



Senate minutes summary, 2 February 2009

At the meeting held in open session on Monday 2 February 2009 at 5.00pm:

2. Apologies for absence

Resolution 13/09

Senate accepted apologies for absence from this meeting from Professor M Harris and Ms I Moss.

3. Minutes of the previous Senate meetings held in open session

3.1 Senate meeting held in open session on 3 November 2008 and the adjourned meeting on 25 November 2008

Resolution 14/09

Senate

- (1) approved the amendment to the minutes of the Senate meeting held in open session on 3 November 2008 requested by a Fellow; and
- (2) confirmed the minutes of the Senate meeting held in open session on 3 November 2008, as amended above, and the adjourned meeting on 25 November 2008 as a true and correct record.

3.2 Senate meeting held in open session on 1 December 2008

Resolution 15/09

Senate confirmed the minutes of the Senate meeting held in open session on 1 December 2008 as a true and correct record.

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

5. Report of the Vice-Chancellor and Principal

☆ 5.1 Update for Senate's information

Resolution 16/09

Senate noted the Vice-Chancellor's oral report.

5.2 Vice-Chancellor's and Provost's Business

☆ 5.2.1 Senate Retreat, 21 March 2009

Resolution 17/09

Senate noted that the Senate Retreat agenda would be revised by the Working party to take account of views expressed at this meeting.

☆ 5.2.2 Review of Senate Committees

Resolution 18/09

Senate endorsed the Vice-Chancellor's proposal:

- (1) to establish a process to review whether Senate's present committee structure was best adapted to its current and future needs and whether some tuning of the structure might be needed;
- (2) to establish a small working party of Senate, chaired by the Deputy Chancellor and including the Vice-Chancellor and two or three other Fellows of Senate, chosen to give appropriate breadth of perspectives, and supported by the Secretary to Senate, and by the General Counsel as required; and
- (3) that the working party would submit a report and recommendations to Senate for consideration when its task was completed.

★ **5.2.4 Role of the Registrar**

Resolution 20/09

Senate

- (1) approved in principle the designation of the Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Education) as Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Education) and Registrar, and
- (2) noted that the Vice-Chancellor would ask the General Counsel to advise in detail on the consequent changes required to rules, resolutions and delegations.

5.3 Research

5.4 Education

5.5 Finance, Infrastructure and ICT

5.6 International and External Relations

★ **5.6.8 Gift Policy and Gift Administration**

Resolution 21/09

Senate approved the following as set out in the report:

- (1) the revised Gift Policy; and
- (2) the University of Sydney Donor Charter.

5.7 Human Resources

5.7.1 Selection Committee for the Deanship, Faculty of Engineering and Information Technologies

Resolution 22/09

Senate approved the appointment of following Selection Committee for the Deanship, Faculty of Engineering and Information Technologies:

Ex-officio

Vice-Chancellor and Principal, Dr Michael Spence
Chair of the Academic Board, Professor Bruce Sutton
Provost and Deputy Vice-Chancellor, Professor Don Nutbeam

Members appointed by Senate

Three members (plus reserve) nominated by the Faculty:

- Professor Hugh Durrant-Whyte
- Associate Professor Sanjay Chawla
- Associate Professor Fariba Dehghani

Reserve members:

- Professor Brian Haynes (Reserve)
- Professor Kim Rasmussen (Reserve)

External Member:

- Professor Mark Bush, former Dean of Engineering, Mathematics and Computer Science, UWA

Resolution 23/09

Senate note the Vice-Chancellor's report.

6. Report of the Academic Board, 10 December 2008

6.1 Amendment of the Resolutions of the Senate

6.1.1 Governance of Faculties, Colleges, College Boards, Departments, Schools and Committees

Resolution 24/09

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.

6.1.2 Faculty of Education and Social Work: Graduate Certificate in Teaching English as a Foreign Language

Resolution 25/09

Senate endorsed the Academic Board's approval of the proposal from the Faculty of Education and Social Work to offer the Graduate Certificate in

Teaching English as a Foreign Language in South Korea, noting there were no amendments to the Resolutions of Senate related to the course.

6.1.3 Faculty of Health Sciences: Master of Health Science (Physiotherapy), Master of Health Sciences, Graduate Diploma in Health Sciences and Graduate Certificate in Health Sciences

Resolution 26/09

Senate endorsed the Academic Board's approval of the proposal from the Faculty of Health Sciences to amend the Master of Health Science (Physiotherapy), the Master of Health Sciences, the Graduate Diploma in Health Sciences and the Graduate Certificate in Health Sciences, noting there were no amendments to the Resolutions of Senate related to the courses.

6.1.4 Faculty of Law

(1) Bachelor of Laws and Combined Law Degrees

Resolution 27/09

Senate endorsed the Academic Board's approval of the proposal from the Faculty of Law to amend the Bachelor of Laws and Combined Law degrees, noting there were no amendments to the Resolutions of Senate related to the courses.

(2) Bachelor of Laws – Shanghai Winter School

Resolution 28/09

Senate endorsed the Academic Board's approval of the proposal from the Faculty of Law to offer Chinese Law units of study from its Bachelor of Laws in conjunction with the East China University of Political Science and Law in Shanghai, China, noting there were no amendments to the Resolutions of Senate related to the courses.

6.1.5 Faculty of Medicine

(1) Master of Medicine (Reproductive Health Sciences and Human Genetics)/Master of Philosophy and Master of Science in Medicine (Reproductive Health Sciences and Human Genetics)/Master of Philosophy

Resolution 29/09

Senate:

- (1) endorsed the Academic Board's approval of the proposal from the Faculty of Medicine to introduce the Master of Medicine (Reproductive Health Sciences and Human Genetics)/Master of Philosophy and Master of Science in Medicine (Reproductive Health Sciences and Human Genetics)/Master of Philosophy combined degrees, and to amend the Master of Medicine and Master of Science in Medicine degrees; and
- (2) approved the amendment of the Resolutions of Senate relating to the degrees, diplomas and certificates in the Faculty of Medicine and the introduction of Resolutions of Senate related to the combined degrees

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

(2) Master of Surgery

Resolution 30/09

Senate:

- (1) endorsed the Academic Board's approval of the proposal from the Faculty of Medicine to amend the Master of Surgery; and
- (2) approved the amendment of the Resolutions of Senate relating to the degrees, diplomas and certificates in the Faculty of Medicine

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

6.1.6 Faculty of Veterinary Science: Bachelor of Veterinary Science

Resolution 31/09

Senate endorsed the Academic Board's approval of the proposal from the Faculty of Veterinary Science to amend the Bachelor of Veterinary Science, noting there were no amendments to the Resolutions of Senate related to the courses.

Resolution 32/09

Senate noted the report.

7. Report of the Audit & Risk Management Committee, 26 November 2008

Resolution 32/09

Senate noted the report.

8. Senate business

★ 8.1 University submission to the NSW Inquiry into Governance of NSW Universities

Resolution 33/09

Following discussion, Senate approved the University's submission to the NSW Inquiry into Governance of NSW Universities as set out in the report, subject to comments to be provided by Dr Robin Fitzsimons.

★ 8.2 Review of Senate's performance

Resolution 34/09

Following discussion, Senate resolved that a Working Party, comprising the Chancellor (Chair), the Deputy Chancellor (noting the proviso above), the Vice-Chancellor, the Chair, Academic Board and Ms Irene Moss (or Ms Kim Anderson if Ms Moss was unavailable) with the Secretary to Senate as Executive Officer, be established to review the expressions of interest received, determine a way forward and select the reviewer of Senate's performance.

8.3 2009 Schedule for election of Fellows of Senate

Resolution 35/09

Senate approved the proposed polling days for the following Senate elections in 2009:

- four academic staff Fellows of Senate 14 May 2009
- one non-academic staff Fellow of Senate 14 May 2009
- one undergraduate student Fellow of Senate 8 October 2009
- one postgraduate student Fellow of Senate 8 October 2009
- five graduate Fellows of Senate 11 November 2009

★ 8.4 Audit and Risk Management Committee: Membership

Resolution 36/09

Senate

- (1) appointed the following Fellows to membership of the Audit and Risk Management Committee from 2 February 2009 to the 15 June 2009 meeting of Senate:
 - Ms Irene Moss
 - Ms Kim Anderson
- (2) appointed the following External Member to his second term on the Audit and Risk Management Committee from 2 February 2009 to the Senate meeting in February 2011:
 - Mr John Trowbridge
- (3) re-appointed the following External Member on the Audit and Risk Management Committee from 2 February 2009 to the 15 June 2009 meeting of Senate:
 - Mr David Smithers

8.5 Senate representation, December 2008 and January 2009

Resolution 37/09

Senate noted the report.

8.6 Next meeting

Resolution 38/09

Senate noted that the next Senate meeting would be held at 5.00pm on Monday 16 March 2008 in the Senate Room, Quadrangle.

8.7 Senate Retreat

Resolution 39/09

Senate noted that the Senate Retreat would be held on Saturday 21 March 2008 in Conference Rooms 1 and 2, Darlington Centre.

9. General business

9.1 International House Council – Membership

Resolution 40/09

Senate appointed members of the International House Council for the terms of office specified, commencing on 1 January 2009, as follows:

Clause 7(a)(ii)(cc), One person nominated by SUIH Alumni Association appointed annually:

Mr R Wescombe (to 31 December 2009)

Clause 7 (a)(ii)(ee), Up to nine other persons each appointed for three years of whom three shall retire each year:

Mr R G Thyer (to 31 December 2011)

9.2 Law Extension Committee – Membership

Resolution 41/09

Senate approved the appointment of the following membership of the Law Extension Committee for a period of two years from 1 December 2008:

Two solicitors appointed by Senate on the nomination of the Law Society of New South Wales:

- Mr John Dobson
- Mr Terence Stern

 **9.3 Student Appeals Panel – Membership**

Resolution 42/09

Senate

(1) appointed the following to membership of the Student Appeals Panel to fill casual vacancies:

- academic staff members:
 - Ms Pearl Rozenberg
- undergraduate student members:
 - Ms Sophie McLeod
 - Ms Ineke Wever
 - Mr Nicholas Dixon-Wilmsburst
 - Ms Vera Younis

and

(2) noted that, in response to a request, the Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Education) would be asked to advise on the criteria for selection of members of the Student Appeals Panel.

9.4 Honorary award acceptances

Resolution 43/09

Senate noted the report.

9.5 Graduation ceremonies (March 2009)

Resolution 44/09

Senate noted the report.

- ★ 10. **Notice of motion**
 - 10.1 **Provided by the Deputy Chancellor**
 - Resolution 45/09**
 - Senate deferred consideration of the motion to the March meeting, when clarification would be provided about the Chancellor's views.
- ★ 11. **Question time**
- ★ 12. **Any other business**
 - Resolution 46/09**
 - Senate noted other business raised.