



Academic Board Agenda

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AGENDA ITEM 5. Report of the Chair

5.1 Report of the Chair on Senate matters

5.1.1 Report of the Senate meeting held on 2 November 1998

Senate, at its meeting on 2 November 1998, on the report of the Academic Board:

- (1) approved the amendment of the structure of the standing committees of the Academic Board and amended the Academic Governance Rules relating to the Academic Board, with immediate effect, as presented in the report.
- (2) approved the introduction of the new subject area of Indigenous Community Health within the existing Master of Health Science, Graduate Diploma of Health Science and Graduate Certificate of Health Science courses, and amended related Resolutions of the Senate, effective from 1 January 1999, as presented in the report.
- (3) approved the major changes to the existing Graduate Diploma in Medicine and Graduate Diploma of Science in Medicine (in the area of Pain Management) and the introduction of the new course, the Graduate Certificate in Pain Management, and amended related Resolutions of the Senate, effective from 1 January 1999, as presented in the report.
- (4) approved the major changes to the existing Master of Science (Microscopy and Microanalysis) and Graduate Diploma of Science (Microscopy and Microanalysis) courses and the introduction of the new course, the Graduate Certificate of Science (Microscopy and Microanalysis), and amended related Resolutions of the Senate, effective from 1 January 1999, as presented in the report.
- (5) approved the amendment of the constitution of the Faculty of Architecture, with immediate effect, to provide for membership of the Faculty by the Presidents (or nominee) of:
 - (i) the New South Wales Chapter of the Royal Australian Institute of Architects;
 - (ii) the Board of Architects of New South Wales;
 - (iii) the New South Wales Institute of the Royal Australian Planning Institute.

5.3 Questions on notice

5.3.1 University of Sydney Library

The following information was compiled for Senate by the University Librarian:

The principal traditional benchmarks for comparing university libraries have included:

- number of volumes in the collection
- percentage of recurrent university income allocated to the library
- number of books added annually
- number of current serial titles added annually
- seats provided.

With the increasing use of electronic publishing and use of the Internet, benchmarks based on physical volumes and facilities have become questionable.

While the percentage of recurrent university income allocated to the library retains some validity as a benchmark, there are difficulties establishing what sources of income are included by each university. This difficulty has become more marked as universities derive more of their incomes from non-government sources.

More relevant are benchmarks which relate expenditure to the community served by the library. The following benchmarks are based on statistics supplied by each university library to the Council of Australian University Librarians. The statistics are published annually as a supplement of *Australian Academic and Research Libraries*.

The population figures comprise sum of the equivalent full-time academic and general staff and the equivalent full-time student numbers.

Total Library Expenditure per EFT Population

University	1997		1996		1995	
	Amount	Rank	Amount	Rank	Amount	Rank
ADFA	1805.40	1	1874.08	1	2161.31	1
Bond	1484.13	2	1323.46	2	1398.68	2
ANU	1341.39	3	1177.66	3	1135.17	3
Sydney	869.92	4	1116.80	4	663.19	13
Western Australia	841.38	5	867.93	5	738.11	5
Adelaide	814.46	6	631.06	6	866.55	4
La Trobe	715.15	7	716.23	7	734.75	6
Melbourne	706.77	8	680.92	11	660.08	14
Western Sydney	694.41	9	683.25	9	657.30	15
Queensland	689.24	10	703.40	8	721.99	8
UNSW	670.93	11	645.16	14	630.08	18
Catholic	638.24	12	681.58	10	679.52	9
Monash	557.59	23	664.18	12	539.46	24

Notes:

1. The high per capita expenditures by ADFA and Bond are related to the need to provide a basic library infrastructure despite a small user population.
2. High expenditure by the ANU reflects the higher income received for Research Institute activities.

Expenditure on Acquisitions per EFT Population

University	1997		1996		1995	
	Amount	Rank	Amount	Rank	Amount	Rank
ADFA	525.36	1	560.23	1	740.42	1
ANU	506.04	2	484.05	2	470.67	2
Bond	465.90	3	407.28	3	399.27	3
Western Australia	308.75	4	326.04	4	297.50	6
Adelaide	298.58	5	292.29	6	335.51	4
Sydney	297.37	6	261.06	10	297.64	5
Melbourne	284.52	7	267.20	8	274.11	9
La Trobe	283.40	8	258.18	11	250.93	12
UNSW	281.03	9	294.31	5	270.03	10
Queensland	279.43	10	263.78	9	289.06	7
Western Sydney	249.58	11	225.66	17	212.30	19
Ballarat	231.04	12	278.09	7	200.75	20
Monash	191.61	23	212.65	19	191.23	22

Notes:

1. Expenditure by ADFA, Bond and ANU reflect their income levels.
2. Sydney's expenditure does not take into account the large number of items acquired through copyright deposit which is not available to other Australian university libraries. Under the scheme, the University receives a copy of every item published in NSW. The Library receives 8,000 - 10,000 items annually.

Expenditure on Salaries per EFT Population

University	1997		1996		1995	
	Amount	Rank	Amount	Rank	Amount	Rank
ADFA	1128.82	1	1165.27	1	1222.92	1
Bond	822.31	2	777.37	2	679.37	2
ANU	733.15	3	592.92	3	559.09	3
Catholic	418.45	4	441.25	4	451.65	4
Adelaide	412.19	5	416.39	5	404.25	7
Western Australia	405.55	6	399.07	8	388.20	8
Sydney	404.57	7	411.64	6	344.94	15
Newcastle	378.99	8	331.57	17	339.30	17
South Australia	377.05	9	363.24	11	347.68	13
Flinders	372.70	10	384.87	9	360.23	10
La Trobe	369.70	11	410.90	7	404.43	6
Monash	358.74	12	351.65	13	299.80	24
Queensland	344.97	14	360.21	12	410.24	5
Melbourne	344.77	15	351.16	14	315.43	21
UNSW	319.49	21	304.58	25	304.94	15

Notes:

1. Expenditure by ADFA, Bond and ANU reflect their income levels
2. Sydney's expenditure relates in part to the large number of libraries supported (22) but also to a commitment to service. Unlike UNSW, Melbourne and Queensland, Sydney has not undertaken extensive organisational change and restructuring of services.

General Comments

The allocation made by each university for library services has tended to decline as greater investment has been made in computing and communications technology, and as new services (such as staff development, Koori centres) have been undertaken.

Varying allocation procedures are used at the University of Sydney to determine the Library's share of DEETYA income, domestic student fees and international student fees. While the allocation methods are not important it must be recognised that it costs essentially the same to support domestic students as it does to provide library services to international students. In fact, some categories of international students require more resources.

Allocating from reserves will not solve the problems facing the Library. The difficulties are related to ongoing activities such as

- the cost of information resources rising at rates greater than growth in University income;
- salary increases and
- growth in demand from new courses, research programmes

One off funding merely delays the inevitable. What is required is a re-evaluation of all Library services in terms of their priority, cost, potential for change and level of user demand. This is underway.

Future allocation might take into account

- the actual cost of providing services to the various categories of users - this may be expensive to determine and monitor; or
- achievement of objectives contained in the University's strategic plan; or
- performance against agreed benchmarks - these do not currently exist but a DEETYA-funded project is seeking to identify core benchmarks for six major university activities. The University Librarian (J Shipp) has been invited to convene the working party for Library and Information Services ; or
- set percentage from all sources of income including the research infrastructure.

Further cuts to serials may be necessary in 1999 and beyond depending on the extent of publisher price rises, currency conversion rates and efficiency savings resulting from changes in technical services procedures currently under investigation.

John Shipp
University Librarian
1 November 1998

AGENDA ITEM 6.

Report of the Vice-Chancellor and Principal

6.1 Report of the Vice-Chancellor on Senate matters

6.1.1 Report of the Senate meeting held on 2 November 1998

Senate, at its meeting held on 2 November 1998:

- (1) approved the naming of the "Medical Foundation Chair of Cardiovascular Medicine and Epidemiology".
- (2) approved the naming of Lecture Theatre 8 of the School of Physics as the Slade Lecture Theatre.
- (3)
 - (i) noted the following recommendations of the Faculty of Veterinary Science relating to the position of Dean of the Faculty which have been approved by the Vice-Chancellor:
 - the appointee will hold a continuing full-time position as a Professor in a discipline area within the Faculty of Veterinary Science and will act as Dean of Veterinary Science, with the appropriate responsibility loading, for a period of five years. At the conclusion of this period, the appointee may be invited to undertake a further specified period as Dean, with a continuation of the appropriate responsibility loading.
 - the appointment be advertised both internally and externally; and
 - (ii) appointed the following selection committee for the Dean of the Faculty of Veterinary Science:

Ex Officio

 - Vice-Chancellor and Principal (Professor Gavin Brown)
 - Chair of the Academic Board (Professor Roslyn L Pesman)
 - Pro-Vice-Chancellor, Sciences & Technology, with supervisory responsibility for the Dean (Professor Donald H Napper)

Members appointed by Senate

Three members (plus two reserves) nominated by the Faculty:

 - Dr Jill E Maddison (Pharmacology)
 - Associate Professor Frank W Nicholas (Animal Science)
 - Associate Professor David R Hodgson (Veterinary Clinical Sciences)
 - Dr Rosanne M Taylor (Animal Science) (First Reserve)
 - Professor Brian R H Farrow (Veterinary Clinical Sciences) (Second Reserve)

One member, external to the University, nominated by the Vice-Chancellor:

 - Professor Keith Hughes, (Head of School, Veterinary Science and Animal Production, University of Queensland).
- (4) approved the appointment of the following nominees to the Law Extension Committee for a period of two years from 1 December 1998:

Members ex-officio:

Chancellor

Deputy Chancellor

Vice-Chancellor and Principal

Dean, Faculty of Law

Three members of the Faculty of Law appointed by Senate on the nomination of the Faculty:

Mr Ross L Anderson

Ms Barbara McDonald

Professor John Carter

A judge appointed by Senate on the nomination of the Chief Justice of New South Wales:

Justice John P Hamilton

Two barristers appointed by Senate on the nomination of the New South Wales Bar Association:

Mr David G Nock QC

Mr Anthony J O'Brien

Two solicitors appointed by Senate on the nomination of the Law Society of New South Wales:

Ms Deborah Searle

Mr Philip Chown

Four persons appointed by Senate:

Professor J Kinnear

The Pro-Vice-Chancellor (Teaching and Learning) (on appointment)

Associate Professor Stephen Garton

Mr Rod Tindall

- (5) noted the renegotiated agreement with Kolej Antarabangsa.
- (6) noted the report on official visitors to the University.
- (7) noted the report on the recent visit to London by the Chancellor and the Vice-Chancellor for the formal launch of our Alumni Association, and the visit of the Vice-Chancellor to Edinburgh University.
- (8) noted the report on the inaugural lecture by the Dean of Law.
- (9) congratulated Associate Professor Margaret Allars of the Faculty of Law on her recent election as a Fellow of the Academy of the Social Sciences in Australia.
- (10) approved the 1999 Budget.
- (11) approved the Capital Development Program 1999 - 2001.
- (12) noted that Ms Louise Buchanan had been elected as Fellow by and from the undergraduate students, and that Ms Larina Frohlich had been re-elected as Fellow by and from the postgraduate students, for a one year term of office commencing on 1 December 1998.