

AGENDA ITEM 6 Report of the Vice-Chancellor

6.1 Report on Senate matters

6.1.1 Report of the Senate meeting held on 20 June 2005

Senate, at its meeting held on 20 June 2005:

- (1) approved the following polling days for the 2005 Senate elections as follows:
 - one Undergraduate Student Fellow of Senate:
6 October 2005
 - one Postgraduate Student Fellow of Senate:
6 October 2005
 - four Academic Staff Fellows of Senate:
8 November 2005
 - one Non-academic Staff Fellow of Senate:
8 November 2005
 - five Graduate Fellows of Senate:
14 November 2005
- (2) approved the Constitution of the University of Sydney Sport Foundation as set out in the report presented, subject to:
 - (a) further consideration as to whether it would be prudent to create an entity (possibly a trust) separate from the University, rather than to create a Foundation which is part of the University, taking into account the need for tax deductibility and tax exempt status;
 - (b) amendments being made following further discussions between the Chancellor, Vice-Chancellor and general Counsel, as may be thought desirable with respect to (a) above, or otherwise in broad conformity with the current draft. A possible amendment would be the addition to clause 10.3 of words to the following effect:

“... as long as the preferred application does not endanger the tax deductible status of gifts to the University, or the income exempt status of the University.”
 - (c) the Constitution of the University of Sydney Sport Foundation as amended being reported to the next meeting of Senate.
- (3) approved the updated Terms of Reference for the Finance Committee as set out in the report presented.
- (4) appointed the following selection committee for the position of Dean, Sydney College of the Arts:

Ex-officio

- Vice-Chancellor and Principal, Professor Gavin Brown
- Chair of the Academic Board, Professor John Carter
- Pro-Vice-Chancellor, Humanities and Social Sciences, Professor June Sinclair

Members appointed by Senate

Three members (plus reserve) nominated by the Faculty:

- Associate Professor Mirabel Fitzgerald
- Dr Ann Elias
- Mr Stephen Lojewski

Reserve member:

- Mr Geoff Weary

External Member:

- Professor David Williams, Director, School of Art, Australian National University

Additional Member:

- Professor Margaret Harris

- (5) appointed the following selection committee for the position of Pro-Vice-Chancellor (Learning and Teaching):
Ex Officio:
- Vice-Chancellor and Principal, Professor Gavin Brown
 - Chair of the Academic Board, Professor John Carter, or nominee
 - The Deputy Vice-Chancellor to whom the Pro-Vice-Chancellor reports, Professor John Hearn
- Members appointed by Senate:***
Up to two nominees of Senate, who may or may not be a member of Senate:
- Professor Margaret Harris
 - Dr Suzanne Jamieson
- Two members nominated by the Academic Board:
- Professor Penny Gay
 - Professor Peter Wolnizer
- One member, external to the University, on the nomination of the Vice-Chancellor:
- Professor Adrian Lee, Pro-Vice-Chancellor (Teaching and Learning), UNSW
- (6) endorsed the submission to the Senate Employment, Workplace Relations and Education Legislation Committee set out in the report presented as amended at the meeting and with such other changes as were agreed to by the Vice-Chancellor.
- (7) resolved unanimously as follows:
The University of Sydney Senate recognises the importance of the on-going campaign in highlighting the potential impact of the government's Abolition of Compulsory Student Union Fees legislation on the student experience at the University of Sydney. Senate will continue to be involved in this campaign by supporting the SRC and students in the rally planned for August 10.
- (8) congratulated Ms Phoebe Scott on being awarded the Senate Sesquicentenary Travelling Scholarship for 2005.
- (9) noted the tribute to the late Emeritus Professor Clifford Turney.
- (10) noted the Vice-Chancellor's report that the University of Sydney had been successful in securing five of the Australian Government's Federation Fellowships for 2005, more than any other university in the country. These five new Federation Fellows were:
- Assistant Professor Bryan Gaensler
 - Dr Andrew Parker
 - Dr Cameron Kepert
 - Professor Philip Maini
 - Professor Rick Shine.
- (11) noted the Vice-Chancellor's report that University of Sydney researchers were involved in five of the eleven new ARC Centres of Excellence.
- (12) noted the Vice-Chancellor's report which highlighted that members of the University were encouraged to bring to its attention any issues or problems they perceived in the learning and teaching environment, and that they were protected in such disclosures by legislation.
- (13) noted the Vice-Chancellor's report on international visits, international activities and University relations.