

**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 21 September 2009**

*N.B.* The Vice-Chancellor's report to the Senate meeting held on 21 September 2009 is available as a separate attachment.

Senate, at its meeting held on 21 September 2009:

- (1) noted the Vice-Chancellor's report to Senate on the following, which is enclosed separately:
  - (a) Update for Senate's information
  - (b) Vice-Chancellor's and Provost's Business
  - (c) Research
  - (d) Education
  - (e) Finance, Infrastructure and ICT
  - (f) International and External Relations
  - (g) Human Resources
  
- (2) resolved as follows in relation to items from the Vice-Chancellor's report to Senate:
  - (a) approved the name "University of Sydney Sport Foundation" for the time being, noting that once the Branding Project Team has reached a final position on branding for foundations, the name can be re-visited in light of that final position. (*item 7.4.1 in the report*)
  - (b) approved the proposed changes to the Constitution of Sydney University Sport. (*item 7.4.2 in the report*)
  - (c) approved the appointment of three new elected Members to the Institute's Council. (*item 7.6.5 in the report*)
  - (d) approved the following revised membership for the Selection Committee for the Deanship in Architecture, Design and Planning. (*item 7.7.1 in the report*)

*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 Stephen Garton

## Members appointed by Senate

Three members (plus reserve) nominated by the Faculty:

- Professor Richard Hyde
- Professor Mary Lou Maher
- Dr Gary Hill

Reserve members:

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

External Members:

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

- Dr Sandra Kaji-O'Grady, Head, School of Architecture, UTS
- (3) appointed members of the Nominations Committee for the purpose making recommendations to Senate as regards persons to be nominated or suggested to the Minister for appointment, with a report to the December Senate meeting.
  - (4) approved an amended draft response to the Minister regarding Governance issues.
  - (5) approved the 2010 Senate meeting schedule.
  - (6) resolved to congratulate Mr Samuel John Greenland on his election as a Fellow of Senate by and from the postgraduate students, to hold office from 1 December 2009 to 30 November 2010.
  - (7) noting that an audit was being carried out on scholarships offered in the University, which would be submitted to the Board for consideration and then to Senate, referred the following item from Dr Robin Fitzsimons to the Board as part of its consideration of scholarships:
    - (i) That a specified number of postgraduate international scholarships for overseas students to undertake a higher degree at The University of Sydney be designated as 'Wentworth Scholarships'.
    - (ii) That the criteria for the award of a Wentworth Scholarship should include both academic excellence and a history of student participation in democratic university or other forms of governance in the student's home country or in public speaking and debating.
    - (iii) That the scholarships be promoted as being named after William Charles Wentworth who is the father of both the University of Sydney and of responsible government in Australia, and who was unquestionably an independent and courageous thinker.
    - (iv) That the University should aim to position 'Wentworth scholarships' towards obtaining an international recognition factor comparable to 'Rhodes' and 'Fulbright'.
    - (v) That the Vice-Chancellor be asked whether it might be possible to report at November Senate about possible logistics and implementation of the award of such scholarships, and whether it might be possible to offer associated College accommodation.

**Recommendation**

*That the Academic Board note the report of the Vice-Chancellor and Principal on matters considered by Senate at its meeting held on 21 September 2009.*