

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

**5.1 Report on Senate Matters**

**5.1.1 Report on the Senate meeting held on 18 June 2007**

Senate, at its meeting held on 18 June 2007:

- (1) appointed the following Selection Committee for the Deanship in Agriculture, Food and Natural Resources:

***Ex-officio***

Vice-Chancellor and Principal (Professor Gavin Brown)  
Chair of the Academic Board (nominee) Professor Robyn Norton  
Provost and Deputy Vice-Chancellor, Professor Don Nutbeam

**Members appointed by Senate**

Three members (plus reserve) nominated by the Faculty:

- Dr Michael Harris
- Professor Ivan Kennedy
- Professor Richard Trethowan

Reserve members:

- Professor David Guest (Reserve)
- Professor Peter Sharp (Reserve)

External Member:

Professor Craig Atkins, Professor of Plant Biology and Director, centre for Microscopy and Microanalysis, UWA

Reserve External Member:

Professor Alistar Robertson, Dean, Faculty of Natural and Agricultural Sciences, UWA

Additional Member:

Professor David Day, Executive Dean, Faculties of Science

- (2) appointed the following Selection Committee for the Deanship in Nursing and Midwifery:

***Ex-officio***

Vice-Chancellor and Principal, Professor Gavin Brown  
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:

- Dr Heather McKenzie
- Mr Murray Fisher
- Dr Maureen Boughton

Reserve members:

- Dr Sue Ronaldson (Reserve)
- Associate Professor Sandra West (Reserve)

External Member:

Adjunct Professor Debra Thoms, NSW Chief Nursing Officer

Additional Member:

Professor Bruce Robinson, Executive Dean, Faculties of Health

- (3) resolved that the Faculty of Architecture, Design and Planning's nominated first reserve member, Dr Kirsty Beilharz, be added to the Selection Committee for the Deanship in place of Professor Gero and that, consistent with the new arrangement of faculties approved in September 2006, the revised membership also include the Executive Dean with oversight of the Faculties of Engineering and Architecture, Professor Greg Hancock.
- (4) resolved that Professor Bruce Robinson, Executive Dean, Faculties of Health be an additional member of the Selection Committee for the Deanship in Pharmacy.
- (5) approved an increase in the student contribution applicable for units of study in accountancy, administration, economics and commerce to the maximum payable for units of study in law, to apply to all students commencing study from January 2008; and noted that there would be wide consultation with the student body, through its student organisations, with respect to the effects of HECS and charges on the student experience..
- (6) approved the following proposal:
  - (a) that consistent with Senate's resolution of 7 May 2007 the current SRC and SUPRA liaison committees be dissolved from 25 June 2007 and that a new Senate/Student Associations Liaison Committee be established.
  - (b) that the terms of reference of the Committee be "To discuss matters of policy relating to students".
  - (c) that the membership of the Committee be:

*Ex Officio*

- Chancellor
- Deputy Chancellor
- Vice-Chancellor (or nominee)
- The Undergraduate Fellow of Senate
- The Postgraduate Fellow of Senate
- The Presidents of the SRC, SUPRA and USU
- One other member of the Executive, Council or Management of each of the SRC, SUPRA and USU as determined by the President.

Elected

- Four Fellows of Senate
- (d) that an election for the two elected Fellows of Senate be held at the August meeting of Senate for an initial term of two and a half years, to conclude at the Senate meeting in February 2010, to bring it in line with elections to other Senate committees, and thereafter a two year term of office.
  - (e) that in addition to the above a Management/Student Associations Committee also be established.
  - (f) that this Committee be chaired by the Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Community) and include such members of Management as

- are considered appropriate by the Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Community) in consultation with the SRC, SUPRA and USU. The Committee would also include the President and one other member of the three student organizations.
- (g) that the brief of this Committee would be to provide a formal basis for liaison between the student organizations and Management and would be a forum for discussing issues of process and matters arising from the decisions and actions of Management which did not fall within the terms of reference of the Senate/Student Associations Liaison Committee.
  - (h) that these arrangements would be reviewed in 18 months.
- (7) admitted retired member of academic staff Dr Hee Tai Andrew Cheung to the degree of Master of Philosophy *ad eundem gradum*;
  - (8) resolved that, pursuant to the requirements of Protocol 4 of the National Governance Protocols, the next review of Senate's performance would be conducted in 2008 and thereafter on a two yearly basis.
  - (9) noted that the new Chancellor, Her Excellency Professor Marie Bashir, would attend her first Senate meeting on 6 August 2007 and that she would be formally welcomed at 5.30pm on 2 July 2007 in the Great Hall followed by a more informal reception in MacLaurin Hall.
  - (10) welcomed Professor Simon Chapman to his first meeting as a Fellow of Senate elected by and from the academic staff.
  - (11) noted that
    - o the University of Sydney received 5 out of the 20 Federation Fellowships awarded nationally in 2007, with the Fellowships of Professors Hugh Durrant-Whyte, Ben Eggleton and Huw Price being renewed for a further 5 years and new Fellowships awarded to Dr Joss Bland-Hawthorn from the Anglo-Australian Observatory and Dr Peter Waterhouse from CSIRO Plant Industry.
    - o one of only two Senior Fellowships was awarded in 2007 by the Carrick Institute of Learning and Teaching in Higher Education to Professor Peter Goodyear, Co-Director of the Centre for Research on Computer-supported Learning and Cognition in the Faculty of Education and Social Work.
    - o Emeritus Professor Noel Hush was one of two theoretical chemists jointly awarded the prestigious 2007 Welch Prize for Chemistry, established by Texas oilman Robert Alonzo Welch.
  - (12) noted the International and Community reports.

**Recommendation**

*That the Academic Board note the report of the Vice-Chancellor and Principal on matters considered by Senate at its meeting held on 18 June 2007.*