



The University of Sydney

Senate minutes summary, 4 May 2009

At the meeting held in open session on Monday 4 May 2009 at 5.00pm:

5. Procedural matters

5.1 Apologies for absence

Resolution 101/09

Senate accepted apologies for absence from this meeting from Dr M Copeman, Dr R Fitzsimons, Dr M Varady and Ms K Wilson.

5.2 Minutes of the previous Senate meeting held in open session on 16 March 2009

Resolution 102/09

Senate confirmed the minutes of the previous Senate meeting held in open session on 16 March 2009 as a true and correct record.

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

6. Report of the Vice-Chancellor and Principal

★ 6.1 Update for Senate's information

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

6.3 Research

6.4 Education

6.4.1 Definition of a student

Resolution 103/09

Senate resolved

- (1) to endorse amendments to the *University of Sydney Bylaw 1999* (as amended) in relation to the definition of "student" as set out in the report presented;
- (2) to authorise the Vice-Chancellor 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) to approve the consequential amendments to the following Rules and Resolution.
 - *University of Sydney (Academic Governance) Rule 2003* (as amended)
 - *University of Sydney (Amendment Act) Rule 1999* (as amended)
 - *University of Sydney (Coursework) Rule 2000* (as amended)
 - *University of Sydney (Intellectual Property) Rule 2002* (as amended)
 - *University of Sydney (Library) Rule 2003* (as amended)
 - *University of Sydney (Student Appeals against Academic Decisions) Rule 2006* (as amended)
 - *University of Sydney (Student Proctorial Panel) Rule 2003* (as amended)
 - Resolutions of the Senate: Restriction upon re-enrolment (as amended)

6.5 Finance, Infrastructure and ICT

6.5.1 St Michael's College site

Resolution 104/09

Senate approved the transfer of lands in relation to the site of St Michael's College to the Catholic Church.

6.5.2 Campus Access Rule

Resolution 105/09

Senate adopted the *University of Sydney (Campus Access) Rule 2009*.

6.5.5 Campus Infrastructure and Services

• Cumberland Campus

Resolution 106/09

Senate

- (1) noted the Campus Infrastructure and Services report and the confidential report on Cumberland Campus; and
- (2) noted that a paper would come to the June Senate supporting the proposed acquisition of the freehold of the Cumberland campus with particular reference to the Millenium Institute.

6.6 International and External Relations

6.6.5 Recommendations from the Nomenclature Committee

Resolution 107/09

Senate approved the following recommendations from the Nomenclature Committee:

- (1) the naming of the Level 4 bridge in the new law building as The Leonie Hilton Gallery;
- (2) the naming of the Institute of Obesity, Nutrition and Exercise, The Boden Institute of Obesity, Nutrition and Exercise

6.7 Human Resources

6.7.1 Deanship in Architecture, Design and Planning

Resolution 108/09

Senate approved the following selection committee for the Deanship in Architecture, Design and Planning:

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 Richard Hyde
- Professor Mary Lou Maher
- Professor of Architecture (when appointed)

Reserve members:

- Associate Professor Nicole Gurrán (Reserve)
- Dr Andy Dong (Reserve)
- Dr Gary Hill (Reserve)

External Members:

- Professor Michael Keniger, Senior Deputy Vice-Chancellor (previously Executive Dean, Faculty of Engineering, Physical Sciences and Architecture) University of Queensland

6.7.2 Award *Ad Eundem Gradum*

Resolution 109/09

Senate resolved to admit Dr Harley Athol Rose to the degree of Master of Science in Agriculture *ad eundem gradum*.

Resolution 110/09

Senate noted the Vice-Chancellor's report.

7. Report of the Academic Board, 10 March 2009

Resolution 111/09

Senate noted the Report.

8. Report of the Academic Board, 15 April 2009

★ **8.1 Report of the Chair of the Academic Board**

Resolution 112/09

Senate

- (1) noted the Chair's oral report;
- (2) noted that a paper on non-completions generally and with particular reference to the PhD would be circulated to Fellow; and
- (3) noted that a paper on the Academic Board's projects and their status would come to the June Senate meeting.

8.2 University of Sydney (Coursework) Rule 2000 (as amended)

Resolution 113/09

Senate approved the amendment of the *University of Sydney (Coursework) Rule 2000* (as amended) with effect from 1 July 2009, as set out in the report presented.

8.3 Constitution of the Board of Studies in Indigenous Studies

Resolution 114/09

Senate approved the amendment of the Resolutions of Senate relating to the Constitution of the Board of Studies in Indigenous Studies, as set out in the report presented.

8.4 Faculty of Arts

8.4.1 Bachelor of Political, Economic and Social Sciences

Resolution 115/09

Senate:

- (a) endorsed the Academic Board's approval of the proposal from the Faculty of Arts to rename the Bachelor of Economic and Social Sciences as the Bachelor of Political, Economic and Social Sciences,
- (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.

8.4.2 Bachelor of Arts and Sciences

Resolution 116/09

Senate:

- (a) endorsed the Academic Board's approval of the proposal from the Faculty of Arts to delete the Bachelor of Arts and Sciences,
- (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 rescission of the Resolutions of the Senate relating to this course

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

8.4.3 Bachelor of Liberal Studies, Bachelor of Liberal Studies (Honours) and Bachelor of Liberal Studies (International)

Resolution 117/09

Senate:

- (a) endorsed the Academic Board's approval of the proposal from the Faculty of Arts to delete the Bachelor of Liberal Studies, the Bachelor of Liberal Studies (Honours) and the Bachelor of Liberal Studies (International),
- (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 rescission of the Resolutions of the Senate relating to these courses

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

8.4.4 Bachelor of Psychology and Bachelor of Psychology (Honours)

Resolution 118/09

Senate:

- (a) endorsed the Academic Board's approval of the proposal from the Faculty of Arts to delete the Bachelor of Arts (Psychology) and the Bachelor of Arts (Psychology) (Honours),
- (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 rescission of the Resolutions of the Senate relating to these courses

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

8.5 Faculty of Medicine: Master of Qualitative Health Research, Graduate Diploma in Qualitative Health Research and Graduate Certificate in Qualitative Health Research

Resolution 119/09

Senate:

- (a) endorsed the Academic Board's approval of the proposal from the Faculty of Medicine to introduce the Master of Qualitative Health Research, the Graduate Diploma in Qualitative Health Research and the Graduate Certificate in Qualitative Health Research;
- (b) approved the amendment of the Resolutions of Senate relating to the Degrees, Diplomas and Certificates in the Faculty of Medicine; and
- (c) approved the introduction of the Resolutions of Senate relating to these courses

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

8.6 Faculty of Science

8.6.1 Bachelor of Liberal Arts and Science

Resolution 120/09

Senate:

- (a) endorsed the Academic Board's approval of the proposal from the Faculty of Science and the Faculty of Arts to introduce the Bachelor of Liberal Arts and Science,
- (b) approved the amendment of the Resolutions of the Senate relating to the Degree, Diplomas and Certifications in the Faculty of Arts 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.

8.6.2 Bachelor of Psychology

Resolution 121/09

Senate endorsed the Academic Board's approval of the proposal from the Faculty of Science to amend the Bachelor of Psychology with effect from 1 January 2010, noting there were no consequent amendments to Resolutions of Senate.

8.6.3 Bachelor of Science (Nutrition)

Resolution 122/09

Senate:

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

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

8.6.4 Bachelor of Science and Technology

Resolution 123/09

Senate:

- (a) endorsed the Academic Board's approval of the proposal from the Faculty of Science to delete the Bachelor of Science and Technology,
 - (b) approved the amendment of the Resolutions of the Senate relating to the Degree, Diplomas and Certifications in the Faculty of Science, and the departments, schools and units within the Faculty of Science, and
 - (c) approved the rescission of the Resolutions of Senate relating to the course
- with effect from 1 January 2010, as set out in the report presented.

Resolution 124/09

Senate noted the Report.

★ 9. Report of the Finance and Infrastructure Committee, 18 March 2009

Resolution 125/09

Senate noted the Report.

★ 10. Report of the Investment and Commercialisation Committee, 11 March 2009

Resolution 126/09

Senate noted the Report.

11. Report of the Senate/Sports Liaison Committee, 7 April 2009

Resolution 127/09

Senate noted the Report.

12. Report of the Senate/Student Associations Liaison Committee, 10 March 2009

Resolution 128/09

Senate noted the Report.

13. Senate business

★ 13.1 Farewell to Professor Iqbal Ramzan

Resolution 129/09

Senate resolved to place on record its formal appreciation for the contribution made by retiring Fellow of Senate, Professor Iqbal Ramzan, who did not re-nominate for election.

13.2 Senate action sheet, 5 May 2009

Resolution 130/09

Senate noted the Senate action sheet, 5 May 2009.

13.3 Audit and Risk Management Committee: Membership

Resolution 131/09

Senate noted the intention of the Chair of the Audit and Risk Management Committee to bring further Committee membership recommendations to the June Senate meeting.

13.4 Senate representation

Resolution 132/09

Senate noted the report on Senate representation 16 March – 4 May 2009.

13.5 Next meeting

Resolution 133/09

Senate noted that the next Senate meeting would be held at 5.00pm on 15 June 2009 in the Senate Room, Quadrangle.

14. General business

14.1 Graduation ceremonies (May and June 2009)

Resolution 134/09

Senate noted the report.

★ **15.**

Notice of motion

15.1 Provided by the Deputy Chancellor (*deferred*)

Resolution 135/09

Senate

- (1) resolved that meetings of Senate commence at 3.30pm from 1 January 2010, with 11 voting for the motion and 6 voting against (with 4 Fellows not present); and
- (2) noted that a timetable would be developed based on the earlier starting time and brought back to Senate.

★ **16.**

Question time

16.1 Response to question from Ms Kim Wilson (*deferred from the previous meeting*)

Resolution 136/09

Senate noted the question relating performance progression payments for general staff on EBAs and the response from the Director, Human Resources.

★ **17.**

Any other business

17.1 European Studies Centre

Resolution 137/09

Senate noted the update.

17.2 Funding considerations

Resolution 138/09

Senate noted the update.