

AGENDA ITEM 6 **Report of the Vice-Chancellor**

6.1 Report on Senate matters

6.1.1 Report of the Senate meeting held on 2 May 2005

Senate, at its meeting held on 2 May 2005:

- (1) noted the presentation by the Vice-Chancellor on *The University of Sydney Strategic Directions 2005-2010* and input by Fellows.
- (2) approved by way of a Rule, to take effect on 1 June 2005, the extension of the class of person to whom delegations of authority may be made and the further proposed delegations as set out in the report presented.
- (3) approved the Policy on the naming of buildings and other significant physical assets, subject to an amendment, and endorsed the associated procedures document.
- (4) approved the nomination of Mr James Longley as Chair of the Board of the Centenary Institute for a period of three years from 17 May 2005.
- (5) joined the Vice-Chancellor in congratulating Professor Ruth Hall of the School of Molecular and Microbial Biosciences on her election to Fellowship of the Australian Academy of Science.
- (5) congratulated Ms Alex Blackwell, Ms Kate Blackwell and Ms Lisa Sthalekar on their membership of Australia's world cup winning women's cricket team and the Sydney University Cricket Club on winning the First Grade minor premiership and the Club Championship for 2004-05.
- (5) welcomed new Fellow Ms Janet Mooney to her first regular meeting of Senate and the Hon John Aquilina and the Hon Henry Tsang to their first regular meeting of Senate in 2005.
- (6) placed on record its formal appreciation for and noted in detail the contribution made by former Fellow of Senate, Professor Leslie Field, who resigned from the University effective from 1 April 2005.
- (8) noted the Vice-Chancellor's updates on:
 - (a) the new Higher Education Workplace Relations Requirements;
 - (b) advice from the Cultural Attaché to the Saudi Embassy in Canberra that the Saudi Government had agreed to the proposal that 60 students be awarded scholarships to come to the University of Sydney for seven years to undertake a foundation program, an undergraduate program in Science or Health Sciences and a postgraduate program in one of the Health Sciences;
 - (c) the AGSM Joint Venture; and
 - (d) SUPRA matters
- (9) noted the Vice-Chancellor's expression of appreciation to Senate about his sabbatical and advice about his paper "The Adaptive University" which he would deliver at the Olympiad of the Mind in Paris to be held on 20-21 May 2005.
- (10) noted reports on the following:
 - (a) international activities
 - (b) University relations
 - (c) the Acting Vice-Chancellor's approval of the recommendation of the Board of the Australian Centre for Lesbian and Gay Research to disestablish the Centre.
 - (d) the 2004 Annual Report of the Adviser on Payments made by Student Societies.