



Senate minutes summary, 3 & 25 November 2008

At the meeting held in open session on 3 November 2008 at 5.00pm:

- ★ 3. **Report of the Vice-Chancellor and Principal**
- 3.1 **Update for Senate's information**
Resolution 321/08
 Senate noted the update.
- 3.2 **Vice-Chancellor's and Provost's Business - Work Slate**
- 3.3 **Finance, Infrastructure and ICT – SydneyTalent**
Resolution 323/08
 After discussion, Senate
 (1) approved the SydneyTalent concept moving from the pilot phase into full operation; and
 (2) noted that the Vice-Chancellor would raise with the SydneyTalent team the suggestion that the Board include representation from private industry.
- 3.4 **Finance, Infrastructure and ICT - Triple Bottom Line Reporting**
Resolution 324/08
 Senate
 (1) resolved to endorse the establishment of an Emissions Reduction Working Group to support the implementation of the Emission Reduction Management Strategies, measure performance against emission reduction targets and monitor energy use, particularly, air-conditioning equipment, and compliance with the CIS Energy Savings Action Plan; and
 (2) noted that a report would come to the December meeting.
- 3.5 **External Relations - Sydney Burns Foundation**
Resolution 325/08
 Senate resolved to establish the Sydney Burns Foundation, as a division of The Medical Foundation in accordance with the Object set out in the Division Rules, to take effect on 4 November 2008.
- 3.6 **Human Resources - Selection Committee for the Provost and Deputy Vice-Chancellor**
Resolution 326/08
 Senate
 (1) approved the Selection Committee for the position of Provost and Deputy Vice-Chancellor as follows:
- Ex Officio**
 Chancellor
 Deputy Chancellor
 Chair of the Academic Board
 Vice-Chancellor
Two nominees of Senate
 Ms Irene Moss
 Professor Simon Chapman
- One Member of the Academic Board nominated by the Chair of the Academic Board**
 Professor David Day

Professor Geoff Gallop (Reserve)

One additional member at the request of the Vice-Chancellor
Professor Gillian Triggs

and

(2) noted the Vice-Chancellor's willingness to include a student member as suggested by a Fellow.

3.7 International - China Week 2008 and Beijing Delegation

Resolution 327/08

Senate noted the report on China Week 2008 and the Beijing Delegation.

3.8 Items noted

Resolution 328/08

Senate noted the following reports:

- **Vice-Chancellor's and Provost's Business**
- **Research**
- **Education**
- **Finance, Infrastructure and ICT**

3.9 Items deferred

Resolution 329/08

Senate deferred consideration of the following reports to the adjourned meeting:

- **International**
- **External Relations**
- **Human Resources**
- **Faculty Business**

4. Senate business

4.1 Apologies for absence

4.2 Minutes of the previous Senate meeting held in open session, 15 September 2008

Resolution 330/08

Senate confirmed the minutes of the Senate meeting held in open session on 15 September 2008 as a true and correct record.

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

★ 4.4 Fellows of Senate retiring on 30 November 2008

Resolution 331/08

Senate recorded its formal appreciation for and note in detail the contribution made by retiring Fellows of Senate Mr Angus McFarland and Ms Jenny Leong.

4.5 Fellow of Senate elected by and from the undergraduate students of the University

Resolution 332/08

Senate noted the report and congratulated Ms Kate Laing on her election as a Fellow of Senate by and from the undergraduate students, to hold office from 1 December 2008 to 30 November 2009.

4.6 Fellow of Senate elected by and from the postgraduate students of the University

Resolution 333/08

Senate noted the report and congratulated Mr Tom Kavanagh on his election as a Fellow of Senate by and from the postgraduate students, to hold office from 1 December 2008 to 30 November 2009.

★ 4.7 **Proposed By-law amendments for online Senate voting**

Resolution 334/08

Senate resolved

- (1) to approve the amendments to Chapter 1 and Chapter 4 of the *University of Sydney By-law 1999* to allow for online voting in elections of Fellows of Senate as set out in the report presented; and
- (2) to authorise the Vice-Chancellor to write to the Minister for Education and Training requesting that the amendment to the University By-law be submitted to the Governor for approval consistently with the provisions of section 36(2) of the *University of Sydney Act 1989*.

★ 4.8 **2009 Senate meeting schedule**

Resolution 335/08

Senate

- (1) resolved to meet on the following dates in 2009:
 - 2 February 2009
 - 16 March 2009
 - 4 May 2009
 - 15 June 2009
 - 3 August 2009
 - 21 September 2009
 - 2 November 2009
 - 7 December 2009
- (2) noted that the timing of meetings would be discussed with the Vice-Chancellor and brought back to Senate for consideration.

4.9 ***University of Sydney (Student Appeals against Academic Decisions) Rule 2006***

Resolution 336/08

Senate approved amendment of section 22 of the *University of Sydney (Student Appeals against Academic Decisions) Rule 2006* as set out in the report presented.

4.10 **2009 Graduation schedule**

Resolution 337/08

Senate resolved

- (1) to note the schedule of dates for the 2009 graduation ceremonies approved by the Acting Registrar under delegated authority;
- (2) to give authority to the Chancellor, the Deputy Chancellor, the Vice-Chancellor and Principal, the Chair of the Academic Board and the Pro-Chancellors to admit to the appropriate degree or degrees, and to award the appropriate diploma or diplomas at these ceremonies to, those who have qualified for degrees and diplomas concerned and whose names appear in the printed lists contained in the official programs; and
- (3) to give authority to the Registrar to change the disciplines to be presented at any ceremony or the scheduled time of any ceremony, after appropriate consultation with the faculties, colleges and boards of studies concerned and after appropriate notice to the graduands concerned.

★ 4.11 **Nominations Committee: Notice of election on 1 December 2008**

Resolution 338/08

Senate noted

- (1) that Senate would be asked to elect three Fellows who were external persons for appointment to membership of the Nominations Committee at the December Senate meeting;
- (2) that a recommendation/s from the Nominations Committee for the position of one external person appointed by the Senate would come to the February 2009 meeting of Senate; and
- (3) that Dr Fitzsimons would submit a proposed process whereby names put forward by the Nominations Committee and names put forward by other Fellows of Senate might be considered in an equitable way.

- 4.12 Senate representation**
Resolution 339/08
Senate noted the report on Senate representation between 16 September and October 2008.
- 4.13 Next meeting**
Resolution 340/08
Senate noted that the next Senate meeting would be held at 5.00pm on 1 December 2008 in the Senate Room, Quadrangle.
- 5. Report of the Academic Board, 8 October 2008**
- 5.1 Amendment of the Resolutions of the Senate**
- 5.1.1 Governance of Faculties, Colleges, College Boards, Departments, Schools and Committees**
Resolution 341/08
Senate approved the amendment of the Resolutions of Senate relating to the Governance of Faculties, Colleges, College Boards, Departments, Schools and Committees with immediate effect, as set out in the report presented.
- 5.1.2 Faculty of Medicine: Constitution of the Faculty of Medicine**
Resolution 342/08
Senate approved the amendment of the Resolutions of Senate relating to the Constitution of the Faculty of Medicine with immediate effect, as set out in the report presented.
- 5.1.3 Faculty of Nursing and Midwifery: Constitution of the Faculty of Nursing and Midwifery**
Resolution 343/08
Senate approved the amendment of the Resolutions of Senate relating to the Constitution of the Faculty of Nursing and Midwifery with immediate effect, as set out on in the report presented.
- 5.1.4 Sydney Conservatorium of Music: Constitution of the Sydney Conservatorium of Music**
Resolution 344/08
Senate approved the amendment of the Resolutions of Senate relating to the Constitution of the Sydney Conservatorium of Music with immediate effect, as set out in the report presented.
- 5.1.5 Faculty of Veterinary Science: Constitution of the Faculty of Veterinary Science**
Resolution 345/08
Senate approved the amendment of the Resolutions of Senate relating to the Constitution of the Faculty of Veterinary Science with immediate effect, as set out in the report presented.
- 5.1.6 Faculty of Arts**
- 5.1.6.1 Bachelor of Arts**
Resolution 346/08
Senate endorsed the Academic Board's approval of the proposal from the Faculty of Arts to amend the Bachelor of Arts, noting that there were no related amendments to Resolutions of Senate.
- 5.1.6.2 Bachelor of International and Global Studies**
Resolution 347/08
Senate endorsed the Academic Board's approval of the proposal from the Faculty of Arts to amend the Bachelor of International and Global Studies, noting that there were no related amendments to Resolutions of Senate.

5.1.7 Faculty of Medicine: Bachelor of Medicine and Bachelor of Surgery

Resolution 348/08

Senate endorsed the Academic Board's approval of the proposal from the Faculty of Medicine to amend the Bachelor of Medicine and Bachelor of Surgery, noting that there were no related amendments to Resolutions of Senate.

5.1.8 Faculty of Science: Graduate Diploma in Psychology

Resolution 349/08

Senate endorsed the Academic Board's approval of the proposal from the Faculty of Science to amend the Graduate Diploma in Psychology, noting that there were no related amendments to Resolutions of Senate.

5.1.9 Sydney Conservatorium of Music: Master of Music Studies (Conducting), Master of Music Studies (Opera), Master of Music Studies (Performance), Graduate Diploma in Music (Accompaniment), Graduate Diploma in Music (Opera) and Graduate Diploma in Music (Performance)

Resolution 350/08

Senate resolved:

- (1) to endorse the Academic Board's approval of the proposal from the Sydney Conservatorium of Music to amend the Resolutions of Senate relating to the Master of Music Studies (Conducting), Master of Music Studies (Opera), Master of Music Studies (Performance), Graduate Diploma in Music (Accompaniment), Graduate Diploma in Music (Opera) and Graduate Diploma in Music (Performance); and
- (2) to approve the rescission of the existing Resolutions of Senate and the introduction of new Resolutions of Senate relating to the courses with effect from 1 January 2009, as set out in the report presented.

Resolution 351/08

Senate noted the report.

6. Revised report of Finance & Infrastructure Committee, 27 August 2008

Resolution 352/08

Senate

- (1) noted the revised report; and
- (2) deferred consideration of starred item 6.3 to the adjourned meeting.

7. Report of the Senate/Sports Liaison Committee, 21 October 2008

Resolution 353/08

Senate noted the report.

8. Report of the Senate/Student Associations Liaison Committee, 14 October 2008

Resolution 354/08

Senate

- (1) noted the report; and
- (2) deferred consideration of starred item 8.1 to the adjourned meeting.

9. General business

9.1 Student Disciplinary Appeals Committee

Resolution 355/08

Subject to their agreement, Senate appointed the following to membership of the Student Disciplinary Appeals Committee for a new two year term of office to 30 September 2010:

- **A person who holds or has held office as a judge or magistrate in any state or federal court in Australia, on the nomination of the Chancellor and appointed by Senate:**
The Hon Brian Cohen QC (former Judge of the NSW Supreme Court)

- **A Fellow, on the nomination of the Chancellor and appointed by Senate:**
Dr Roslyn Bohringer
- **A person admitted and enrolled as a legal practitioner under the Legal Profession Act 1987 for at least five years, on the nomination of the Chancellor and appointed by Senate:**
Ms Jane Needham
- **Substitute member qualified under subclause (1) (a), (b) or (c) to hear the appeal:**
Mr Peter O'Loughlin

9.2 Notice of appointments by Senate on 1 December 2008

- **International House Council**
- **The University of Sydney Union Board of Directors**
- **Sydney University Sport General Committee / Management Committee**
- **Women's College Council**

Resolution 356/08

Senate noted the report.

9.3 Graduation ceremonies (November/December 2008)

Resolution 357/08

Senate noted the report.

★ **10. Question time**

10.1 Questions from Ms J Leong

10.2 Questions from Mr A McFarland

Resolution 358/08

Senate deferred consideration of this item to the adjourned meeting.

★ **11. Any other business**

Resolution 358/08

Senate deferred consideration of this item to the adjourned meeting.

At the adjourned meeting held in open session on 25 November 2008:

3. Report of the Vice-Chancellor and Principal

3.6 International

3.7 External Relations

★ **3.7.1 Sydney Burns Foundation – additional recommendation**

Resolution 362/08

Senate, having approved the establishment of the Sydney Burns Foundation, a division of The Medical Foundation, on 3 November 2008, approved the Division Rules for the Foundation, to take effect on 4 November 2008.

3.8 Human Resources

3.9 Faculty Business

★ **3.9.1 Appointment of Pro Deans, Associate Deans and Sub-Deans**

Resolution 364/08

Senate approved the proposed revision of the Resolutions of Senate relating to the appointment of Pro-Deans, Associate Deans and Sub-Deans, subject to advice being provided about the omission of emeritus professors from the revised Resolutions.

★ **3.9.2 Awards Ad Eundem Gradum**

Resolution 365/08

Senate resolved

- (1) to note a correction to the agenda, i.e. that the policy on admission to degrees *ad eundem gradum* applied to general as well as academic staff;
- (2) to admit Professor Judith Godden, retired member of the Academic Staff, to the degree of Master of Public Health *ad eundem gradum*;
- (3) to admit Professor Rif Ebied, retired member of the Academic Staff, to the degree of Bachelor of Arts *ad eundem gradum*.

Resolution

Senate noted the report

4. Senate business

4.1 Apologies for absence – adjourned meeting

Resolution 366/08

Senate accepted apologies from the following Fellows for absence from the adjourned meeting:

- the Chair of the Academic Board (Professor Bruce Sutton)
- Mr Alec Brennan
- Dr Michael C Copeman
- Ms Jenny Leong
- Mr Angus McFarland
- Ms Irene K Moss
- Mr Adam B Spencer

4.8 2009 Senate meeting schedule - correction

Resolution 369/08

Senate resolved to meet on 4 May 2009 (not 5 May as presented in the November agenda).

4.14 Memorial function for Ian Ramage

6. Revised report of Finance & Infrastructure Committee, 27 August 2008

Resolution 370/08

Senate noted the report.

8. Report of the Senate/Student Associations Liaison Committee, 14 October 2008

Resolution 371/08

Senate noted the report.

★ **10. Question time**

Resolution 372/08

Following discussion, Senate noted the questions and responses.

★ **11. Any other business**