



Academic Board Agenda

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SUPPLEMENTARY AGENDA for the meeting on Wednesday 15 November 2006

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- ★ 1. **Apologies**
Apologies have been received from:
Professors A Boyd, G Gallop, P Gay, J Hearn, A Rubbo, Associate Professor P Wynn, Dr J Hughes, Mr V Ghazavi, Mr C Ritchie.
- ★ 5. **Report of the Chair**
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- Recommendation*
That the Academic Board:
(1) approve the members of the Joint Committee for the selection of the Vice-Chancellor on the nomination of the Chair of the Academic Board; and
(2) note the Chair's report on nominations to selection committees for senior executive positions as set out in the report presented.
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- Recommendation*
That the Academic Board note the Chair's report on the recent training session for Academic Board nominees, as set out in the report presented.
- 5.3.9 **Tribute to Professor Judyth Sachs** 4
- Recommendation*
That the Academic Board join with the Chair in acknowledging Professor Sachs' contribution to the University and wishing her every success in her future career.
- ★ 6. **Report of the Vice-Chancellor and Principal**
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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 held on 6 November 2006, as set out in the report presented.

Amended Recommendation:

10. Report of the Undergraduate Studies Committee

10.2 Report of the meeting held on 31 October 2006

10.2.1 Faculty Resolutions

10.2.1.2 Faculty of Health Sciences

**(2) Bachelor of Health Sciences
(Physiotherapy)**

Recommendation

That the Academic Board:

- (i) approve the proposal from the Faculty of Health Sciences to reintroduce the Bachelor of Health Sciences (Physiotherapy)*
- (ii) recommend that Senate endorse the Academic Board's approval of the proposal, noting that there are no related amendments to the Senate Resolutions for this course*

with effect from Semester 1, 2007, as set out in the report presented.

AGENDA ITEM 5 Report of the Chair

5.3 General Report

5.3.1 Membership of Senior Executive Selection Committees

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At its meeting on 6 November 2006, Senate passed the following resolution.

PROCEDURES FOR CONSULTATION BETWEEN THE SENATE AND THE ACADEMIC BOARD IN RESPECT OF APPOINTMENT OF VICE-CHANCELLOR AND FOR SELECTION OF A VICE-CHANCELLOR

Following the extension to 7 July 2008 of the Vice-Chancellor's appointment on the terms recorded, and in order to provide a timely process for Senate to appoint and have in office an outstanding successor by that date, the Senate will appoint a Joint Committee of Senate by no later than the Senate meeting in December 2006 to be chosen in accordance with principles of good governance consisting of:

- (a) members ex officio (namely, the Chancellor, the Deputy Chancellor, and the Chair of the Academic Board),
- (b) members of Senate appointed by the Senate; and
- (c) members equal in number to those appointed under (b), to be appointed by the Senate on the nomination of the Academic Board through its chair,

to identify and review applicants for appointment as the next Vice-Chancellor and to make recommendations to Senate for its determination in respect of such appointment reporting to Senate on a regular basis. Such will include the appointment by the committee of a suitable search firm of the highest integrity and competence in order to maximise the University's capacity to approach possible outstanding applicants on a strictly confidential basis in the first instance in order to ascertain their interest who may not otherwise respond and to have the benefit of objective external input and additional due diligence.

In order to represent the width of interest on the Board, it would be desirable to have four members appointed under (c). The Joint Committee will be a committee of the Senate which will report to that body.

The members of the Board to be nominated to Senate for appointment to the Joint Committee will be nominated to the Board by the Chair of the Academic Board (Chair's italics).

The Senate is to approve the final composition of the committee, maintaining the equality of number referred to in (c) above and be in a position, should circumstances warrant this to replace a member of the Committee or require in the case of those nominated by the Academic Board that the Chair of the Academic Board nominate a replacement for appointment by Senate.

A majority of the members of the Committee must be external, but so that a student Fellow may constitute an external member.

With respect to the paragraph in italics above, the Chair wishes to nominate to the Board the following:

- Professor Stephen Garton (Dean, Faculty of Arts)
- Professor Geoff Gallop (Director, Graduate School of Government)
- Professor Jocalyn Lawler (Dean, Faculty of Nursing and Midwifery)
- Professor Jill Trehwella (Federation Fellow, Faculty of Science)

And, as reserves,

- Professor David Day (Dean, Faculty of Science)
- Professor Chris Murphy (Bosch Professor of Histology and Embryology, Faculty of Medicine)

Biographies for the nominated members are attached.

With regard to the nomination of Professor Jill Trehwella, the Chair wishes to nominate Professor Trehwella for membership of the Academic Board under section 5 (1) (f) of the *University of Sydney (Academic Governance) Rule 2003 (as amended)*. This nomination for membership is not only to allow Professor Trehwella to be nominated to the Joint Committee (as set out above), but would provide the Academic Board with representation by a senior research-only academic. At present there are no other Federation Fellows on the Academic Board, and the Chair would like to see this important group of researchers represented on the Board. Professor Trehwella's appointment would be for a period expiring 31 December 2007, in line with all other academic staff members currently on the Academic Board.

Recommendation

That the Academic Board

- (1) *appoint Professor J Trehwella under section 5 (1) (f) of the University of Sydney (Academic Governance) Rule 2003 (as amended) as a member of the Academic Board for the period 16 November 2006 to 31 December 2007; and*
- (2) *approve the members of the Joint Committee for the selection of the Vice-Chancellor on the nomination of the Chair of the Academic Board; as set out in the report presented.*

5.3.8 Academic Board Nominees Training

The Chair will provide an oral report on the Academic Board nominees training session held on 1 November 2006.

Recommendation

That the Academic Board note the Chair's report on the recent training session for Academic Board nominees, as set out in the report presented.

5.3.9 Tribute to Professor Judyth Sachs

Recommendation

That the Academic Board join with the Chair in acknowledging Professor Sachs' contribution to the University and wishing her every success in her future career.

Biographies of Chair's Nominees:

Stephen Garton

Stephen Garton is Dean of Arts and Challis Professor of History at the University of Sydney. He is a graduate of the University of Sydney (BA) and UNSW (PhD) and has been a member of staff since 1987. He is a Fellow of the Australian Academy of the Humanities, the Academy of Social Sciences in Australia and the Royal Australian Historical Society and was awarded a Commonwealth Centenary Medal in 2003. His field of research is social and cultural history, focusing particularly on such areas as incarceration, insanity, crime, poverty, social policy, repatriation, eugenics, sexuality, museums and digital humanities. He is the author of 4 books and over 70 articles and chapters. He has been a member of the University's Academic Board for many years and in that time has served on numerous Board Committees such as Graduate Studies, Research Committee and the PhD Award sub-committee.

Geoff Gallop

Geoff Gallop was born in 1951 in Geraldton, Western Australia. He attended local primary and high schools before studying Economics at the University of Western Australia from 1968 to 1971. After winning a Rhodes Scholarship he attended Oxford University from 1972 to 74 and again from 1977 to 1981, the last two as the Gwilym Gibbon Research Fellow at Nuffield College. He was awarded his Doctorate in 1983.

From 1975 to 1977 he was a postgraduate student at Murdoch University and he returned as a Lecturer in Social and Political Theory from 1981 to 1986.

Geoff was elected the Member for Victoria Park in 1986 and re-elected in 1989, 1993, 1996, 2001 and 2005. From 1990 to 1993 he was a Minister in the Lawrence Labor Government (holding a range of portfolios most notably Education, Fuel and Energy and Minister Assisting the Treasurer) and when that Government was defeated in 1993 he took up a range of Shadow Ministerial appointments. In 1994 he was elected Deputy Leader of the State Parliamentary Labor Party and in 1996 he was elected Leader. In 2001 Dr Gallop was elected as the 31st Premier of Western Australia, a position he held until 2006, when he was appointed Director of the Graduate School of Government at the University of Sydney.

As Leader of the Labor Party he attended the Constitutional Convention in Canberra in 1998 where he put the case for a Republic with a directly elected President. As Premier Dr Gallop oversaw a range of political and social reforms (electoral reform, gay and lesbian equality and a State Administrative Tribunal), upgraded the State's industrial and labour laws, brought a spirit of reconciliation to the resolution of Native Title and developed partnership models for the State's indigenous communities, changed the law to require all 16 and 17 year olds to be in education or training, was the first Premier to commit his government to a major desalination plant, stopped the logging of all of the State's Old Growth Forests creating record numbers of new national parks, restructured the State's electricity and racing industries, and started construction of the Perth to Mandurah Railway and City Tunnel.

As Minister for Science he established the Science Council, committed significant funding to Research and Development in the State, and established the Premier's Research Fellowship Program to attract leading researchers from overseas and interstate.

Jill Trehwella

Jill Trehwella is a 2004 Australian Federation Fellow in the School of Molecular and Microbial Biosciences at Sydney University. She also holds auxiliary appointments in the Department of Chemistry, University of Utah, and the Bragg Institute at ANSTO. Jill is a biophysicist who uses physical methods to study bio-molecular structures as a basis for understanding their function. A major focus of her work has been to understand the structural basis for second messenger mediated signalling in enzyme activation and regulation of biological processes.

Jill received her Bachelor of Science (1975) degree with first class honours in Physics and Applied Mathematics and a Master of Science (1978) in Physics from the University of New South Wales, Australia. Her PhD (1981) is in Chemistry from the University of Sydney, Australia. Jill went to the United States in 1980 to complete post doctoral studies at Yale University in the Department of Biophysics and Biochemistry.

In 1984 Jill went to Los Alamos National Laboratory as to begin a structural molecular biology program centred around the spallation neutron source there. She held various science leadership and management positions before being named Laboratory Fellow (1995) in recognition of sustained outstanding contributions to science and technology. Her national recognition includes being named Fellow of the American Association for the Advancement of Science and elected as secretary of the Biophysical Society. She has served on numerous scientific review committees and has given numerous invited talks at international and national meetings on her research, as well as on science and technology approaches and national needs with respect to addressing biological threats.

In October 1999 Jill was appointed to lead the Bioscience Division at Los Alamos. The then newly formed multidisciplinary Division brought together biological and physical sciences to address some of the most complex problems in national health security and environmental stewardship. Her work in building the Bioscience Division led to a special award from General John Gordon, head of DOE's National Nuclear Security Administration, for exceptional service and leadership after September 11 in pursuit of the anthrax attacks and for creating a focus for new genomic sequencing and microbial forensics capabilities at Los Alamos. In these roles, she briefed President Bush, Governor Ridge, and Speaker Hastert on DOE's capabilities for dealing with threats from biological agents and interacted at the highest levels with national security and law enforcement agencies, as well as national and international news media.

Jocalyn Lawler

Professor Lawler was appointed to a chair in nursing in 1992 and in 1999 she took up her appointment as Dean as the Faculty of Nursing & Midwifery. She is a registered nurse with academic qualifications in Social Science and Education and took her PhD from the University of New South Wales in 1989. She is a Fellow of the College of Nursing, Fellow of the Royal College of Nursing, Australia and an Honorary Fellow of the Congress of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Nurses.

Professor Lawler researches the nature of nursing work, knowledge and practice as well as the patient experience, particularly as it relates to the body, embodiment, intimacy and private social space. Her work has been translated into French and Norwegian.

Professor Lawler's work with the Academic Board involved a period as Deputy Chair 1996-9 during which she chaired the Undergraduate Studies Committee; Policy Advisory Committee 1995-6) and she is currently a member of the Staffing Committee. She was a member of the Capital Development Program Co-ordinating Group (1999-2000) and has been a member of several other university committees, including for example Postgraduate Scholarships (1992-6), and central promotions committees.

David Day

David graduated from Adelaide University with a PhD in Botany, specializing in cell physiology and biochemistry. Along the way he gained a Diploma of Teaching from Adelaide teachers College. David undertook three years of postdoctoral training in the USA (Illinois and UCLA) before returning to Australia with a QEII Fellowship at CSIRO in Canberra. Subsequently he moved to the Australian National University, first as a research fellow, then as a lecturer and was eventually gained a personal chair in the School of Biochemistry and Molecular Biology. David was also Deputy Dean of the Faculty of Science for a few years. During this period he spent extended periods working in France and The Netherlands.

In 1999, David was appointed to the Chair of Biochemistry at the University of Western Australia and subsequently moved to the University of Sydney as Dean of Science at the beginning of 2005. David has been appointed Executive Dean for Science, Agriculture and Veterinary Science.

David's current research interests focus on energy metabolism, membrane transport and oxidative stress in plants. In these areas he has published about 200 journal articles, reviews and book chapters, and is an ISI Highly Cited Author in the area of plant and animal biology.

Chris Murphy

Chris is the Bosch Professor of Histology and Embryology and is also Director of the Cell and Reproductive Biology Laboratory. Chris' administrative roles include Associate Dean & Head of School of Medical Sciences, Faculty of Medicine, Chair, Academic Staffing Committee of Academic Board and Vice-President, University of Sydney Association of Professors. Chris holds a PhD from Flinders University (1980), a BSc (Hons I) from Adelaide University (1976) and, from the University of Sydney in 1998, a DSc.

The research in Chris' laboratory is designed to understand the structural and molecular basis of changes in the uterus and in its lining (epithelial) cells which allow pregnancy to begin. The laboratory particularly interested to understand how molecules of the plasma membrane of these cells contribute to defining when the uterus will allow a fertilized egg to attach and pregnancy to begin. Moreover, since these events are so dynamic, and can be experimentally manipulated in animals with exogenous ovarian hormone treatments, they provide an opportunity to study interactions between membrane molecules in a changing system and so add to understanding of fundamental structural cell biological phenomena.

In addition, because the uterus is centrally involved in many aspects of female health, the laboratory has interests in IVF, other aspects of assisted fertility and menopausal health and collaborates with clinical workers on applied problems in women's health using the knowledge gained from basic science.

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 6 November 2006

Senate, at its meeting held on 6 November 2006:

- (1) appointed the following Selection Committees:
(a) for the **Deanship, Faculty of Pharmacy**:

Ex-officio

- Vice-Chancellor and Principal (Professor Gavin Brown)
- Chair of the Academic Board (Professor Bruce Sutton)
- Provost and Deputy Vice-Chancellor, Professor Don Nutbeam

Members appointed by Senate

Three members (plus reserve) nominated by the Faculty:

- Professor Carol Armour
- Professor Basil Roufogalis
- Professor Michael Murray

Reserve members:

- Dr Alaina Ammit (Reserve)
- Professor Andrew McLachlan (Reserve)

External Member:

- Ross Brown - President of the Pharmacy Alumni Association

Reserve External Member:

- Warwick Plunkett - President of the Pharmacy Practice Foundation and also on the executive of the Pharmaceutical Society of Australia (NSW)

- (b) for the **Deanship, Faculty of Law**:

Ex-officio

- Vice-Chancellor and Principal (Professor Gavin Brown)
- Chair of the Academic Board (Professor Bruce Sutton)
- Provost and Deputy Vice-Chancellor, Professor Don Nutbeam

Members appointed by Senate

Three members (plus reserve) nominated by the Faculty:

- Associate Professor Helen Irving
- Associate Professor Elisabeth Peden
- Dr David Rolph

Reserve member:

- Dr Gail Mason (Reserve)

External Member:

- Justice Robert Austin (Supreme Court of New South Wales)

Reserve External Member:

- Justice Arthur Emmett (Federal Court of Australia)

(c) for the **Deanship, Faculty of Architecture:**

Ex-officio

- Vice-Chancellor and Principal (Professor Gavin Brown)
- Nominee of the Chair of the Academic Board (Professor Margaret Miller)
- Provost and Deputy Vice-Chancellor, Professor Don Nutbeam

Members appointed by Senate

Three members (plus reserve) nominated by the Faculty:

- Professor John Gero
- Professor Edward Blakely
- Professor Tom Heneghan

Reserve members:

- Dr Kirsty Beilhar (Reserve)
- Dr Nicole Gurran (Reserve)

External Member:

- Mr Howard Tanner, Head, Tanner Architects, Sydney

Reserve External Member:

- Dr Clarissa Ball, Head of School and Dean Faculty of Architecture, Landscape and Visual Arts, UWA

(d) for the **Deanship, Faculty of Medicine:**

Ex-officio

- Vice-Chancellor and Principal (Professor Gavin Brown)
- Chair of the Academic Board (Professor Bruce Sutton)
- Provost and Deputy Vice-Chancellor, Professor Don Nutbeam

Members appointed by Senate

Three members (plus reserve) nominated by the Faculty:

- Professor S B Freedman
- Professor David Cook
- Professor Kathryn North

Reserve members:

- Professor Chris Murphy (Reserve)
- Professor Tania Sorrell (Reserve)

Additional member:

- The Faculty Liaison officer, Professor Freedman and the Faculty Standing Committee recommend that, in recognition of the Faculty's strong links with the Faculty of Science, Professor David Day as Dean of the Faculty of Science be invited to join the selection committee as an additional member

External Member:

- Professor Michael Hensley, Head of the School of Medicine and Public Health at the University of Newcastle

- (e) for the **Provost and Deputy Vice-Chancellor**, with the external person to be nominated by the Vice-Chancellor to be an informal appointment to the Committee and confirmed by Senate at its December meeting.

Ex Officio:

- Chancellor
- Deputy Chancellor
- Chair of the Academic Board
- Vice-Chancellor and Principal

Appointed by Senate:

- Two nominees of Senate (to be current Fellows) nominated to Senate by the Chancellor following consultation after receipt of expressions of interest from Fellows:
 - Mr Alec Brennan
 - Mr Alan Cameron
- One additional member of the Academic Board, on the nomination of the Chair of the Board:
 - Professor Penny Gay
 - Professor Greg Hancock (Reserve)
- One member, external to the University, on the nomination of the Vice-Chancellor:
 - To be advised

- (f) for the **Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Research)**, with the external person to be nominated by the Vice-Chancellor to be an informal appointment to the Committee and confirmed by Senate at its December meeting.

Ex Officio:

- Chancellor
- Deputy Chancellor
- Chair of the Academic Board
- Vice-Chancellor and Principal

Appointed by Senate:

- Two nominees of Senate (to be current Fellows) nominated to Senate by the Chancellor following consultation after receipt of expressions of interest from Fellows:
 - Professor Margaret Harris
 - Mr Joseph Skrzynski
- One additional member of the Academic Board, on the nomination of the Chair of the Board:
 - Professor Les Copeland
 - Associate Professor Robyn Overall (Reserve)
- One member, external to the University, on the nomination of the Vice-Chancellor:
 - To be advised

(g) for the **Pro-Vice-Chancellor (International)**:

Ex Officio:

- Vice-Chancellor and Principal
- Chair of the Academic Board or nominee
- Deputy Vice-Chancellor to whom the Pro-Vice-Chancellor reports

Appointed by Senate:

- Two nominees of Senate (to be current Fellows) nominated to Senate by the Chancellor following consultation after receipt of expressions of interest from Fellows*:
 - The Hon John Aquilina
 - Dr Robin Fitzsimons
 - Professor Iqbal Ramzan
 - Two members (plus one reserve) nominated by the Academic Board:
 - Professor Charles Areni
 - Professor Gregory Murray
 - Associate Professor Sandra West (Reserve)
 - One member, external to the University, on the nomination of the Vice-Chancellor
 - Mr Mack Williams (member of the Board of RIAP)
- *It was proposed that this Selection Committee have an additional member in view of the desirability of a broad spectrum of input for the international dimension.

(h) for the **Deputy Provost (Learning and Teaching) and Pro-Vice-Chancellor**, with the external person to be nominated by the Vice-Chancellor to be an informal appointment to the Committee and confirmed by Senate at its December meeting.

Ex Officio:

- Vice-Chancellor and Principal
- Chair of the Academic Board or nominee
- Deputy Vice-Chancellor to whom the Pro-Vice-Chancellor reports

Appointed by Senate:

- Two nominees of Senate (to be current Fellows) nominated to Senate by the Chancellor following consultation after receipt of expressions of interest from Fellows:
 - Mr Adam Spencer
 - Dr Margaret Varady
- Two members (plus one reserve) nominated by the Academic Board:
 - Associate Professor Robin Ewing
 - Professor Gwyneth Llewellyn
 - Associate Professor Jennifer Hodgson (Reserve)
- One member, external to the University, on the nomination of the Vice-Chancellor
 - To be advised

(i) for the **Pro-Vice-Chancellor (Strategic Planning)**, with the external person to be nominated by the Vice-Chancellor to be

an informal appointment to the Committee and confirmed by Senate at its December meeting.

Ex Officio:

- Vice-Chancellor and Principal
- Chair of the Academic Board or nominee
- Deputy Vice-Chancellor to whom the Pro-Vice-Chancellor reports

Appointed by Senate:

- Two nominees of Senate (to be current Fellows) nominated to Senate by the Chancellor following consultation after receipt of expressions of interest from Fellows:
 - Dr Roslyn Bohringer
 - Ms Irene Moss
- Two members (plus one reserve) nominated by the Academic Board:
 - Professor Peter Wolnizer
 - Professor Chris Murphy
 - Associate Professor Susan Williams (Reserve)
- One member, external to the University, on the nomination of the Vice-Chancellor
To be advised

- (2) resolved:
 - (a) to pass the resolution for reserve powers in respect of SUS, USU and CSG, in accordance with the report presented;
 - (b) to approve the proposed additional amendments to the Constitutions of the SRC, SUS, USU and CSG as set out in the report presented, and amendments to the SUPRA Constitution approved in principle by Senate at its August meeting; and
 - (c) not to approve the proposed amendment in relation to Senate intervention following a student petition in respect of the SRC constitution.
- (3) adopted the Rules in respect of the Science Foundation for Physics set out in the report presented, to take effect on 1 December 2006.
- (4) approved:
 - (a) the draft Rule, the *University of Sydney (Student Appeals against Academic Decisions) Rule 2006*, as set out in the report presented and amended at the meeting; and
 - (b) consequential amendments and actions as set out in the Explanatory Memorandum in the report presented.
- (5) noted the report that the Executive Deans, who had been appointed from the existing Deans, were:
 - Faculties of Arts – Professor S Garton
 - Faculties of Engineering & Architecture – Professor G Hancock
 - Faculties of Health – Professor B Robinson (Acting)
 - Faculties of Science – Professor D Day
- (6) noted reports from the Director of the Research Office on the University's recent outstanding results in attracting grants from the Australian Research Council and the National Health and Medical Research Council, and joined the Vice-Chancellor in congratulating all successful applicants and the many staff who assisted, advised and in some cases mentored them through the application process.
- (7) noted a report on the proposed disestablishment of the AVCC and establishment of a new peak body for higher education to be known as Universities Australia.

- (8) noted a report on on-time and late UAC applications received up to 25 October from recent school leavers and non-recent school leavers, with University of Sydney having again attracted the largest share of first preferences lodged within the State.
- (9) noted the international report.
- (10) noted the University Relations report.

Recommendation

That the Academic Board note the report of the Vice-Chancellor and Principal on matters considered by Senate at its meeting held on 6 November 2006, as set out in the report presented.