



Senate minutes summary, 15 September 2008

At the meeting held in open session on Monday 15 September 2008 at 5.00pm:

- ★ 3. **Report of the Vice-Chancellor and Principal**
- Resolution 279/08**
Senate noted the Vice-Chancellor's oral report.
- 3.1 **Deanship in Veterinary Science**
- Resolution 280/08**
Senate appointed the following selection committee for the Deanship in Veterinary Science:
- Ex-officio***
Vice-Chancellor and Principal, Dr Michael Spence
Chair of the Academic Board (or nominee), Professor Bruce Sutton
Provost and Deputy Vice-Chancellor, Professor Don Nutbeam
- Members appointed by Senate:**
Three members (plus reserve) nominated by the Faculty:
- Professor Paul Canfield
 - Professor Rosanne Taylor
 - Professor Christopher Moran
- Reserve members:
- Professor Michael Ward (Reserve)
 - Associate Professor Julia Beatty (Reserve)
- External member:
- Professor John Edwards, Dean and Head of School, Faculty of Veterinary and Biomedical Sciences, Murdoch University
- 3.2 **Occupational Health and Safety**
- Resolution 281/08**
Senate
- (1) noted the report; and
 - (2) referred to the Vice-Chancellor the need to raise with the Chairs of the Audit and Risk Management Committee and the Finance and Infrastructure Committee his proposal that the Audit and Risk Management Committee be refocussed as the OH&S and Risk Management Committee, with a view to a recommendation coming to the next meeting of Senate.
- 3.3 **Senior Executive Group (SEG), Vice-Chancellor's Office meeting (VCOM) and Vice-Chancellor and Senior Officers Group (VSOG) Meetings**
- Resolution 282/08**
Senate noted the report.
- 3.4 **Work Slate**
- Resolution 283/08**
Senate
- (1) noted the progress report on discussions concerning the Vice-Chancellor's proposed Work Slate; and
 - (2) noted that the Vice-Chancellor would bring forward a recommended Work Slate for comment by Senate at its November meeting.

- 3.5 Brand Project**
Resolution 284/08
Senate
(1) noted the report on the Brand project; and
(2) noted that a final report including formal recommendations would be brought to Senate's December meeting.
- 3.6 Naming of Internal Assets in the Faculty of Law Building**
Resolution 285/08
Senate
(1) noted the report on Naming of Internal Assets in the Faculty of Law Building;
(2) noted that the policy document "Naming of Buildings and Other Significant Physical Assets", which had been inadvertently omitted from the report, was under review and would be circulated to Fellows; and
(3) noted that a paper on the naming of chairs and posts was being developed, for inclusion in the gifts policy.
- 3.7 International**
Resolution 286/08
Senate noted the report.
- 3.8 Community**
Resolution 287/08
Senate noted the report.
- 4. Senate business**
- 4.1 Apologies for absence**
Resolution 288/08
Senate accepted apologies for absence from this meeting from the Hon John J Aquilina, Ms Kim E W Anderson, Mr Alec Brennan, Dr Michael C Copeman and Ms Kim Wilson.
- 4.2 Minutes of the previous Senate meeting held in open session, 4 August 2008**
Resolution 289/08
Senate confirmed the minutes of the Senate meeting held in open session on 4 August 2008 as a true and correct record.
- 4.3 Business arising out of the minutes not dealt with elsewhere in the agenda**
- 4.4 Senate representation**
Resolution 290/08
Senate noted the report on Senate representation during August and to 15 September 2008.
- 4.5 Next meeting**
Resolution 291/08
Senate noted that the next Senate meeting would be held at 5.00pm on 3 November 2008 in the Senate Room, Quadrangle.
- 5. Report of the Academic Board, 27 August 2008**
- 5.1 Amendment of the Resolutions of the Senate**
- 5.1.1 Faculty of Dentistry**
(1) **Constitution of the Faculty of Dentistry**
Resolution 292/08
Senate approved the amendment of the Resolutions of Senate relating to the Constitution of the Faculty of Dentistry, as set out in the report presented.

5.1.2 Faculty of Architecture, Design and Planning: Master of Urban and Regional Planning

Resolution 293/08

Senate:

- (a) endorsed the Academic Board's approval of the proposal from the Faculty of Architecture, Design and Planning to amend the Master of Urban and Regional Planning; and
- (b) approved the amendment of the Resolutions of Senate relating to the course

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

5.1.3 Faculty of Engineering and Information Technologies: Master of Project Management, Graduate Diploma in Project Management and Graduate Certificate in Project Management

Resolution 294/08

Senate:

- (a) endorsed the Academic Board's approval of the proposal from the Faculty of Engineering and Information Technologies to amend the Master of Project Management, Graduate Diploma in Project Management and Graduate Certificate in Project Management; and
- (b) approved the amendment of the Resolutions of Senate relating to the courses

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

5.1.4 Faculty of Nursing and Midwifery: Bachelor of Nursing (Post-Registration)

Resolution 295/08

Senate endorsed the Academic Board's approval of the proposal from the Faculty of Nursing and Midwifery to offer the Bachelor of Nursing (Post-registration) in the United Arab Emirates, noting that there were no related amendments to Resolutions of Senate.

Resolution 296/08

Senate noted the report.

6. Report of the Audit and Risk Management Committee, 13 August 2008

Resolution 297/08

Senate

- (1) noted the report of the Audit and Risk Management Committee;
- (2) noted the Vice-Chancellor's oral report on planned strategies to tackle the international travel issue; and
- (3) noted the Chief Operating Officer's advice that the Triple Bottom Line report, which described the extent of the University's Greenhouse Gas emissions and proposed strategies to reduce these emissions, would come to the November Senate meeting.

7. Report of the Finance and Infrastructure Committee, 27 August 2008

Resolution 298/08

Senate

- (1) noted the report of the Finance and Infrastructure Committee; and
- (2) noted that the Chief Operating Officer would bring a revised report, with amended wording for item 7.3.1, to the November Senate meeting.

8. Report of the Investment and Commercialisation Committee, 20 August 2008

Resolution 299/08

Senate noted the report.

9. Report of the Senate/Sports Liaison Committee, 12 August 2008

Resolution 300/08

Senate noted the report.

10. Report of the Senate/Student Associations Liaison Committee, 12 August 2008

Resolution 301/08

Senate

(1) noted the report.

11. General business

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

Resolution 302/08

Senate approved the following reappointments as Directors:

- Dr John Lear for a further 2 year term from 2 August 2008
- Angus Richards for a further 2 year term from 1 September 2008

11.2 Graduation ceremonies (October 2008)

Resolution 303/08

Senate noted the report.

★ **12. Question time**

12.1 Question provided by Dr R Fitzsimons

Resolution 304/08

Senate noted the question and the Vice-Chancellor's response that Sydney University Press was under review and that a business case would need to be made on whether to invest in Sydney University Press, in particular in marketing.

12.3 Question from Mr J McCarthy

Resolution 305/08

Senate noted the question and the Vice-Chancellor's response that he believed that an announcement from the Federal Government on its position with respect to VSU would be made soon.

★ **13. Any other business**

13.1 2008 Sydney Peace Prize

Resolution 306/08

Senate noted advice from the Deputy Chancellor that Mr Patrick Dodson was the 2008 Sydney Peace Prize recipient. Mr Dodson would give the City of Sydney Peace Prize Lecture on 5 November in the Sydney Opera House, and on 6 November would receive the 2008 Sydney Peace Prize in the Great Hall of the University of Sydney.

13.2 Chess Grandmaster

Resolution 307/08

Senate noted advice from Mr A Spencer that University of Sydney Pharmacy student Zhao Zong Yuan, who had been named chess Grandmaster at the Gibraltar Tournament, had now won his first three tournaments as Grandmaster, the first person in history to do so.