



Academic Board Agenda

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SUPPLEMENTARY AGENDA

for the meeting on Wednesday 13 March 2002

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- ★ 1. **Apologies**
Additional apologies have been received from:
Professors C Adam, S Armitage, S Chapman, L Copeland, J Lawler, K Lester, D Napper, J Webber, P Wolnizer and J A Young, Associate Professor W M C Maxwell, Drs A Brew, G Murray, M O'Loughlin and M Torode and Mr J Shipp.
5. **Report of the Chair**
5.1 **Report on Senate matters**
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- Recommendation*
That the Academic Board note the report of the Chair of the Academic Board on academic matters considered by Senate at its meeting on 3 March 2002.
6. **Report of the Vice-Chancellor and Principal**
6.1 **Report on Senate matters**
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- Recommendation*
That the Academic Board note the report of the Vice-Chancellor and Principal on matters considered by Senate at its meeting on 3 March 2002.
8. **Reports of Faculties and Boards**
8.1 **Report of the Faculty of Architecture**
8.1.3 **Semester and vacation dates 2002** [6](#)
- Recommendation*
That the Academic Board note the amendment of the semester and vacation dates for the Faculty of Architecture for the year 2002, as set out in the report presented.

AGENDA ITEM 5 Report of the Chair

5.1 Report on Senate matters

5.1.1 Report of the Senate meeting held on 3 March 2002

Senate, at its meeting on 3 March 2002:

- (1) on the report of the Academic Board, approved the amendment of the Constitution of the Faculty of Health Sciences, with immediate effect, and amended related Resolutions of the Senate as recommended in the shaded box in the report.
- (2) noted the Chair's report on the following:
 - (a) Review of the Academic Board and the Academic Forum
 - (b) University of Sydney (Intellectual Property) Rule 2002
 - (c) Summary of Academic Board activities 2001
 - (d) Academic Board Faculty Review Visits
 - (e) 2002 Student Proctorial Panel
- (3) on the Final Report to Senate of the Review of the Academic Board and the Academic Forum, resolved to
 - (i) note the Final Report to Senate of the Review of the Academic Board and the Academic Forum;
 - (ii) adopt the following revised principle:

That, subject to the governing authority and powers of the Senate and to the powers of the Vice-Chancellor, the Academic Board has principal responsibility to (a) develop and maintain the highest standards in teaching, scholarship and research safeguarding the academic freedom of the University; (b) oversee and monitor the development of all academic activities of the University; and (c) communicate with the academic community through the faculties, colleges and boards of studies and similar organisational units;
 - (iii) disestablish the Academic Forum;
 - (iv) amend the University of Sydney By-law 1999 with the University of Sydney (Academic Governance Amendment) By-law 2002;
Note: the amendment of the University of Sydney By-law 1999 will formally disestablish the Academic Forum and repeal its governance rules.
 - (v) amend the University of Sydney (Amendment Act) Rule 1999;
 - (vi) rescind the existing Academic Governance Rules relating to the Academic Board; and
 - (vii) adopt in principle the proposed Academic Governance Rules relating to the Academic Board, including the proposed structure for the Board as outlined in section 4.3 of the Report, with the exception of the following matters which were referred to the Academic Board for further consideration and report to Senate at its next meeting:
 - the revised Terms of Reference*; and
 - the election process relating to the election of faculty representatives.

*The revised Terms of Reference read as follows:

Duties and Responsibilities

- (1) Subject to the governing authority and powers of the Senate and to the powers of the Vice-Chancellor, the Academic Board has principal authority to:
 - (a) develop and maintain the highest standards in teaching, scholarship and research safeguarding the academic freedom of the University;

- (b) oversee and monitor the development of all academic activities of the University; and
 - (c) communicate with the academic community through the faculties, colleges and boards of studies and similar organisational units;
- (2) The Academic Board will provide advice to Senate and Vice-Chancellor on:
- (a) academic matters relating to and affecting the University's teaching and research activities and its educational programs, including general advice on the academic priorities and policies of the University;
 - (b) academic aspects of the formulation and review of the University's strategic plan;
 - (c) policies concerning the academic aspects of the conditions of appointment and employment of academic staff; and
 - (d) any academic matters it considers to be of strategic importance including any major faculty plans;
 - (e) the maintenance of academic standards, as well as dealing with academic matters;
 - (f) annually, as to the Academic Board's assessment of its performance.
- (3) Subject to the governing authority and powers of the Senate and to the powers of the Vice-Chancellor, the functions of the Academic Board are to:
- (a) exercise authority as delegated to the Academic Board to approve new academic courses and changes to existing courses subject to final endorsement by Senate before any such decisions become operative following advice from the Academic Board concentrating on any important implications, if any, it being intended that Senate would ordinarily give its endorsement promptly, though reserving its capacity for independent decision and to send back a decision for further review by the Academic Board where satisfied in either case that there were special circumstances warranting this exceptional course.
- (b) to (m) as per the Report.*

AGENDA ITEM 6 Report of the Vice-Chancellor and Principal

6.1 Report on Senate matters

6.1.1 Report of the Senate meeting held on 3 March 2002

Senate, at its meeting held on 3 March 2002:

- (1) noted the Vice-Chancellor's presentation on his perspectives on 2002.
- (2) noted updates on proposed By-law amendments relating to (i) fiduciary duty of loyalty and (ii) eligibility of Fellows.
- (3) noted the report on Lend Lease Corporation which had offered to work with the University to look at more effective ways of raising money.
- (4) noted correspondence with the NSW Ombudsman.
- (5) noted recommendations of the Faculty of Medicine which had been approved by the Vice-Chancellor; and appointed the following Selection Committee for the Dean of Medicine:

Ex-officio:

Vice-Chancellor and Principal (Professor Gavin Brown)

Chair of the Academic Board (Professor Judyth Sachs)

Pro-Vice-Chancellor with supervisory responsibility for the Dean
(Professor J A Young)

Members appointed by Senate:

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

Professor J Paul Seale

Professor John R Turtle

Associate Professor Louise Baur

Professor David Celermajer (First Reserve)

Associate Professor Jill Gordon (Second reserve)

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

Dr Diana Horvath, CEO, Central Sydney Area Health Service.

- (6) approved the following Selection Committee for the Dean of Graduate Studies:

Ex-officio:

Vice-Chancellor and Principal (Professor Gavin Brown)

Chair of the Academic Board (Professor Judyth Sachs)

Pro-Vice-Chancellor with supervisory responsibility for the Dean (Professor Les Field)

Members appointed by Senate:

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

Professor Beryl Hesketh (Dean, Faculty of Science)

Professor Charlie Benrimoj (Dean, Faculty of Pharmacy)

Professor Geoff Sherington (Dean, Faculty of Education)

Professor Judy Raper (Reserve)

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

Professor Ron McDonald (Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Research), University of Newcastle)

- (7) resolved (i) to promulgate the New Rule in the form presented in the report as the University of Sydney (Intellectual Property) Rule 2002, to take effect from the date on which it is published in accordance with clause 6 of the University of Sydney By-law 1999; and (ii) to repeal Part 8 of the University of Sydney (Amendment Act) Rule 1999 in its entirety, to take effect simultaneously with the promulgation of the University of Sydney (Intellectual Property) Rule 2002.
- (8) noted the report on Fundraising, and Alumni and Sesquicentenary Activities.

- (9) noted a tabled article from *Campus Review* which reported that the University had won the NSW sports award for the event of the year for hosting the 2001 Australian University Games which attracted 6000 athletes from 43 campuses.
- (10) adopted the following motion:
That the Senate notes opposition among University of Sydney students to the Federal Government's "Pacific Solution" and its policies of Mandatory Detention of refugees in Australia, and supports students calls for policies that are based on a compassionate and humane approach to asylum seekers.
The Senate will encourage the raising of awareness within the University, in cooperation with the student bodies - the Students' Representative Council (SRC), University of Sydney Union and the Sydney University Postgraduate Representative Association (SUPRA), on a compassionate and humane approach to asylum seekers.
Specifically, and recognising the continuing tradition of universities as centres for public and intellectual inquiry, Senate will encourage the organisation and promotion of a public lecture, through the Centre for Peace and Conflict Studies, by a scholar or scholars working in this field. This lecture is to be opened by the Chancellor and chaired by the Deputy Chancellor and is to take place as soon as practically possible.
- (11) resolved to congratulate Sir Leslie Melville BEd HonDSc(Econ), one of the University's most distinguished Economics graduates and honorary doctors, on his centenary on 26 March 2002 which would make him two-thirds as old as the University.
- (12) noted the recent death of Sir Roden Cutler, Visitor of the University from 1966 to 1981.
- (13) resolved to authorise Mr J McCarthy to report to Senate at the April meeting on the proposed composition and terms of reference for a Senate/Sports Liaison Committee to include Fellows of Senate, officers of the Sydney University sports organisations, members of the University administrative staff and external supporters of Sydney University sports.

AGENDA ITEM 8

Reports of Faculties and Boards

8.1 Report of the Faculty of Architecture

8.1.3 Semester and vacation dates 2002

At its meeting in October 2001, the Academic Board approved a variation to the semester and vacation dates 2002 in the Faculty of Architecture. This variation included a non-teaching period of 29 March to 12 April 2002.

The Faculty has advised that owing to the recently-approved timetable for the renovations of the Wilkinson Building the Dean, on behalf of the Faculty, proposes that the non-teaching period be revised to 25 March to 12 April to lessen the impact of the demolition noise on classes.

The extended nature of the break means that classes will be extended to finish on Friday 21 June. It has been noted that this overlaps with the University's study break. The Faculty advises that few students will be affected as the Faculty administers few examinations in the subsequent examination period.

Undergraduate students have been advised of the revised semester dates in registration meetings and welcomes as well as classes. Graduate students have been advised by email and notices are displayed throughout the Wilkinson, Medical Foundation and Institute buildings where classes are currently being conducted.

Recommendation

That the Academic Board note the amendment of the semester and vacation dates for the Faculty of Architecture for the year 2002.