



# The University of Sydney

## Senate minutes summary, 3 August 2009

*Minutes summary of the ordinary meeting of the Senate of the University held in open session on Monday 3 August 2009 at 5.00pm in the Senate Room at the University.*

- ★ 4. **Presentation by the President, Alumni Council, on NSW Parliamentary report on University governance: Alumni opposition to proposed legislative changes**

**Resolution 208/09**

Senate resolved

- (1) to note the presentation by the President of the Alumni Council;
- (2) to confirm that it did not seek adoption of recommendation 3 in the NSW Parliamentary report on University governance, and
- (3) to request the Secretary to Senate to write to the Minister accordingly.

7. **Procedural matters**

**7.1 Apologies for absence**

**Resolution 210/09**

Senate resolved to accept apologies for absence from this meeting from the Hon John Aquilina, Dr Roslyn Bohringer, Mr Alec Brennan, Mr John McCarthy, Emeritus Professor Ann Sefton and Mr Joe Skrzynski.

**7.2 Minutes of the previous Senate meeting held in open session on 15 June 2009**

**Resolution 211/09**

Senate confirmed the minutes of the previous Senate meeting held in open session on 15 June 2009 as a true and correct record.

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

8. **Senate action sheet, 3 August 2009**

**Resolution 212/09**

Senate noted the Senate action sheet.

9. **Report of the Vice-Chancellor and Principal**

- ★ 9.1 **Update for Senate's information**
- ★ 9.2 **Vice-Chancellor's and Provost's Business**
- 9.3 **Research**
- 9.4 **Education**
- 9.5 **Finance, Infrastructure and ICT**
- 9.6 **International and External Relations**

**9.6.1 Disestablishment of the University of Sydney Union Foundation**

**Resolution 213/09**

Senate resolved to dissolve the University of Sydney Union Foundation and reserve the name "*University of Sydney Union Foundation*" in perpetuity for use by any future foundation that University of Sydney Union may request Senate to establish.

**9.6.2 Disestablishment of the Foundation for Information Technology**

**Resolution 214/09**

Senate resolved to terminate the Foundation for Information Technology.

### 9.6.3 Establishment of the Sydney Uni Sport Foundation

#### Resolution 215/09

On the suggestion of the Vice-Chancellor, Senate resolved

- (1) to terminate the University of Sydney Sport Foundation;
- (2) to approve the Rules for the Sydney Uni Sport Foundation as from 3 August 2009;
- (3) to take the issue of the name back to the Foundation, expressing Senate's concern about the proposed name; and
- (4) to ask the Branding Project team to comment on the proposed name.

### ★ 9.6.8 External Relations

#### Resolution 216/09

Senate noted follow-up action agreed to by the Vice-Chancellor and Professor Hearn.

## 9.7 Human Resources

### 9.7.1 Deanship in Science

#### Resolution 217/09

Senate resolved to appoint the following selection committee for the Deanship in 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 Stephen Garton

##### *Members appointed by Senate*

Three members (plus reserve) nominated by the Faculty:

- Professor Stephen Simpson
- Professor Sally Andrews
- Professor Bryan Gaensler

Reserve members:

- Professor Nalini Joshi (1<sup>st</sup> Reserve)
- Dr Scott Kable (2<sup>nd</sup> Reserve)
- Professor Jenny Brand-Miller (3<sup>rd</sup> Reserve)

External Members:

- Professor Mary O'Kane, NSW Chief Scientist and Scientific Engineer
- Professor Jenny Graves, Research School of Biological Sciences, ANU (tbc)

### 9.7.2 Award Ad Eundem Gradum

#### Resolution 218/09

Senate resolved to admit the following retired member of the Academic Staff to the degree of Master of Agricultural Economics *ad eundem gradum*:

- Dr Fredoun Zeinalabedin Ahmadi-Esfahani, *BSc Oregon, MA SFSU, PhD Manitoba*

#### Resolution 219/09

Senate noted the Vice-Chancellor's report.

## 10. Report of the Academic Board, 1 July 2009

### ★ 10.1 Report of the Chair of the Academic Board

#### Resolution 220/09

Senate noted the Chair's report.

**10.2 Amendment of the Resolutions of Senate**

**10.2.1 Governance of Faculties, Colleges, College Boards, Departments, Schools and Committees**

**Resolution 221/09**

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.

**10.2.2 Faculty of Architecture, Design and Planning: Bachelor of Design in Architecture**

**Resolution 222/09**

Senate endorsed the Academic Board's approval of the proposal from the Faculty of Architecture, Design and Planning to amend the Bachelor Of Design in Architecture, with effect from 1 January 2010.

**10.2.3 Faculty of Arts**

**(1) Bachelor of Economic and Social Sciences**

**Resolution 223/09**

Senate:

- (a) endorsed the Academic Board's approval of the proposal from the Faculty of Arts to delete the Bachelor of Economic and Social Sciences, and
  - (b) approved the rescission of the Resolutions of the Senate relating to this course
- with effect from 1 January 2010, as set out in the report presented.

**(2) Master of Philosophy**

**Resolution 224/09**

Senate endorsed the Academic Board's approval of the proposal from the Faculty of Arts to amend the Master of Philosophy, with effect from 1 January 2010.

**10.2.4 Faculty of Economics and Business: Master of Commerce (Honours), Master of Economics (Honours), Master of Human Resources and Industrial Relations (Honours), Master of International Business (Honours) and Master of International Security (Honours)**

**Resolution 225/09**

Senate:

- (a) endorsed the Academic Board's approval of the proposal from the Faculty of Economics and Business to delete the Master of Commerce (Honours), the Master of Economics (Honours), the Master of Human Resources and Industrial Relations (Honours), the Master of International Business (Honours) and the Master of International Security (Honours),
  - (b) approved the amendment of the Resolutions of the Senate relating to the Degree, Diplomas and Certifications in the Faculty of Economics and Business, and
  - (c) approved the rescission of the Resolutions of the Senate relating to these courses
- with effect from 1 January 2010, as set out in the report presented.

**10.2.5 Faculty of Engineering and Information Technologies**

**(1) Master of Applied Information Technology, Graduate Diploma in Applied Information Technology and Graduate Certificate in Applied Information Technology**

**Resolution 226/09**

Senate:

- (a) endorsed the Academic Board's approval of the proposal from the Faculty of Engineering and Information

- Technologies to delete the Master of Applied Information Technology, Graduate Diploma in Applied Information Technology and Graduate Certificate in Applied Information Technology, and
- (b) approved the amendment of the Resolutions of the Senate relating to the Degrees, Diplomas and Certificates in the Faculty of Engineering and Information Technologies, and
  - (c) approved the rescission of the Resolutions of Senate relating to these courses
- with effect from 1 January 2010, as set out in the report presented.

**(2) Graduate Diploma in Telecommunications, Graduate Diploma in Computer Systems Engineering, Graduate Diploma in Environmental Engineering, Graduate Diploma in Structural Engineering and Graduate Diploma in Sustainable Processing**

**Resolution 227/09**

Senate endorsed the Academic Board's approval of the proposal from the Faculty of Engineering and Information Technologies to delete the Graduate Diploma in Telecommunications, Graduate Diploma in Computer Systems Engineering, Graduate Diploma in Environmental Engineering, Graduate Diploma in Structural Engineering and Graduate Diploma in Sustainable Processing, with effect from 1 January 2010.

**(3) Master of Engineering**

**Resolution 228/09**

Senate:

- (a) endorsed the Academic Board's approval of the proposal from the Faculty of Engineering and Information Technologies to amend the Master of Engineering, and
  - (b) approved the amendment of the Resolutions of Senate relating to this course
- with effect from 1 January 2010, as set out in the report presented.

**(4) Master of Professional Engineering**

**Resolution 229/09**

Senate:

- (a) endorse the Academic Board's approval of the proposal from the Faculty of Engineering and Information Technologies to amend the Master of Professional Engineering, and
  - (b) approve the amendment of the Resolutions of Senate relating to this course
- with effect from 1 January 2010, as set out in the report presented.

**10.2.6 Faculty of Health Sciences**

**(1) Bachelor of Health Science (Aboriginal Health & Community Development)**

**Resolution 230/09**

Senate:

- (a) endorsed the Academic Board's approval of the proposal from the Faculty of Health Sciences to delete the Bachelor of Health Science (Aboriginal Health & Community Development), and
  - (b) approved the amendment of the Resolutions of the Senate relating to the Bachelor of Health Science
- with effect from 1 January 2010, as set out in the report presented.

**(2) Bachelor of Applied Science (Medical Radiation Sciences): Nuclear Medicine, Radiation Therapy, Nuclear Medicine (Honours) and Radiation Therapy (Honours) streams**

**Resolution 231/09**

Senate endorsed the Academic Board's approval of the proposal from the Faculty of Health Sciences to delete the Bachelor of Applied Science (Medical Radiation Sciences): Nuclear Medicine, Radiation Therapy, Nuclear Medicine (Honours) and Radiation Therapy (Honours) streams, with effect from 1 January 2010.

**(3) Bachelor of Applied Science (Exercise, Sport Science and Nutrition) and Bachelor of Applied Science (Exercise, Sport Science and Nutrition) Honours**

**Resolution 232/09**

Senate:

- (a) endorsed the Academic Board's approval of the proposal from the Faculty of Health Sciences to delete the Bachelor of Applied Science (Exercise, Sport Science and Nutrition) and Bachelor of Applied Science (Exercise, Sport Science and Nutrition) Honours, and
- (b) approved the amendment of the Resolutions of the Senate relating to the Bachelor of Applied Science, with effect from 1 January 2010, as set out in the report presented.

**(4) Faculty of Health Sciences: Bachelor of Health Sciences/Master of Clinical Vision Sciences, Bachelor of Health Sciences/Master of Rehabilitation Counselling, Bachelor of Health Sciences/Master of Health Informatics and Bachelor of Health Sciences/Master of Health Informatics (Honours)**

**Resolution 233/09**

Senate:

- (a) endorsed the Academic Board's approval of the proposal from the Faculty of Health Sciences to delete the Bachelor of Health Sciences/Master of Clinical Vision Sciences, Bachelor of Health Sciences/Master of Rehabilitation Counselling, Bachelor of Health Sciences/Master of Health Informatics and Bachelor of Health Sciences/Master of Health Informatics (Honours),
- (b) approved the amendment of the Resolutions of the Senate relating to the Degrees, Diplomas and Certificates in the Faculty of Health Sciences, and
- (c) approved the rescission of the Resolutions of the Senate relating to these courses with effect from 1 January 2010, as set out in the report presented.

**10.2.7 Faculty of Law: Master of Global Law**

**Resolution 234/09**

Senate:

- (a) endorsed the Academic Board's approval of the proposal from the Faculty of Law to introduce the Master of Global Law;
- (b) approved the amendment of the Resolutions of Senate relating to the Degrees, Diplomas and Certificates in the Faculty of Law; and
- (c) approved the adoption of the new Resolutions of Senate relating to this course with effect from 1 January 2010, as set out in the report presented.

### 10.2.8 Faculty of Medicine

#### (1) **Master of Brain and Mind Sciences, Master of Brain and Mind Sciences in Psychiatry, Graduate Diploma in Brain and Mind Sciences and Graduate Certificate in Brain and Mind Sciences**

##### **Resolution 235/09**

Senate:

- (a) endorsed the Academic Board's approval of the proposal from the Faculty of Medicine to introduce the Master of Brain and Mind Sciences, Master of Brain and Mind Sciences in Psychiatry, Graduate Diploma in Brain and Mind Sciences and Graduate Certificate in Brain and Mind Sciences,
- (b) approved the amendment of the Resolutions of the Senate relating to the Degree, Diplomas and Certifications in the Faculty of Medicine, and
- (c) approved the introduction of the Resolutions of the Senate relating to these courses

with effect from 1 January 2010, as set out in the report presented.

#### (2) **Master of Medicine (Sexually Transmitted Diseases /HIV)/Master of Philosophy, Master of Science in Medicine (Sexually Transmitted Diseases/HIV)/Master of Philosophy, Master of Medicine (Sexually Transmitted Diseases/HIV), Master of Science in Medicine (Sexually Transmitted Diseases/HIV), Graduate Diploma in Medicine (Sexually Transmitted Diseases/HIV) and Graduate Diploma of Science in Medicine (Sexually Transmitted Diseases/HIV)**

##### **Resolution 236/09**

Senate:

- (a) endorsed the Academic Board's approval of the proposal from the Faculty of Medicine to introduce the Master of Medicine (Sexually Transmitted Diseases/HIV)/Master of Philosophy and the Master of Science in Medicine (Sexually Transmitted Diseases/HIV)/Master of Philosophy, and amend the Master of Medicine (Sexually Transmitted Diseases/HIV), the Master of Science in Medicine (Sexually Transmitted Diseases/HIV), the Graduate Diploma in Medicine (Sexually Transmitted Diseases/HIV) and the Graduate Diploma of Science in Medicine (Sexually Transmitted Diseases/HIV),
- (b) approved the amendment of the Resolutions of the Senate relating to the Degree, Diplomas and Certifications in the Faculty of Medicine, and
- (c) approved the introduction of the Resolutions of the Senate relating to the combined degrees

with effect from 1 January 2010, as set out in the report presented.

### 10.2.9 Faculty of Nursing and Midwifery: Doctor of Midwifery, Doctor of Nursing, Master of Midwifery Research, Master of Midwifery Research (Honours), Master of Nursing Research, Master of Nursing Research (Honours)

##### **Resolution 237/09**

Senate:

- (a) endorsed the Academic Board's approval of the proposal from the Faculty of Nursing and Midwifery to delete the Doctor of Midwifery, Doctor of Nursing, Master of Midwifery Research, Master of Midwifery Research (Honours), Master of Nursing Research, and Master of Nursing Research (Honours),
- (b) approved the amendment of the Resolutions of the Senate relating to the Degrees, Diplomas and Certificates in the Faculty of Nursing and Midwifery, and
- (c) approved the rescission of the Resolutions of the Senate relating to these courses

with effect from 1 January 2010, as set out in the report presented.

**10.2.10 Faculty of Science: Master of Sustainability, Graduate Diploma in Sustainability and Graduate Certificate in Sustainability**

**Resolution 238/09**

Senate:

- (a) endorsed the Academic Board's approval of the proposal from the Faculty of Science to introduce the Master of Sustainability, the Graduate Diploma in Sustainability and the Graduate Certificate in Sustainability,
- (b) approved the amendment of the Resolutions of the Senate relating to the Degrees, Diplomas and Certificates in the Faculty of Science, and
- (c) approved the adoption of the new Resolutions of the Senate relating to these courses

with effect from 1 January 2010, as set out in the report presented.

**10.2.11 Sydney College of the Arts: Master of Visual Arts**

**Resolution 239/09**

Senate:

- (a) endorsed the Academic Board's approval of the proposal from the Sydney College of the Arts to change the name of the Master of Visual Arts to the Master of Fine Arts, and
- (b) approved the amendment of the Resolutions of the Senate relating to the Degrees in the Sydney College of the Arts

with effect from 1 January 2010, as set out in the report presented.

**10.3 Action Sheet**

**10.4 Minor course amendments**

**10.5 Other matters**

**Resolution 240/09**

Senate noted items 10.3 - 10.5 of the report.

**11. Report of the Audit and Risk Management Committee, 26 May 2009**

**Resolution 241/09**

Senate noted the report.

**12. Report of the Investment and Commercialisation Committee, 17 June 2009**

**Resolution 242/09**

Senate noted the report.

**13. Report of the Senate/Sports Liaison Committee, 9 June 2009**

**Resolution 243/09**

Senate noted the report.

**14. Senate business**

**14.1 Senate representation**

**Resolution 244/09**

Senate noted the report on Senate representation during June and July 2009.

**14.2 Next meetings**

**Resolution 245/09**

Senate noted that the next Senate meetings would be held at 5.00pm in the Senate Room, Quadrangle on the following dates:

- o 21 September 2009
- o 2 November 2009
- o 7 December 2009

**15. General business**

**15.1 International House**

**15.1.1 By-laws**

**Resolution 246/09**

Senate approved amendment of the International House Bylaws as recommended.

**15.1.2 Constitution**

**Resolution 247/09**

Senate approved a waiver of clause 7(b) of the International House Constitution as recommended.

**15.1.3 Membership of Council**

**Resolution 248/09**

Senate approved the appointment of members of International House Council as follows:

**Clause 7 (a)(ii) (dd), Three persons nominated by International House Members Association (IHMA) appointed annually:**

- Mr M Neely (from June 2009 to 31 December 2009)
- Mr H Dias (from June 2009 to 31 December 2009)
- Mr B Wimalaratne (from June 2009 to 31 December 2009)

**15.2 Sydney Uni Sport & Fitness: Membership of General Committee**

**Resolution 249/09**

Senate resolved to

- (1) thank Mr Christopher Noel for his valued service to the Sydney Uni Sport & Fitness General Committee; and
- (2) appoint Mr Alan Williamson as a Senate representative on that Committee.

**15.3 Sydney Uni Sport & Fitness: Constitution**

**Resolution 250/09**

Senate approved the extension of the temporary arrangements for the Sydney Uni Sport & Fitness Constitution, approved by Senate in August 2008, until 30 September 2009.

★ **16. Question time**

**16.1 Use of the term "Sydney Uni"**

★ **17. Any other business**

The meeting closed at 8.30pm.