



Academic Board Agenda

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SUPPLEMENTARY AGENDA for the meeting on Wednesday 28 May 2008

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- ★ 1. **Apologies**
Apologies have been received from:
Professors A Coats, E Cowley, D Day, S Garton, S Kable, G Llewellyn, A McBratney, C Murphy and G Triggs, Associate Professors R Ewing and M Walton, Drs V Barrs, J Callen, M Edmond and N Gurrans, Ms A Freeborn, Ms J Henderson, Ms P Kamvounias, Ms J McKenzie, Mr R Walpola, Mr N Ware and Mr S Wilkinson.
- ★ 6. **Report of the Chair**
- 6.1 **Report on Senate Matters**
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- Recommendation***
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- Recommendation***
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- 6.3 **General Report**
- 6.3.2 **Filling of Casual Vacancies in Academic Board Membership: Elected Academic Staff Members** pages 5-6
- Recommendation***
That the Academic Board approve the appointment of Dr Brian Jones to fill the casual vacancy among elected academic staff members from the Faculty of Agriculture, Food and Natural Resources for a term expiring 31 December 2009, as set out in the report presented.

- ★ 7. **Report of the Vice-Chancellor and Principal**
 - 7.1 **Report on Senate Matters**
 - 7.1.1 **Report of the Senate meeting held on 5 May 2008** *pages 7-8*

Recommendation

That the Academic Board note the report of the Vice-Chancellor and Principal on matters considered by Senate at its meeting held on 5 May 2008.

7.2 General report

Recommendation

That the Academic Board note the general report of the Vice-Chancellor and Principal.

AGENDA ITEM 6 Report of the Chair

6.1 Report on Senate Matters

6.1.1 Report on the Senate meeting held on 5 May 2008

Senate, at its meeting on 5 May 2008, on the report of the Academic Board meeting held on 16 April 2008:

- (1) endorsed the following revised wording for the Charter of Academic Freedom:

The University of Sydney declares its commitment to free enquiry as necessary to the conduct of a democratic society and to the quest for intellectual, moral and material advance in the human condition.

The University of Sydney affirms its institutional right and responsibility, and the rights and responsibilities of each of its individual scholars, to pursue knowledge for its own sake, wherever the pursuit might lead. The University further supports the responsible transmission of that knowledge so gained, openly within the academy and into the community at large, in conformity with the law and the policies and obligations of the University.

The University of Sydney, consistent with the principles enunciated in its mission and policies, undertakes to promote and support:

- the free, and responsible pursuit of knowledge through research in accordance with the highest ethical, professional and legal standards
- the dissemination of the outcomes of research, in teaching, as publications and creative works, and in media discourse
- principled and informed discussion of all aspects of knowledge and culture

This Charter of Academic Freedom is endorsed by the Senate and Academic Board of The University of Sydney.

- (2) endorsed the Academic Board's approval of the proposal from the Faculty of Economics and Business to introduce the Executive Master of Business Administration and Graduate Certificate of Business Administration, approved the amendment of the Resolutions of Senate relating to the Degrees, Diplomas and Certificates in the Faculty of Economics and Business; and approved the introduction of Resolutions of Senate relating to the courses with effect from 1 January 2009.
- (3) subject to advice about including the name of an organisation to which the University did not belong, i.e. the Community of European Management Schools and International Corporations (CEMS) in the title of a University of Sydney award course, endorsed the Academic Board's approval of the proposal from the Faculty of Economics and Business to introduce the Master of Management, the Master of Management (CEMS) and the Graduate Certificate of Management, approved the amendment of the Resolutions of Senate relating to the Degrees, Diplomas and Certificates in the Faculty of Economics and Business; and approved the introduction

- of Resolutions of Senate relating to the courses with effect from 1 January 2009.
- (4) endorsed the Academic Board's approval of the proposal from the Faculty of Economics and Business and the Faculty of Medicine to introduce the Bachelor of Commerce/Bachelor of Medicine and Bachelor of Surgery, approved the amendment of the Resolutions of Senate relating to the Degrees, Diplomas and Certificates in the Faculty of Economics and Business and the Faculty of Medicine; and approved the introduction of Resolutions of Senate relating to the course with effect from 1 January 2009.
 - (5) endorsed the Academic Board's approval of the proposal from the Faculty of Economics and Business and the Faculty of Medicine to introduce the Bachelor of Economics/Bachelor of Medicine and Bachelor of Surgery, approved the amendment of the Resolutions of Senate relating to the Degrees, Diplomas and Certificates in the Faculty of Economics and Business and the Faculty of Medicine; and approved the introduction of Resolutions of Senate relating to the course with effect from 1 January 2009.
 - (6) endorsed the Academic Board's approval of the proposal to amend the Bachelor of Engineering in the Faculty of Engineering and Information Technologies, approved the amendment of the Resolutions of the Senate relating to the course with effect from 1 January 2009.
 - (7) endorsed the Academic Board's approval of the proposal from the Faculty of Engineering and Information Technologies and the Faculty of Architecture, Design and Planning to introduce the Bachelor of Engineering/Bachelor of Design in Architecture, approved the amendment of the Resolutions of Senate relating to the Degrees, Diplomas and Certificates in the Faculty of Engineering and Information Technologies and the Faculty of Architecture, Design and Planning; and approved the introduction of Resolutions of Senate relating to the course with effect from 1 January 2009.
 - (8) endorsed the Academic Board's approval of the proposal from the Faculty of Engineering and Information Technologies and the Faculty of Arts to introduce the Bachelor of Information Technology/Bachelor of Arts, approved the amendment of the Resolutions of Senate relating to the Degrees, Diplomas and Certificates in the Faculty of Engineering and Information Technologies and the Faculty of Arts; and approved the introduction of Resolutions of Senate relating to the course with effect from 1 January 2009.
 - (9) endorsed the Academic Board's approval of the proposal from the Faculty of Engineering and Information Technologies and the Faculty of Science to introduce the Bachelor of Information Technology/Bachelor of Medical Science, approved the amendment of the Resolutions of Senate relating to the Degrees, Diplomas and Certificates in the Faculty of Engineering and Information Technologies and the Faculty of Science; and approved the introduction of Resolutions of Senate relating to the course with effect from 1 January 2009.
 - (10) endorsed the Academic Board's approval of the proposal from the Faculty of Engineering and Information Technologies and the Faculty of Science to introduce the Bachelor of Information Technology/Bachelor of Science, approved the amendment of the Resolutions of Senate relating to the Degrees, Diplomas and Certificates in the Faculty of Engineering and Information Technologies and the Faculty of Science; and approved the

- introduction of Resolutions of Senate relating to the course with effect from 1 January 2009.
- (11) endorsed the Academic Board's approval of the proposal to amend the Bachelor of Health Sciences and the Bachelor of Health Sciences (Honours) in the Faculty of Health Sciences, approved the amendment of the Resolutions of the Senate relating to these courses with effect from 1 January 2009.
 - (12) noted the 2007 Annual Report of the Academic Board.
 - (13) noted the report on minor course amendments.
 - (14) resolved to recognise the report and decisions of the Academic Board in relation to amendments to the Academic Board resolutions relating to student appeals against academic decisions, resolved to refer to the Chair of the Academic Board the fact that there was considerable student concern regarding the recent changes to these Academic Board resolutions in the hope that these issues might be reconciled, and resolved that a briefing on the changes, including a comparison with other institutions, be provided to Senate.
 - (15) noted the Chair's report on Endorsement of the nomination of staff and student members to the Academic Board; the outcome of various PhD theses where early submission had been approved; approval of two applications for early submission of PhD theses; and a discussion paper on academic roles, positions and careers at the University of Sydney.
 - (16) noted the report on other matters.

Recommendation

The Academic Board note the report of the Chair of the Academic Board on academic matters considered by Senate at its meeting of 5 May 2008.

6.2 Honours and Distinctions

I am pleased to report the following honours and distinctions and recommend the Academic Board extend its congratulations to the recipients:

Professor Simon Chapman, Faculty of Medicine

Awarded the 2008 Premier's Award for Outstanding Cancer Researcher of the Year.

Professor Yui-Wing Mai, Faculty of Engineering and Information Technologies

Elected as a Fellow of the Royal Society.

Dr Linda Bendall, Faculty of Medicine

Awarded the 2008 Premier's Award for Outstanding Research Fellow.

Recommendation

That the Academic Board note the report of the Chair of the Academic Board on the honours and distinctions and congratulate the recipients, as set out in the report presented.

6.3 General Report

6.3.2 Filling of Casual Vacancies in Academic Board Membership: Elected Academic Staff Members

Clause 35.1 of the *University of Sydney (Academic Governance) Rule 2003* provides for the filling of a casual vacancy in elected academic staff members to the Academic Board.

Such a vacancy currently exists amongst the elected academic staff members from the Faculty of Agriculture, Food and Natural Resources, and the Dean of the Faculty has nominated Dr Brian Jones to fill the vacancy.

Recommendation

That the Academic Board approve the appointment of Dr Brian Jones to fill the casual vacancy among elected academic staff members from the Faculty of Agriculture, Food and Natural Resources for a term expiring 31 December 2009, as set out in the report presented.

AGENDA ITEM 7

Report of the Vice-Chancellor and Principal

7.1 Report on Senate Matters

7.1.1 Report on the Senate meeting held on 5 May 2008

Senate, at its meeting held on 5 May 2008:

- (1) approved:
 - the circulation of the draft Campus 2020 Master Plan to staff and students for comment.
 - the recommendations that the Power Engineering Laboratory in the School of Electrical and Information Engineering be renamed the Sir William Tyree Laboratory in Power Engineering and the Centre for Indigenous Health be named the Poche Centre for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health.
 - the entry by the University into the Further Amending Deed relating to St John's College and New Biomedical Research Building, the transactions completed under that Deed and the taking of steps incidental to or contemplated by that Deed.
- (2) appointed:
 - Dr Melanie Collier to membership of the Student Appeals Panel to replace Dr Rhondda Canfield who has retired from the University.
 - the Hon Mr Trevor Morling QC and the Hon Mahla Pearlman AM as Chairs of Student Proctorial Boards for a one year term of office to the May 2009 meeting of Senate, and thanked the Hon Tony Fitzgerald AC QC for his service in this role.
- (3) expressed its support for online voting for Senate elections as proposed by the Registrar, noting that at this stage it would apply only to the staff and student elections and that the Registrar would now come back with proposed amendments to the By-law.
- (4) congratulated:
 - Emeritus Professor David Armstrong on his election to the American Academy of Arts and Sciences.
 - Associate Professor Balwant Singh, Professor Basil Roufogalis and Dr Harbans Bariana who had received funding from the recent, second round of the Australia-India Strategic Research Fund.
 - the following members of staff who were recent recipients of grants from the New South Wales Cancer Council: Professor Jacob George, Professor Bruce Armstrong, Associate Professor Michael Boyer, Dr Roderick Clifton-Bligh, Professor Merlin Crossley, Associate Professor Diona Damian, Associate Professor Vivienne Reeve, and Dr Lyndal Trevena.
 - Dr Nathan Garvey who was awarded (jointly) the 2008 State Library C H Currey Memorial Fellowship and Ms Agnieszka Sobocinska who was awarded a 2008 State Library Milt Lugar Fellowship.
 - Professor Peter Robinson on having his Federation Fellowship renewed in the latest round of ARC Federation Fellows
- (5) noted the draft Recruitment and Selection Policy, and that a final version would be provided to Senate for noting after its consideration by the Staff Consultative Committee.
- (6) noted with sorrow the death of the previous Chancellor, the Hon Kim Santow AO and requested the Chancellor to convey its condolences to Mrs Lee Santow and her family.

- (7) noted the International and Community reports.
- (8) noted reports on:
- Federal Government advice to Universities Australia on full-fees and how to deal with phasing them out.
 - the recent announcement of a new national public policy institute in Melbourne, which had been set up without competition, of which the University of Melbourne was a founding member with the Commonwealth and Victorian governments.
 - a proposal under joint consideration for the University of Sydney to contract to a Kuwaiti company, which would be the academic sponsor of a private university to deliver programs in Education.
 - changes to security for Senate meetings which were welcomed by Fellows.
- (9) noted the following reports:
- a revised policy on accepting gifts would be brought to the June meeting of Senate for approval together with information about the position in relation to other universities
 - consultation was proceeding between the General Counsel and Ms Jenny Leong in relation to the possibility of extending the policy for 'Provision of Legal Assistance to Staff Members Summoned to Appear before the Independent Commission Against Corruption (ICAC)' to include students, with Ms Leong wishing to involve further representatives of SUPRA who were yet to be identified
 - the following had accepted Senate's invitation and received honorary awards in 2008 in addition to those reported to the February and March meetings:
 - Albert Neville Thiele OAM - Hon DScArch (conferred on 11 April 2008)
 - The Hon Kim Santow AO - Hon LLD (conferred on 27 March 2008)

Recommendation

The Academic Board note the report of the Vice-Chancellor and Principal on matters considered by Senate at its meeting of 5 May 2008.