

AGENDA ITEM 6 Report of the Vice-Chancellor

6.1 Report on Senate matters

6.1.1 Report of the Senate meeting held on 21 March 2005

Senate, at its meeting held on 21 March 2005:

- (1) gave in principle approval to proposed By-Law amendments relating to the Higher Education Governance Protocols as recommended in the report presented, with one amendment, and agreed to hold a special meeting to consider the By-law.
- (2) approved the Delegations of Authority – Administrative Functions as set out in the report presented.
- (3) approved the dissolution of the Asia-Pacific Capital Markets Foundation (ACMF) and the assignment to the Securities Industry Research Centre of Asia-Pacific (SIRCA) of the funds held by the University pertaining to the conduct and operation of ACMF in accordance with the terms of the Termination Deed.
- (4) approved the Revised Guidelines and Procedures for Honorary Awards as set out in the report presented.
- (5) adopted the following resolution: The Senate of the University of Sydney recognises the importance of the national day to be held on 28 April 2005 and supports the students in their celebration of the essential role of student organisations in contributing to the overall student experience, which will be marked at the University of Sydney by a variety of events.
- (6) in relation to the Ministerial Issues Paper: *Building University Diversity*, resolved to support the Vice-Chancellor's view that, while competition from the entry of teaching-only private providers with the title of university was welcomed, it should be on the basis that the University should not be impeded from competing and in particular should not be subject to unnecessary constraints from government regulations, especially (but not only) those to which new entrants were not subject.
- (7) resolved to congratulate the Women's College on its recognition by the NSW Heritage Office.
- (8) re-appointed The Hon Jane Hamilton Mathews QC and The Hon Matthew John Robert Clarke QC as Chairs of Student Proctorial Boards for a one year term of office to conclude at the Senate meeting in March 2006.
- (9) endorsed the re-appointment Mr David Hoare and the appointment of Mr John McCarthy to the position of Pro-Chancellor on the nomination of the Chancellor, the term of office to conclude on 31 December 2006.
- (10) noted with sorrow the death of Professor Cliff Turney, Foundation Dean of the Faculty of Education, and resolved to convey its condolences to Mrs Turney, noting that the Chancellor would write on behalf of Senate and that a tribute would be brought to the next Senate meeting by Professor Stephen Garton.
- (11) noted and thanked the Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Research and Innovation), Professor Tim Hirst, for his presentation on "Research and innovation: how do we capitalise on our strategies".
- (12) noted and thanked the Director, Corporate Strategies, Ms Judith Russell, for her demonstration of the new Senate website at <http://www.usyd.edu.au/senate/>.
- (13) noted the Vice-Chancellor's advice in relation to an article in that day's Daily Telegraph entitled "Elite uni rocked by widespread plagiarism".
- (14) noted the report that The Hon Bryan Alan Beaumont QC AO had accepted Senate's invitation to receive the honorary degree in of Doctor of Letters in 2005.
- (15) noted reports on the following:

- (a) international activities
- (b) University relations
- (c) appeals heard by the Student Appeals Committee (Exclusions and Readmissions) in 2004
- (d) citations for recipients of honorary awards conferred in 2004
- (e) citations for recipients of the Vice-Chancellor's Awards for Outstanding Teaching and for Excellence in Research Higher Degree Supervision 2003

6.1.2 Report of the special Senate meeting held on 6 April 2005

Senate, at its special meeting held on 6 April 2005:

- (1) approved the proposed By-Law as recommended in the report presented, with such amendments, if any, as may be proposed through Parliamentary Counsel, as do not alter the substance of the By-law and, in case of doubt, that the matter be referred to Minter Ellison for advice.