Senate Committees

Advisory Committee for Honorary Awards
This committee considers annually suggestions for honorary degrees and honorary fellowships, and submits a report and recommendations to Senate. Its membership comprises:

Ex-officio:
- The Chancellor (The Hon Justice Kim Santow)
- The Deputy Chancellor (Emeritus Professor Ann Sefton) (Chair)
- The Vice-Chancellor and Principal (Professor Gavin Brown)
- The Chair of the Academic Board (Professor Bruce Sutton)

The Deputy Vice-Chancellors (non-voting):
- Provost and Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Professor Don Nutbeam)
- Chief Operating Officer and Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Mr Bob Kotic)
- Acting Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Research) (Professor Merlin Crossley)
- Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Community) (Professor Andrew Coats)
- Deputy Vice-Chancellor (International) (Professor John Hearn)
- Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Professor Ann Brewer)

Not more than six other Fellows, elected by Senate:
- Ms Kim Anderson
- The Hon John Aquilina
- Dr Robin Fitzsimons
- Professor Margaret Harris
- Mr John McCarthy
- Dr Margaret Varady

Audit and Risk Management Committee
The primary role of this committee is to monitor and report to Senate on:
- effective management of financial and non-financial risks
- reliable management and financial reporting
- compliance with laws and regulations
- maintenance of an effective and efficient internal audit capability
- maintenance of an effective and efficient risk management capability, and
- the financial and non-financial risks of subsidiaries and controlled entities such as Foundations and CRCs and commercial activities.

Its membership comprises:

The Chair of the Audit and Risk Management Committee – elected by Fellows of Senate (not a University of Sydney staff member or student) for two years:
- Mr Alan Cameron

Two Fellows of Senate appointed by Senate after consultation by the Chair of the Audit and Risk Management Committee (neither should be a University of Sydney staff member or student) for two years (or for so long as in office if shorter):
- Ms Irene Moss
- Dr Margaret Varady

Two external members, with appropriate professional expertise and experience, appointed by Senate on the nomination of the Chair of the Audit and Risk Management Committee with appropriate consultation for up to two years:
- Mr Paul Davis
- Mr David Smithers

Chair Appointments Committee
This committee approves offers of appointment at a professorial level, promotions to professor, the awarding of the title of professor, proposals for the establishment or change of name of named lectureships, senior lectureships, associate professorships and chairs, and advises the Vice-Chancellor on appropriate procedures relating to senior academic appointments. Its membership comprises:

Ex-officio:
- The Chancellor (The Hon Justice Kim Santow) (Chair)
- The Deputy Chancellor (Emeritus Professor Ann Sefton)
- The Vice-Chancellor and Principal (Professor Gavin Brown)
- The Chair of the Academic Board (Professor Bruce Sutton)
- A Deputy Vice-Chancellor on the nomination of the Vice-Chancellor (Professor Don Nutbeam)

Five other Fellows, elected by Senate:
- Mr Alan Cameron
- Dr Robin Fitzsimons
- Professor Margaret Harris
- Professor Iqbal Ramzan
- Dr Margaret Varady

Finance and Infrastructure Committee
The primary role of this committee is to monitor and advise Senate on issues relating to the financial performance and sustainability of the University of Sydney. Its membership comprises:
Ex-officio:
The Chancellor (The Hon Justice Kim Santow)
The Deputy Chancellor (Emeritus Professor Ann Setton)
The Vice-Chancellor and Principal (Professor Gavin Brown)
The Chair of the Academic Board (Professor Bruce Sutton)
The Chair of the Finance and Infrastructure Committee elected by Fellows of Senate (not a University of Sydney staff member or student) for two years:
  Mr Alexander Brennan
Two other Fellows elected by Fellows of Senate for two years (or for so long as in office if shorter):
  Dr Roslyn Bohringer
  Vacancy
Three other Fellows appointed by Senate for two years (or for so long as in office if shorter) on the nomination of the Chair of the Finance and Infrastructure Committee, this to be done at the Senate meeting next following the election of a Chair and the other two positions, and after the Chair has consulted with Fellows of Senate, having regard to the balance of expertise on the Committee:
  The Hon John Aquilina
  Associate Professor Tony Masters
  Mr John McCarthy
Two external members, with appropriate professional expertise and experience, appointed by Senate on the nomination of the Chair of the Finance and Infrastructure Committee with appropriate consultation for up to two years:
  Ms Meredith Scott
  Mr John Trowbridge
Investment and Commercialisation Committee
The committee’s primary role is to monitor and report to the Senate the appropriateness of policies, performance of management and achievement against plans in the investment in and commercialisation of the University. Its membership comprises:
Ex-officio:
The Vice-Chancellor and Principal (Professor Gavin Brown)
The Chair of the Investment and Commercialisation Committee elected by Fellows of Senate (not a University of Sydney staff member or student) for two years:
  Mr Joseph Skrzynski
Two Fellows of Senate appointed by Senate after consultation by the Chair of the Investment and Commercialisation Committee with the Vice-Chancellor and the Chancellor for two years (or for so long as in office if shorter):
  Ms Kim Anderson
  Professor Iqbal Ramzan
Two external members, with appropriate professional expertise and experience, appointed by Senate on the nomination of the Chair of the Investment and Commercialisation Committee with appropriate consultation for up to two years:
  Ms Meredith Scott
  Mr John Trowbridge
Nominations Committee
This committee was established as a mechanism pursuant to the National Governance Protocols requiring a systematic process for non-elected appointments to Senate. Its membership comprises:
Ex-officio:
The Chancellor (The Hon Justice Kim Santow) (Chair)
The Deputy Chancellor (Emeritus Professor Ann Setton)
The Vice-Chancellor and Principal (Professor Gavin Brown)
The Chair of the Academic Board (Professor Bruce Sutton)
Three Fellows who are external persons (within the meaning of section 9 (9) of the Act), appointed to the Committee by the Senate:
  Ms Irene Moss
  Mr Adam Spencer
  Dr Margaret Varady
Remuneration Committee
This committee deals with matters relating to the remuneration and performance evaluation of the Vice-Chancellor and the senior executive. Its membership comprises:
Ex-officio:
The Chancellor (The Hon Justice Kim Santow)
The Deputy Chancellor (Emeritus Professor Ann Setton)
The Chair of the Finance and Investment Committee (Mr Alexander Brennan) (Chair)
One person from outside the University appointed by Senate for two years:
Mr Ian Johnson

An additional member appointed by Senate:
The Hon John Aquilina

But such composition would not include staff or student Fellows or any appointee
(including as above) for whom there could be persistent issues of conflict,
actual or perceived.

Senate/Sports Liaison Committee
This committee is a forum for Sydney University Sports representatives to
liaise with Senate and the University administration to discuss issues relating
to the objectives and strategies listed in the University of Sydney Mission
Statement for Sport, or matters which SU Sport feels it is important for Senate
to be made aware of, and to report regularly to Senate.
Its membership comprises:
Ex-officio:
The Vice-Chancellor and Principal (Professor Gavin Brown)
– represented at meetings by Chief Operating Officer and Deputy Vice-
Chancellor (Mr Bob Kotic)
The Chair of the Academic Board (Professor Bruce Sutton)
The Executive Director, Sydney University Sport (Mr Greg Harris)
The President, Sydney University Sport (Mr Bruce Ross)
The Senior Vice-President, Sydney University Sport (Ms Denise Wee)
The undergraduate student Fellow of Senate (Ms Rose Jackson)
The postgraduate student Fellow of Senate (Dr Norman Chan)

Not less than three Fellows of Senate, elected by Senate for two years:
Associate Professor Anthony Masters
Mr John McCarthy (Chair)
Mr Adam Spencer

Not less than three alumni representatives, including at least
one female alumni representative or alternate, recommended by the
Executive Director, SU Sport and appointed by Senate for two years:
Mr John Boultbee
Mr Peter Montgomery
Ms Ann Titterton

Senate/SRC Liaison Committee
This committee is a forum for the SRC to discuss policy matters relating to
undergraduate students with Senate. Its membership comprises:
Ex-officio:
The Chancellor (The Hon Justice Kim Santow) (Chair)
The Deputy Chancellor (Emeritus Professor Ann E Sefton)
The Vice-Chancellor and Principal (Professor Gavin Brown)
– represented at meetings by the Pro-Vice-Chancellor (Learning and Teaching)
Four other Fellows (by convention including the Undergraduate Student
Fellow of Senate), elected by Senate:
Dr Roslyn Bohringer
Mr Alan Cameron
Ms Rose Jackson (the undergraduate student Fellow of Senate)
Mr Adam Spencer

Three members of the Graduate Studies Committee (nominated by the Chair
of the Graduate Studies Committee), appointed by Senate:
Associate Professor Neville Weber
Vacancy
Vacancy

Four SRC nominees:
Varies each meeting

Senate/SUPRA Liaison Committee
This committee is a forum for SUPRA to discuss policy matters relating to
postgraduate students with Senate. Its membership comprises:
Ex-officio:
The Chancellor (The Hon Justice Kim Santow) (Chair)
The Deputy Chancellor (Emeritus Professor Ann E Sefton)
The Vice-Chancellor and Principal (Professor Gavin Brown)
The Dean of Graduate Studies (Professor Masud Behnia)
The Chair of the Academic Board’s Graduate Studies Committee
(Associate Professor Peter McCallum)

Four other Fellows (by convention including the postgraduate student
Fellow of Senate), elected by Senate:
Mr Alan Cameron
Dr Norman Chan (postgraduate student Fellow of Senate)
Professor Iqbal Ramzan
Mr Adam Spencer

Three members of the Graduate Studies Committee (nominated by the Chair
of the Graduate Studies Committee), appointed by Senate:
Associate Professor Neville Weber
Vacancy
Vacancy

Four SUPRA nominees:
Varies each meeting