that the Registrar would come back with proposed amendments to the By-law to a future meeting of Senate.
- 5.6 **Senate dinner for retiring Vice-Chancellor**
Resolution 144/08
Senate noted the report that the Chancellor would host a Senate Farewell Dinner for the Vice-Chancellor Professor Gavin Brown AO at 6.30pm for 7.00pm on 3 June 2008, to be held at the Australian Club, 165 Macquarie Street, Sydney.
- ★ 5.7 **Security at Senate meetings**
Resolution 145/08
Senate noted the report.
- 5.8 **Honorary award acceptances**
Resolution 146/08
Senate noted the report.
- 5.9 **Senate representation**
Resolution 147/08
Senate noted the report on Senate representation during April 2008.
- 5.10 **Next meeting**
Resolution 148/08
Senate noted that the next Senate meeting will be held at 5.00pm on 16 June 2008 in the Senate Room, Quadrangle.
- 6. **Report of the Academic Board, 16 March 2008**
 - 6.1 **Amendment of the Resolutions of the Senate**
 - ★ 6.1.1 **Charter of Academic Freedom**
Resolution 149/08
Senate endorsed the revised wording for the Charter of Academic Freedom as set out in the report presented.
 - ★ 6.1.2 **Faculty of Economics and Business**
 - (1) **Executive Master of Business Administration and Graduate Certificate in Business Administration**
Resolution 150/08
Senate:
 - (a) endorsed the Academic Board's approval of the proposal from the Faculty of Economics and Business to introduce the Executive Master of Business Administration and Graduate Certificate of Business Administration,
 - (b) approved the amendment of the Resolutions of Senate relating to the Degrees, Diplomas and Certificates in the Faculty of Economics and Business; and

- (c) approved the introduction of Resolutions of Senate relating to the courses with effect from 1 January 2009, as set out in the report presented.

(2) Master of Management, Master of Management (CEMS) and Graduate Certificate in Management

Resolution 151/08

Senate, subject to Professor Nutbeam's investigation of issues raised above about the title of Master of Management (CEMS):

- (a) endorsed the Academic Board's approval of the proposal from the Faculty of Economics and Business to introduce the Master of Management, the Master of Management (CEMS) and the Graduate Certificate of Management,
- (b) approved the amendment of the Resolutions of Senate relating to the Degrees, Diplomas and Certificates in the Faculty of Economics and Business; and
- (c) approved the introduction of Resolutions of Senate relating to the courses with effect from 1 January 2009, as set out in the report presented.

6.1.3 Faculty of Economics and Business and Faculty of Medicine

(1) Bachelor of Commerce/Bachelor of Medicine and Bachelor of Surgery

Resolution 152/08

Senate:

- (a) endorsed the Academic Board's approval of the proposal from the Faculty of Economics and Business and the Faculty of Medicine to introduce the Bachelor of Commerce/Bachelor of Medicine and Bachelor of Surgery,
- (b) approved the amendment of the Resolutions of Senate relating to the Degrees, Diplomas and Certificates in the Faculty of Economics and Business and the Faculty of Medicine; and
- (c) approved the introduction of Resolutions of Senate relating to the course with effect from 1 January 2009, as set out in the report presented.

(2) Bachelor of Economics/Bachelor of Medicine and Bachelor of Surgery

Resolution 153/08

Senate:

- (a) endorsed the Academic Board's approval of the proposal from the Faculty of Economics and Business and the Faculty of Medicine to introduce the Bachelor of Economics/Bachelor of Medicine and Bachelor of Surgery,
- (b) approved the amendment of the Resolutions of Senate relating to the Degrees, Diplomas and Certificates in the Faculty of Economics and Business and the Faculty of Medicine; and
- (c) approved the introduction of Resolutions of Senate relating to the course with effect from 1 January 2009, as set out in the report presented.

6.1.4 Faculty of Engineering and Information Technologies: Bachelor of Engineering

Resolution 154/08

Senate:

- (a) endorsed the Academic Board's approval of the proposal to amend the Bachelor of Engineering in the Faculty of Engineering and Information Technologies,
- (b) approved the amendment of the Resolutions of the Senate relating to the course with effect from 1 January 2009, as set out in the report presented.

6.1.5 Faculty of Engineering and Information Technologies and Faculty of Architecture, Design and Planning: Bachelor of Engineering/Bachelor of Design in Architecture

Resolution 155/08

Senate:

- (a) endorsed the Academic Board's approval of the proposal from the Faculty of Engineering and Information Technologies and the Faculty of Architecture, Design and Planning to introduce the Bachelor of Engineering/Bachelor of Design in Architecture,
- (b) approved the amendment of the Resolutions of Senate relating to the Degrees, Diplomas and Certificates in the Faculty of Engineering and Information Technologies and the Faculty of Architecture, Design and Planning; and
- (c) approved the introduction of Resolutions of Senate relating to the course

with effect from 1 January 2009, as set out in the report presented.

6.1.6 Faculty of Engineering and Information Technologies and Faculty of Arts: Bachelor of Information Technology/Bachelor of Arts

Resolution 156/08

Senate:

- (a) endorsed the Academic Board's approval of the proposal from the Faculty of Engineering and Information Technologies and the Faculty of Arts to introduce the Bachelor of Information Technology/Bachelor of Arts,
- (b) approved the amendment of the Resolutions of Senate relating to the Degrees, Diplomas and Certificates in the Faculty of Engineering and Information Technologies and the Faculty of Arts; and
- (c) approved the introduction of Resolutions of Senate relating to the course

with effect from 1 January 2009, as set out in the report presented.

6.1.7 Faculty of Engineering and Information Technologies and Faculty of Science

(1) Bachelor of Information Technology/Bachelor of Medical Science

Resolution 157/08

Senate:

- (a) endorsed the Academic Board's approval of the proposal from the Faculty of Engineering and Information Technologies and the Faculty of Science to introduce the Bachelor of Information Technology/Bachelor of Medical Science,
- (b) approved the amendment of the Resolutions of Senate relating to the Degrees, Diplomas and Certificates in the Faculty of Engineering and Information Technologies and the Faculty of Science; and
- (c) approved the introduction of Resolutions of Senate relating to the course

with effect from 1 January 2009, as set out in the report presented.

(2) Bachelor of Information Technology/Bachelor of Science

Resolution 158/08

Senate:

- (a) endorsed the Academic Board's approval of the proposal from the Faculty of Engineering and Information Technologies and the Faculty of Science to introduce the Bachelor of Information Technology/Bachelor of Science,
- (b) approved the amendment of the Resolutions of Senate relating to the Degrees, Diplomas and Certificates in the Faculty of Engineering and Information Technologies and the Faculty of Science; and

- (c) approved the introduction of Resolutions of Senate relating to the course with effect from 1 January 2009, as set out in the report presented.

6.1.8 Faculty of Health Sciences: Bachelor of Health Sciences and Bachelor of Health Sciences (Honours)

Resolution 159/08

Senate:

- (a) endorsed the Academic Board's approval of the proposal to amend the Bachelor of Health Sciences and the Bachelor of Health Sciences (Honours) in the Faculty of Health Sciences,
 - (b) approved the amendment of the Resolutions of the Senate relating to these courses
- with effect from 1 January 2009, as set out in the report presented.

6.2 2007 Annual Report of the Academic Board

Resolution 160/08

Senate noted the 2007 Annual Report of the Academic Board, as set out in the report presented.

6.3 Minor course amendments

Resolution 161/08

Senate noted the report.

6.4 Report of the Chair of the Academic Board

★ 6.4.1 Amendments to the Academic Board resolutions relating to student appeals against academic decisions

Resolution 162/08

Senate resolved

- (i) to recognise the report and decisions of the Academic Board;
- (ii) to refer to the Chair of the Academic Board the fact that there was considerable student concern regarding the recent changes to the Academic Board resolutions concerning student appeals against academic decisions in the hope that these issues might be reconciled, and
- (iii) that a briefing on the changes, including a comparison with other institutions, be provided to Senate.

Resolution 163/08

Senate noted the report.

7. Report of the Finance and Infrastructure Committee, 19 March 2008

7.1 Abercrombie Precinct Project Progress Report and Development Proposal

Resolution 165/08

Senate approved the development of the detailed design and development plan of the Abercrombie Precinct Project, at a budgeted cost of \$1.5m.

Resolution 166/08

Senate noted the report.

8. Report of the Investment and Commercialisation Committee, 12 March 2008

Resolution 167/08

Senate noted the report.

9. **Report of the Senate/Sports Liaison Committee, 1 April 2008**
 - 9.1 **Election of Chair**

Resolution 168/08
Senate appointed Mr John McCarthy as Chair of the Senate/Sports Liaison Committee for a two year term of office concluding at the April 2010 meeting of Senate.

Resolution 169/08
Senate noted the report.
10. **Report of the Senate/Student Associations Liaison Committee, 11 March 2008**

Resolution 170/08
Senate noted the report.
11. **General business**
 - 11.1 **Student Appeals Panel – Membership**

Resolution 171/08
Senate appointed Dr Melanie Collier to membership of the Student Appeals Panel to replace Dr Rhondda Canfield who has retired from the University.
 - 11.2 **Chairs, Student Proctorial Boards – Appointment**

Resolution 172/08
Senate re-appointed the Hon Mr Trevor Morling QC and the Hon Mahla Pearlman AM as Chairs of Student Proctorial Boards for a one year term of office to the May 2009 meeting of Senate, and thanked the Hon Tony Fitzgerald AC QC for his service in this role.
 - 11.3 **Report of the Board of the Warren Centre for Advanced Engineering**

Resolution 173/08
Senate approved the appointment of Chris Jenkins, Managing Director, Thales Australia, as Governor of the Warren Centre, commencing immediately.
 - 11.4 **Graduation ceremonies, May and June 2008**

Resolution 174/08
Senate noted the report.
- ★ 12. **Question time**
 - 12.1 **Naming of Ms Quentin Bryce as the next Governor-General**
 - 12.2 **Phillip Street site**
- ★ 13. **Any other business**