



Academic Board Agenda

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SUPPLEMENTARY AGENDA

for the meeting on Wednesday 14 May 2003

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<i>Recommendation</i> 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. Report of the Vice-Chancellor and Principal 6.1 Report on Senate matters 6.1.2 Report of the Senate meeting held on 5 May 2003	3-4
<i>Recommendation</i> 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 2003.	

AGENDA ITEM 5
Report of the Chair

5.2 Honours and distinctions

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

Professor Robert Bilger, Faculty of Engineering
Elected to the Australian Academy of Science

Professor Richard Shine, Faculty of Science
Elected to the Australian Academy of Science

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 5 May 2003

Senate, at its meeting held on 5 May 2003:

- (1) noted that it was the intention of the Hon John Hatzistergos and Mr Kevin Greene to retire as Fellows elected by and from the members of the Legislative Council and the Legislative Assembly respectively, and it was expected that the elections for their replacements would be held by Parliament on 7 or 8 May.
- (2) resolved to accept the offer of the Hon John Hatzistergos to continue as a member of the Selection Committee for the position of Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Academic and International).
- (3) (i) agreed in principle to establish the position of Pro-Chancellor to be occupied by a small number of Fellows of Senate chosen by Senate on the recommendation of the Chancellor as persons who may properly carry out the functions of delegate of the Chancellor to preside at graduation ceremonies when the Chancellor is not available, in addition to the Deputy Chancellor, and Chair of the Academic Board; (ii) established a committee of the Senate comprising the Chancellor, the Vice-Chancellor, the Deputy Chancellor and Professor Margaret Harris, to report to the June meeting of Senate on proposed parameters and Resolutions of the Senate relating to the appointment procedure; (iii) agreed that this item would be discussed briefly as Senate business at the June 2003 Colloquium; and (iv) agreed that the question of an ambassadorial role by Fellows/non-Fellows be considered.
- (4) noted the Vice-Chancellor's report that the Federal Minister had agreed to brief the AVCC Board on the outcomes in the Budget of the Nelson Review on the evening before the Budget was released.
- (5) noted the report that the whole of the Camperdown campus, Mallett Street, the Medical Foundation Building, the Telfer/Mackie buildings, the University of Sydney Village and almost all of the Darlington campus were now included within the revised boundaries of the City of Sydney.
- (6) noted the report on the inaugural meeting on 14 April 2003 of the Centre for Regional Education, Orange.
- (7) noted the report on the lead role taken by the University in the publication of a new book highlighting the quality of Australian education and the advantages of studying in Australia, *Australian Education – Passport to a Global Career*.
- (8) noted the report that the University had hosted a preliminary site visit by a delegation from the American Veterinary Medical Association so that University of Sydney graduates in Veterinary Science may be automatically accredited to practice in the United States.
- (9) noted the report that the Publications Office and the Online Service Delivery Program within the Major Projects Group were working to develop an improved University website, with stage one expected to “go live” at the end of May, and stage two implemented in the second half of 2003.
- (10) noted the report on the public Seminar “Innovation: Beyond the Idea” conducted by the Warren Centre for Advanced Engineering.
- (11) noted the report on the Review of Internationalisation and International Strategies, Visiting Delegations and VIPs, Training Programs and New International Enrolments.
- (12) noted the report on Development and External Affairs.
- (13) approved the “University of Sydney (Authority Within Academic Units) Rule 2003”, as set out in the report.
- (14) noted the Vice-Chancellor's report on student/staff ratios.

- (15) (i) noted that the next Senate meeting and the Colloquium on “Aspects of the future of higher education in Australia and the University’s role within it” would be held at 5.00pm on 2 June 2003 in the Senate Room; (ii) resolved that the Colloquium be conducted primarily in open session where Senate would have a presentation from the Vice-Chancellor and such others as he would wish to introduce to give a descriptive analysis of implications of the higher education review package, but that any recommendations he would wish to make on that analysis, apart from scenario analysis, would not be conducted in open session; (iii) resolved that further consideration be given between now and the agenda setting to whether there would be a closing period at the end of the Colloquium which would be in closed session at which the Vice-Chancellor would wish to lead a discussion on possible outcomes and his tentative other recommendations; (iv) resolved that we announce closer to the time of the Colloquium that there would be a process of consultation in particular with representatives of the student body, the academic staff and the general staff on the higher education review outcome from the Government prior to a further meeting of Senate at which it would attempt to reach conclusions on the University’s position; and (v) resolved that none of the foregoing was to preclude the use of a committee if that was deemed desirable.