



Senate minutes summary, 15 June 2009

At the meeting of the Senate of the University held in open session on Monday 15 June 2009 at 5.00 pm in the Senate Room at the University:

4. Procedural matters

4.1 Apologies for absence

Resolution 158/09

Senate accepted apologies from the Chancellor and Mr Joseph Skrzynski.

4.2 Minutes of the previous Senate meeting held in open session on 4 May 2009

Resolution 159/09

Senate confirmed the minutes of the previous Senate meeting held in open session on 4 May 2009 as a true and correct record.

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

5. Senate action sheet, 15 June 2009

Resolution 160/09

Senate noted the Senate action sheet.

6. Report of the Vice-Chancellor and Principal

★ 6.1 Update for Senate's information

★ 6.2 Vice-Chancellor's and Provost's Business

6.2.1 Role of Registrar

Resolution 161/09

Senate resolved

- (1) that, under the power conferred by section 36(1) of the *University of Sydney Act 1989*:
 - (a) clauses 17(4) and 18(2)(a) of the *University of Sydney By-law 1999*;
 - (b) clause 7.3 of the *University of Sydney (Amendment Act) Rule 1999*; and
 - (c) clause 16.3 of the *University of Sydney (Academic Governance) Rule 2003*,
 be amended as set out in the report provided;
- (2) that the Vice-Chancellor be authorised to write to the Minister for Education and Training requesting that these amendments to the *University By-law* be submitted to the Governor for approval; and
- (3) that paragraph 5.3 of the Senate Resolutions, *University Governance* be amended as set out in the report provided.

6.2.2 Brand Project

- 6.3 Research**
- 6.3.1 2009 ATSE Clunies Ross Award to Professor Hugh Durrant-Whyte, FTSE**
- 6.3.2 ARC and NHMRC Funding Outcomes**
- ARC Linkage Project Grants
 - ARC Discovery Indigenous Researcher Development (DIRD) Grants
 - ARC Linkage Infrastructure, Equipment and Facilities
 - NHMRC Fellowships
- 6.3.3 Contract Negotiations/IP Update**




- 6.4 Education**
- 6.4.1 Completion, Attrition and Experience of Higher Degree Students**
- 6.4.2 Signage recognising Indigenous Custodianship**

Resolution 162/09

Senate

- (1) noted the report on development and consultation of the wording of the proposed signage recognising Indigenous Custodianship;
- (2) noted the intention to conduct a competition for Indigenous artists to provide suitable accompanying graphics, with such design also to encompass the form of platform for the signage, whether separate, such as a sandstone boulder, or as part of existing signage; and
- (3) approved the placement of the signage on Victoria Park stairway and South eastern fringe of Cadigal Green.

- 6.5 Finance, Infrastructure and ICT**
- 6.5.1 Information and Communication Technology**
- 6.5.2 Campus Infrastructure and Services**
- Campus 2010
 - Campus 2020
 - Campus 2020 Masterplan
 - Cumberland Campus
 - Federal Government Stimulus Funding
- 6.5.3 Sydney Talent**

- 6.6 International and External Relations**
- 6.6.1 Foundations**
- Annual General Meetings for 2009
 - Foundation Education
 - Foundation Seminar/Reception
-  **6.6.2 Delegations**
- 6.6.3 Office of the Deputy Vice Chancellor (International)**
- Task Force on International Student Development
 - Senior Executive Group – International Committee
 - Diplomatic Visits
 - Safety of International Students
- 6.6.4 Research Institute for Asia and the Pacific**
- 6.6.5 International Office**
- Agents' Workshop, 6–7 May 2009
 - New International Exchange Scholarships
- 6.6.6 Summer and Winter School**
- 6.6.7 Recommendations from the Nomenclature Committee**
- Liz Kernohan Conference Centre

Resolution 163/09

Senate approved the naming of the conference centre building at Camden as the *Liz Kernohan Conference Centre*.

- 6.6.8 **Marketing and Communications**
 - **Weekly Staff Bulletin Readership Statistics**
- 6.6.9 **Year to Date Fundraising**
- 6.6.10 **Events**
 - **Noteworthy events**
 - **Sydney Ideas International Lecture Series**
 - **Sydney Ideas Quarterly**
- 6.6.11 **Museums and Cultural Engagement**
 - **Repatriation of Indigenous ancestral remains**
 - **University Museums**
 - **Seymour Centre**
 - **Increased Numbers at Free Public Programs**
 - **Current exhibitions and performances**

6.7 Human Resources

6.7.1 Deanship in Dentistry

Resolution 164/09

Senate approved the appointment of the following selection committee for the deanship in Dentistry:

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:

- Associate Professor Wendell Evans
- Associate Professor Elizabeth Martin
- Adjunct Professor Neil Hunter

Reserve members:

- Dr Manish Arora (Reserve)
- Dr Catherine Groenlund (Reserve)

Additional member:

Professor Bruce Robinson, Dean, Faculty of Medicine

External Members:

Dr Peter Hill, Acting NSW Chief Dental Officer
Professor Johann de Vries, Dean, School of Dentistry, University of Adelaide

Resolution 165/09

Senate noted the Vice-Chancellor's Report.

7. Report of the Academic Board, 27 May 2009

7.1 Report of the Chair of the Academic Board

7.2 Faculty of Agriculture, Food and Natural Resources

7.2.1 Bachelor of Environmental Systems

Resolution 166/09

Senate:

- (a) endorsed the Academic Board's approval of the proposal from the Faculty of Agriculture, Food and Natural Resources to introduce the Bachelor of Environmental Systems,
- (b) approved the amendment of the Resolutions of the Senate relating to the Degree, Diplomas and Certifications in the Faculty of Agriculture, Food and Natural Resources, and
- (c) approved the adoption of the new Resolutions of the Senate relating to this course

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

7.2.2 Bachelor of Horticultural Science

Resolution 167/09

Senate:

- (a) endorsed the Academic Board's approval of the proposal from the Faculty of Agriculture, Food and Natural Resources to delete the Bachelor of Horticultural Science,
- (b) approved the amendment of the Resolutions of the Senate relating to the Degree, Diplomas and Certifications in the Faculty of Agriculture, Food and Natural Resources, and
- (c) 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.

7.2.3 Bachelor of Land and Water Science

Resolution 168/09

Senate:

- (a) endorsed the Academic Board's approval of the proposal from the Faculty of Agriculture, Food and Natural Resources to delete the Bachelor of Land and Water Science,
- (b) approved the amendment of the Resolutions of the Senate relating to the Degree, Diplomas and Certifications in the Faculty of Agriculture, Food and Natural Resources, and
- (c) 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.

7.3 Faculty of Arts: Master of Human Rights and Democratisation (Asia Pacific Region program)

Resolution 169/09

Senate:

- (a) endorsed the Academic Board's approval of the proposal from the Faculty of Arts to introduce the Master of Human Rights and Democratisation (Asia Pacific Regional program),
- (b) approved the amendment of the Resolutions of the Senate relating to the Degree, Diplomas and Certifications in the Faculty of Arts, and
- (c) approved the adoption of the new Resolutions of the Senate relating to this course

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

7.4 Faculty of Arts and Faculty of Law: Bachelor of Political, Economic and Social Sciences/Bachelor of Laws and Bachelor of Economic and Social Sciences/Bachelor of Laws

Resolution 170/09

Senate:

- (a) endorsed the Academic Board's approval of the proposal from the Faculty of Arts and Faculty of Law to introduce the Bachelor of Political, Economic and Social Sciences/Bachelor of Laws combined degree and delete the Bachelor of Economic and Social Sciences/Bachelor of Laws combined degree,
- (b) approved the amendment of the Resolutions of the Senate relating to the Degree, Diplomas and Certifications in the Faculty of Arts and the Bachelor of Laws in the Faculty of Law,
- (c) approved the adoption of the new Resolutions of the Senate relating to the Bachelor of Political, Economic and Social Sciences/Bachelor of Laws combined degree; and
- (c) approved the rescission of the Resolutions of the Senate relating to the Bachelor of Economic and Social Sciences/Bachelor of Laws combined degree

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

7.5 Faculty of Education and Social Work
7.5.1 Bachelor of Education (Early Childhood)

Resolution 171/09

Senate:

- (a) endorsed the Academic Board's approval of the proposal from the Faculty of Education and Social Work to introduce the Bachelor of Education (Early Childhood), and
 - (b) approved the amendment of the Resolutions of the Senate relating to the Degree, Diplomas and Certifications in the Faculty of Education and Social Work,
- with effect from 1 January 2010, as set out in the report presented.

7.5.2 Graduate Certificate in Human and Community Services, Graduate Certificate in Mental Health Policy and Practice, Graduate Certificate in Social Work: Professional Practice Supervision and Graduate Certificate in Social Work: Dying, Death and Palliative Care

Resolution 172/09

Senate:

- (a) endorsed the Academic Board's approval of the proposal from the Faculty of Education and Social Work to introduce the Graduate Certificate in Human and Community Services and delete the Graduate Certificate in Mental Health Policy and Practice, Graduate Certificate in Social Work: Professional Practice Supervision and Graduate Certificate in Social Work: Dying, Death and Palliative Care,
 - (b) approved the amendment of the Resolutions of the Senate relating to the Degree, Diplomas and Certifications in the Faculty of Education and Social Work, and
 - (c) approved the adoption of the new Resolutions of the Senate relating to the Graduate Certificate in Human and Community Services and the rescission of the Resolutions of Senate related to the Graduate Certificate in Mental Health Policy and Practice
- with effect from 1 January 2010, as set out in the report presented.

7.6 Faculty of Engineering and Information Technologies and Faculty of Law: Bachelor of Information Technology/Bachelor of Laws

Resolution 173/09

Senate:

- (a) endorsed the Academic Board's approval of the proposal from the Faculty of Engineering and Information Technologies and Faculty of Law to introduce the Bachelor of Information Technology/Bachelor of Laws combined degree;
- (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 the Bachelor of Laws in the Faculty of Law; and
- (c) approved the adoption of the new Resolutions of the Senate relating to this course

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

7.7 Faculty of Health Sciences and Faculty of Science

7.7.1 Bachelor of Applied Science (Exercise and Sport Science)/Bachelor of Science (Nutrition)

Resolution 174/09

Senate:

- (a) endorsed the Academic Board's approval of the proposal from the Faculty of Health Sciences and the Faculty of Science to delete the Bachelor of Applied Science (Exercise and Sport Science) /Bachelor of Science (Nutrition) combined degree,
- (b) approved the amendment of the Resolutions of the Senate relating to the Degree, Diplomas and Certifications in the Faculty of Health

- Sciences and the Degrees, Diplomas and Certificates in the Faculty of Science, and
- (c) 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.

7.7.2 Bachelor of Applied Science (Exercise and Sport Science)/Master of Nutrition and Dietetics

Resolution 175/09

Senate:

- (a) endorsed the Academic Board's approval of the proposal from the Faculty of Health Sciences and the Faculty of Science to introduce the Bachelor of Applied Science (Exercise and Sport Science)/Master of Nutrition and Dietetics,
- (b) approved the amendment of the Resolutions of the Senate relating to the Degree, Diplomas and Certifications in the Faculty of Health Sciences and the Degrees, Diplomas and Certificates in the Faculty of Science, and
- (c) approved the adoption of the new Resolutions of the Senate relating to this course
- with effect from 1 January 2010, as set out in the report presented.

7.8 Faculty of Medicine

7.8.1 Master of Public Health (Professional Practice)

Resolution 176/09

Senate:

- (a) endorsed the Academic Board's approval of the proposal from the Faculty of Medicine to introduce the Master of Public Health (Professional Practice),
- (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 adoption of the new Resolutions of the Senate relating to this course
- with effect from 1 January 2010, as set out in the report presented.

7.8.2 Doctor of Clinical Surgery

Resolution 177/09

Senate:

- (a) endorsed the Academic Board's approval of the proposal from the Faculty of Medicine to introduce the Doctor of Clinical Surgery,
- (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 adoption of the new Resolutions of the Senate relating to this course
- with effect from 1 January 2010, as set out in the report presented.

7.9 Faculty of Medicine and Faculty of Science: Graduate Certificate in Bioethics (Biotechnology) and Graduate Certificate in Bioethics (Clinical Ethics)

Resolution 178/09

Senate:

- (a) endorsed the Academic Board's approval of the proposal from the Faculty of Medicine and the Faculty of Science to delete the Graduate Certificate in Bioethics (Biotechnology) and the Graduate Certificate in Bioethics (Clinical Ethics);
- (b) approved the amendment of the Resolutions of the Senate relating to the Degrees, Diplomas and Certificates in the Faculty of Medicine and the Faculty of Science; 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.

7.10 Faculty of Nursing and Midwifery

7.10.1 Master of Clinical Trials Practice, Master of Nursing (Nurse Practitioner) and Graduate Diploma in Clinical Trials Practice

Resolution 179/09

Senate:

- (a) endorsed the Academic Board's approval of the proposal from the Faculty of Nursing and Midwifery to introduce the Master of Clinical Trials Practice, the Master of Nursing (Nurse Practitioner) and the Graduate Diploma in Clinical Trials Practice,
- (b) approved the amendment of the Resolutions of the Senate relating to the Degree, Diplomas and Certifications in the Faculty of Nursing and Midwifery, 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.

7.10.2 Master of Cancer and Haematology Nursing, Graduate Diploma in Cancer and Haematology Nursing and Graduate Certificate in Cancer and Haematology Nursing

Resolution 180/09

Senate:

- (a) endorsed the Academic Board's approval of the proposal from the Faculty of Nursing and Midwifery to rename the Master of Cancer Nursing, the Graduate Diploma in Cancer Nursing and the Graduate Certificate in Cancer Nursing as the Master of Cancer and Haematology Nursing, the Graduate Diploma in Cancer and Haematology Nursing and the Graduate Certificate in Cancer and Haematology Nursing,
- (b) approved the amendment of the Resolutions of the Senate relating to the Degree, Diplomas and Certifications in the Faculty of Nursing and Midwifery, and
- (c) approved the amendment of the Resolutions of the Senate relating to these courses

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

7.10.3 Master of Clinical Nursing, Master of Emergency Nursing, Master of Intensive Care Nursing, Master of Mental Health Nursing, Graduate Diploma in Clinical Nursing, Graduate Diploma in Emergency Nursing, Graduate Diploma in Intensive Care Nursing, Graduate Diploma in Mental Health Nursing, Graduate Certificate in Clinical Nursing, Graduate Certificate in Emergency Nursing, Graduate Certificate in Intensive Care Nursing and Graduate Certificate in Mental Health Nursing

Resolution 181/09

Senate:

- (a) endorsed the Academic Board's approval of the proposal from the Faculty of Nursing and Midwifery to amend the Master of Clinical Nursing, Master of Emergency Nursing, Master of Intensive Care Nursing, Master of Mental Health Nursing, Graduate Diploma in Clinical Nursing, Graduate Diploma in Emergency Nursing, Graduate Diploma in Intensive Care Nursing, Graduate Diploma in Mental Health Nursing, Graduate Certificate in Clinical Nursing, Graduate Certificate in Emergency Nursing, Graduate Certificate in Intensive Care Nursing and Graduate Certificate in Mental Health Nursing, and
- (b) approved the amendment of the Resolutions of the Senate relating to these courses

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

7.10.4 Master of Cancer Nursing (Honours), Master of Clinical Education (Honours), Master of Clinical Nursing (Honours), Master of Emergency Nursing (Honours), Master of Gerontic Nursing, Master of Gerontic Nursing (Honours), Master of Health Services Management (Honours), Master of Intensive Care Nursing (Honours), Master of Mental Health Nursing (Honours), Master of Midwifery, Master of Nursing, Master of Nursing (Honours), Graduate Diploma in Clinical Education, Graduate Diploma in Gerontic Nursing, Graduate Diploma in Midwifery, Graduate Diploma in Nursing, Graduate Certificate in Clinical Education and Graduate Certificate in Gerontic Nursing

Resolution 182/09

Senate:

- (a) endorsed the Academic Board's approval of the proposal from the Faculty of Nursing and Midwifery to delete the Master of Cancer Nursing (Honours), Master of Clinical Education (Honours), Master of Clinical Nursing (Honours), Master of Emergency Nursing (Honours), Master of Gerontic Nursing, Master of Gerontic Nursing (Honours), Master of Health Services Management (Honours), Master of Intensive Care Nursing (Honours), Master of Mental Health Nursing (Honours), Master of Midwifery, Master of Nursing, Master of Nursing (Honours), Graduate Diploma in Clinical Education, Graduate Diploma in Gerontic Nursing, Graduate Diploma in Midwifery, Graduate Diploma in Nursing, Graduate Certificate in Clinical Education and Graduate Certificate in Gerontic Nursing,
- (b) approved the amendment of the Resolutions of the Senate relating to the Degree, Diplomas and Certifications 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.

7.11 Faculty of Science: Bachelor of Science/Master of Nutrition and Dietetics

Resolution 183/09

Senate:

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

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

7.12 Faculty of Science and Faculty of Arts: Bachelor of Science/Bachelor of Arts

Resolution 184/09

Senate:

- (a) endorsed the Academic Board's approval of the proposal from the Faculty of Science and Faculty of Arts to amend the Bachelor of Science/Bachelor of Arts combined degree; 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.

7.13 Minor course amendments

7.14 Other matters

Resolution 185/09

Senate noted items 7.13 and 7.14 of the Report.

8. Report of the Finance and Infrastructure Committee, 28 May 2009

- ★ 8.1 Future Student Administration Program
- 8.2 Enterprise Bargaining Update
- 8.3 Financial Report
- 8.4 Information Communication Technology Report
- 8.5 Campus Infrastructure Services Report (including update on 2009 Capital Projects)
- 8.6 Next meeting

Resolution 186/09

Senate noted items 8.2 – 8.6 of the report.

9. Report of the Senate/Student Associations Liaison Committee, 19 May 2009

- 9.1 Focus topic provided by the student associations: Implications of the new Management decision-making structure
- 9.2 Student Amenities Fee
- 9.3 Student/Staff ratios
- 9.4 Academic Honesty
- 9.5 Review of Committee/Senate
- 9.6 Student Feedback
- 9.7 Childcare
- 9.8 Student Accommodation
- 9.9 Vice-Chancellor's Work Slate
- 9.10 Faculty Society bookings
- 9.11 USU support for Postgraduate and International students

Resolution 187/09

Senate noted the Report.

10. Senate business

- ★ 10.1 Fellows of Senate elected by and from the academic staff of the University

Resolution 188/09

Senate noted the report, congratulated Professor Belinda Bennett, Dr Roslyn Bohringer, Professor Simon Chapman and Professor Margaret Harris on their election as Fellows of Senate by and from the academic staff of the University, to hold office from 1 June 2009 to 31 May 2011, and welcomed Professor Bennett to her first meeting of Senate.

- ★ 10.2 Fellow of Senate elected by and from the non-academic staff of the University

Resolution 189/09

Senate noted the report and congratulated Ms Kim Wilson on her election as a Fellow of Senate by and from the non-academic staff of the University, to hold office from 1 June 2009 to 31 May 2011.

- ★ 10.3 Senate Retreat

10.4 Audit and Risk Management Committee: Membership

10.4.1 Mr David Smithers

Resolution 190/09

Senate resolved to acknowledge Mr David Smithers' significant contribution to the work of the Audit and Risk Management.

10.4.2 Mr John Trowbridge

Resolution 191/09

Senate

- (1) resolved to extend the term of Mr John Trowbridge as an external member of the Audit and Risk Management Committee to 1 August 2009, when Senate will consider the report of the review of Senate committees; and

- (2) noted the intention, as reported to the May Senate meeting, to nominate Mr Trowbridge for a further term on whichever committee fulfils the risk management role following the re-organisation.

10.5 Investment and Commercialisation Committee: Casual vacancy

Resolution 192/09

Senate appointed Professor Belinda Bennett to membership of the Investment and Commercialisation Committee to fill a casual vacancy.

10.6 Senate representation, 5 May – 15 June 2009

Resolution 193/09

Senate noted the report.

10.7 Next meeting

Resolution 194/09

Senate noted that the next Senate meeting would be held at 5.00pm on Monday 3 August 2009 in the Senate Room, Quadrangle.

11. General business

11.1 Sydney Uni Sport and Fitness: Senate representatives on the Management Committee

Resolution 195/09

Senate resolved


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

 **12. Question time**

12.1 Correspondence to Fellows

Resolution 196/09

Senate noted the Vice-Chancellor's response and that he would circulate his written response to Associate Professor Lynch to Fellows.

 **13. Any other business**