



Academic Board Agenda

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SUPPLEMENTARY AGENDA

for the meeting on Wednesday 15 August 2001

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AGENDA ITEM 5

Report of the Chair

5.1 Report on Senate matters

5.1.2 Report of the Senate meeting held on 6 August 2001

Senate, at its meeting on 6 August 2001, on the report of the Academic Board:

- (1) approved amendment of the Rules relating to the Academic Board, 1996 (as amended) to make specific provisions in terms of reference of the Board's Undergraduate Studies and Teaching and Learning Committees for the promotion and fostering of initiatives to Undergraduate studies for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Strategic Plan; and to delete the Centre for English Teaching from the list of bodies upon whose academic activities the Teaching and Learning Committee advises the Board, as set out in the report.
- (2) approved the amendment of the Resolutions of the Senate relating to the Constitution of the Faculty of Education, with immediate effect, as recommended in the report.
- (3) approved the amendment of the Resolutions of the Senate relating to the Constitution of the Faculty of Nursing, with immediate effect, as set out in the report except for (c), which would be amended as follows: (c) Professor J A Young, Pro-Vice-Chancellor, (Health Sciences) for a period ~~of 2.5 years~~ ending 31 May 2003,
- (4) noted the report of the Chair that the Board had noted that Senate had approved the proposed membership of the Review Panel for the review of the Academic Board and Academic Forum, and the proposed terms of reference.
- (5) noted the report of the Chair that the Board had adopted a new "Quality Assurance and On-line Learning" policy, which would take effect immediately, and rescinded the previous "Quality Assurance: On-line Learning Interim Policy".

AGENDA ITEM 6

Report of the Vice-Chancellor and Principal

6.1 Report on Senate matters

6.1.2 Report of the Senate meeting held on 6 August 2001

Senate, at its meeting held on 6 August 2001:

- (1) resolved to acknowledge and accept that Dame Leonie Kramer would vacate the office of Chancellor by her retirement at the conclusion of the meeting on 6 August 2001, and invited Dame Leonie Kramer to preside at the remaining graduation ceremonies for the calendar year.
- (2)
 - (a) resolved that the Senate establish immediately a review, within the terms of the University of Sydney Act 1989 (as amended) and the University of Sydney By-law 1999 (as amended), of the position of Chancellor of The University of Sydney in relation to the Senate, and of the procedures for the conduct of the business of the Senate; and
 - (b) resolved (i) that the review be undertaken by a firm of consultants to be chosen through a 'selective tendering process', (ii) that the consultants proceed under the direction of and initially report to a Steering Group of Fellows of Senate, (iii) that the Steering Group be required to select and instruct the consultants, (iv) that the Steering Group consist of the Deputy Chancellor (Convenor), the Vice-Chancellor, the Chair of the Academic Board, Mr Tom Clark, Dr Michael Copeman, Ms Suzanne Jamieson and Ms Val Pratt, and (v) that the Steering Group submit an interim report on the relationship of the Chancellor with the Senate to the September 2001 meeting of the Senate and a full report and recommendations to the October 2001 meeting.
- (3) noted a program for the University Governance Conference, jointly convened by Southern Cross University and Macquarie University, which would be held at the Macquarie Graduate School of Management from 26 to 28 August 2001, and that the Vice-Chancellor would facilitate attendance at the conference by Fellows of Senate.
- (4) accepted the Vice-Chancellor's offer to screen the film "Facing the Music".
- (5) received copies of the brochure "Australia's first university".
- (6) approved the establishment of the Australia-Vietnam Medical Trust as a Foundation of the University of Sydney under the Constitution provided in the report.
- (7) noted the report that the Vice-Chancellor had approved the establishment of the new Sydney University Biological Information and Technology Centre.
- (8) noted the report on the University's submission to the Commonwealth Senate Enquiry into the capacity of public universities to meet Australia's higher education needs, and the Vice-Chancellor's appearance before the Enquiry on 17 July 2001.
- (9) noted a report on the Virtual Colombo Plan.
- (10) resolved to congratulate Professor Michael V Swain of the Biomaterials Science Unit, on being awarded an Alexander von Humboldt Research Award for Scientific Cooperation between Australia and Germany.
- (11) noted the report on the University's involvement in six applications for funds under the Major National Research Facilities program.
- (12) noted two reports on Development and External Affairs.
- (13) resolved that the Audit Committee be a Committee of and report directly to, Senate; the Audit Committee be invited to submit terms of reference for approval by Senate; the current membership of the Audit Committee be retained until February 2002; and the new reporting arrangements be reviewed by Senate after a period of 12 months operation.

- (14) resolved that the Birth Defects Foundation be dissolved and its assets (\$6,331) transferred to birth defects research (K0301 C0185) which is a University of Sydney research account used for the study of birth defects.
- (15) noted the report on the adoption of a one-school model in the Faculty of Architecture from 1 January 2002.
- (16) noted the report on a discussion paper from the NSW Department of Education and Training, formally advising of a review to be overseen by the Department and the NSW Treasury.
- (17) noted the report that the Vice-Chancellor had approved the establishment of the new Centre for Salinity Assessment and Management.
- (18) noted the report on the review of the AGSM.
- (19) noted a report on the Launch of the Opposition Policy Statement on "The Knowledge Nation"
- (20) noted the Finance Committee's advice that the 2001 Mid-Year Consolidated Budget contained no unapproved items of expenditure approved since November 2000 and contained the latest available information on research grants and fee income; and resolved that the 2001 Mid-Year Consolidated Budget be used as the benchmark for further reporting.
- (21) approved the advice of the Vice-Chancellor and the proposals of the Capital Development Program Co-ordinating Group, forming part of the 2001 Mid-Year Review.
- (22) approved the proposed compulsory subscription for fees for 2002 for student associations, as set out in the report.
- (23) approved the academic dress for the Graduate Diploma in Health Law and the Graduate Diploma in Commercial Law, and approved Resolutions of the Senate relating to academic dress as set out in the report.

6.1.3 Report of the Senate meeting held on 9 August 2001

Senate, at its special meeting held on 9 August 2001:

- (1) established an Advisory Committee to advise Senate on the appointment of a new Chancellor, with the following membership: the Acting Chancellor, the Vice-Chancellor, the Chair, Academic Board, Mr Peter Burrows, Associate Professor Roslyn Arnold and Mr Tom Clark, and with the names for potential candidates to be considered for Chancellor to be in the Registrar's office or with a Fellow of Senate by 12.00 noon on Thursday 16 August 2001.
- (2) resolved that an adjourned special meeting of Senate be held at 6.00pm on 20 August 2001, with only Fellows and the Acting Registrar present, to consider the report of the Advisory Committee.
- (3) noted that the Steering Group would meet to select the firm of consultants to conduct the review of the position of Chancellor of The University of Sydney in relation to the Senate, and of the procedures for the conduct of the business of the Senate, and would announce the successful firm at the Senate meeting on 20 August.
- (4) resolved to instruct the Vice-Chancellor to authorise payment for the bills from Mallesons in relation to the By-law change and its consequences.
- (5) approved payment of the bill for conflict resolution in relation to recent events at Senate in the form of a donation to the Sydney Peace Foundation.