



The University of Sydney

Senate agenda, 7 May 2007

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NOTICE OF MEETING

An ordinary meeting of the Senate of the University will be held at **5.00pm** on **Monday 7 May 2007** in the Senate Room. The agenda for the meeting is set out overleaf.

The Senate Room is in the Quadrangle on the Camperdown Campus, above the Ante Room.

Confidential items, for Fellows of Senate and Senior Officers only, are dealt with as the first items on the agenda. Members of the public are invited to be present for all other non-confidential items.

It is estimated that the confidential session will last for 80 minutes.

★ This symbol indicates items which have been starred for discussion at the meeting.

Dr W G Adams
Registrar

AGENDA

IN OPEN SESSION:

Highlighted Items

- ☆ 3. **Focus topic: Matters following on from the Senate Retreat, 25-26 March 2007** **Appendix C**
Vice-Chancellor; Estimated time allocation: 30 minutes
- Recommendation**
That Senate note the report
- ☆ 4. **Report of the Vice-Chancellor and Principal** **Appendix D**
- For noting**
- 4.1 **Update for Senate's information**
Estimated time allocation: 5 minutes
- Recommendation**
That Senate note the update.
- For discussion, Estimated time allocation: 10 minutes**
- 4.2 **Compliance with ESOS Act National Code** **D1**
- Recommendation**
That, for the purpose of satisfying the requirement that the University submit an updated statement demonstrating its compliance with the National Code, Senate adopt the updated statement set out in the report presented and request the Registrar to forward it to the Director-General on behalf of the Senate
- 4.3 **Restructuring of the Faculty of Health Sciences** **D2**
- Recommendation**
That Senate note that, at the request of the Faculty of Health Sciences and with the support of the Dean and the Provost, the Vice-Chancellor has approved the disestablishment of the Schools of Applied Vision Sciences; Behavioural and Community Health Sciences; Communication Sciences and Disorders; Exercise and Sport Science; Health Information Management; Medical Radiation Sciences; Occupation and Leisure Sciences; Physiotherapy; and Indigenous Health Studies in the Faculty of Health Sciences.
- 4.4 **Universities Australia Membership** **D2-3, 4-34**
- Recommendation**
That Senate approve the University of Sydney joining Universities Australia under the Constitution set out in the report presented.
- 4.5 **Ad Eundem Gradum Policy** **D3, 35-36**
- Recommendation**
That Senate approve the amended Ad Eundem Gradum policy set out in the report presented.

- ★ 5. **Election of Chancellor** **Appendix E**
Deputy Chancellor; Estimated time allocation: 5 minutes

Recommendation

That Senate note the Registrar's report that Her Excellency Professor Marie Bashir AC has been declared elected as Chancellor for a four year term of office commencing on 1 June 2007.

6. **Foundations and Foundation Rules** **Appendix F**
Sep Encl at end of the papers

Recommendation

That Senate adopt the Rules in respect of the following Foundations set out in the report presented, to take effect on 1 June 2007:

- *Australian Lebanese Foundation*
- *Near Eastern Archaeology Foundation*

Standard items

7. **Senate business** **Appendix G**

For action

- 7.1 **Apologies for absence** G1

Recommendation

That Senate accept apologies for absence from Dr M Copeman and Ms R Jackson for this meeting and from Dr M Varady for the next meeting on 18 June 2007.

- 7.2 **Minutes of the Senate meeting held on 19 March 2007** G1, 4-10

Recommendation

That Senate confirm the minutes of the Senate meeting held in open session on 19 March as a true and correct record.

- 7.3 **Business arising out of the minutes not dealt with elsewhere in the agenda**

- 7.4 **Election of four Fellows of Senate by and from the academic staff, with effect from 1 June 2007** G1, 11

Recommendation

That Senate note the report that Professor Simon Chapman had been elected and Dr Roslyn Bohringer, Professor Margaret Harris and Professor Iqbal Ramzan had been re-elected as Fellows of Senate by and from the academic staff for a two year term of office to commence on 1 June 2007, and congratulate Professor Chapman on his election and Dr Bohringer, Professor Harris and Professor Ramzan on their re-election.

- 7.5 **Election of one Fellow of Senate by and from the non-academic staff, with effect from 1 June 2007** G1, 12

Recommendation

That Senate note the report that Ms Kim Wilson had been re-elected as a Fellow of Senate by and from the non-academic staff for a two year term of office to commence on 1 June 2007 and congratulate Ms Wilson on her re-election.

- ★ 7.6 **Retirement of Chancellor, the Hon Justice Kim Santow, on 31 May 2007** G1
Deputy Chancellor; Estimated time allocation: 5 minutes

Recommendation

That Senate record its formal appreciation for the Chancellor's outstanding contribution to the Senate and the University over the preceding five years and eight months.

- ★ 7.7 **Retirement of Fellow of Senate, Associate Professor Anthony Masters, on 31 May 2007** G1, 13
Chancellor; Estimated time allocation: 5 minutes 5 minutes

Recommendation

That Senate record its formal appreciation for and note in detail the significant contribution made by Associate Professor Anthony Masters who would retire as a Fellow of Senate on 31 May 2007.

- ★ 7.8 **Investment and Commercialisation Committee: Membership** G2
Chair: Mr J Skrzynski; Estimated time allocation: 5 minutes

Recommendation

That Senate

- (i) *appoint Mr Ian Macoun to membership of the Investment and Commercialisation Committee for a two year term of office commencing on 7 May 2007 in the following category "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"; and*
- (ii) *resolve as recommended by the Chair in relation to the second external member.*

For noting

- 7.9 **Chancellor's report: University Chancellors' Conference, 19 March 2007** G2, 14-25

Recommendation

That Senate note the report.

- ★ 7.10 **Alumni Council 2006 Report to Senate** G3, 26-28
Deputy Chancellor; Estimated time allocation: 5 minutes

Recommendation

That Senate note the Alumni Council 2006 Report to Senate.

- 7.11 **Senate representation** G3, 29

Recommendation

That Senate note the report.

- 7.12 **Next meeting**

Recommendation

That Senate note that the next Senate meeting will be held at 5.00pm on 18 June 2007 in the Senate Room, Quadrangle.

8. Report of the Vice-Chancellor and Principal **Appendix H**

For noting

8.1 The "Melbourne Agenda" H1-2

Recommendation

That Senate note the report.

8.2 US Studies Centre Developments H2

Recommendation

That Senate note the report.

8.3 The Student Experience Feedback H3, 7

Recommendation

That Senate note the report.

8.4 Staff Honours H3

Recommendation

That Senate note the report.

8.5 International H3

Recommendation

That Senate note the report.

8.6 University Relations H4-6

Recommendation

That Senate note the report.

9. Report of the Academic Board, 18 April 2007 **Appendix I**
Chair: Professor Bruce Sutton **Sep. Encl at end of papers**

For action

9.1 Amendment of the Resolutions of the Senate

9.1.1 Faculty of Arts

(1) Master of Liberal Studies, Graduate Diploma in Liberal Studies, Graduate Certificate in Liberal Studies I1, 7-8

Recommendation

That Senate:

- (a) *endorse the Academic Board's approval of the proposal to delete the Master of Liberal Studies, the Graduate Diploma in Liberal Studies and the Graduate Certificate in Liberal Studies in the Faculty of Arts; and*
- (b) *approve the amendment of the Senate Resolutions relating to the Degrees, Diplomas and Certificates in the Faculty of Arts and relating to the courses;*
- (c) *approve the deletion of Senate Resolutions relating to the courses*

with effect from 1 January 2008, as set out on pages I7-8 of the report presented.

(2) Master of Medical Humanities, Graduate Diploma in Medical Humanities, Graduate Certificate in Medical Humanities 11-2, 7-8

Recommendation

That Senate:

- (a) *endorse the Academic Board's approval of the proposal to delete the Master of Medical Humanities, the Graduate Diploma in Medical Humanities and the Graduate Certificate in Medical Humanities in the Faculty of Arts; and*
- (b) *approve the amendment of the Senate Resolutions relating to the Degrees, Diplomas and Certificates in the Faculty of Arts and relating to the courses;*
- (c) *approve the deletion of Senate Resolutions relating to the courses*

with effect from 1 January 2008, as set out on pages 17-8 of the report presented.

9.1.2 Faculties of Arts and Law: Bachelor of Arts (Media and Communications)/Bachelor of Laws 12, 7-8 and 20

Recommendation

That Senate:

- (a) *endorse the Academic Board's approval of the proposal from the Faculty of Arts and the Faculty of Law to introduce the Bachelor of Arts (Media and Communications)/Bachelor of Laws combined degree,*
 - (b) *approve the amendment of the Resolutions of the Senate relating to Degrees, Diplomas and Certificates in the Faculty of Arts and Degrees and Graduate Diplomas in the Faculty of Law to reflect the introduction of the new combined degree, and*
 - (c) *approve the new Resolutions of Senate relating to the course*
- with effect from 1 January 2008, as set out on pages 17-8 and 20 of the report presented.*

9.1.3 Faculties of Dentistry: Master of Dental Science (Community Oral Health and Epidemiology), Master of Dental Science (Endodontics), Master of Dental Science (Oral and Maxillo-facial Surgery), Graduate Diploma in Clinical Dentistry (Advanced Practice), Graduate Diploma in Community Oral Health and Epidemiology 12-3, 9-13

Recommendation

That Senate:

- (a) *endorse the Academic Board's approval of the proposal from the Faculty of Dentistry to delete the Master of Dental Science (Community Oral Health and Epidemiology), Master of Dental Science (Endodontics), Master of Dental Science (Oral and Maxillo-facial Surgery), Graduate Diploma in Clinical Dentistry (Advanced Practice), Graduate Diploma in Community Oral Health and Epidemiology courses; and*
 - (b) *approve the amendment of the Senate Resolutions relating to the Degrees, Diplomas and Certificates in the Faculty of Dentistry;*
 - (c) *approve the deletion of Senate Resolutions relating to the courses;*
- with effect from 1 January 2008, as set out on pages 19-13 of the report presented.*

9.1.4 Faculty of Engineering and Information Technologies

(1) Constitution of the Faculty of Engineering and Information Technologies 13, 14

Recommendation

That Senate amend the Resolutions of the Senate relating to the Constitution of the Faculty of Engineering and Information

Technologies and the Schools within the Faculty, with immediate effect, as set out on page 114 of the report presented.

(2) Undergraduate Degrees of the Faculty of Engineering and Information Technologies 13-4, 15-19

Recommendation

That Senate:

- (a) *the amendment of the Resolutions of the Senate relating to Degrees, Diplomas and Certificates in the Faculty of Engineering and Information Technologies, and*
- (b) *the replacement of the Resolutions of the Senate relating to the Bachelor of Engineering by new Resolutions relating to the Undergraduate Degrees of the Faculty of Engineering and Information Technologies,*

to reflect the transfer of the Bachelor of Information Technology and Bachelor of Computer Science and Technology degrees from the supervision of the Faculty of Science to that of the Faculty of Engineering and Information Technologies, with effect from 1 January 2008, as set out on pages 115-19 of the report presented.

9.1.5 Faculty of Science

(1) Bachelor of Information Technology and Bachelor of Computer Science and Technology 14, 21-23

Recommendation

That Senate:

- (a) *the amendment of the Resolutions of the Senate relating to Degrees, Graduate Diplomas and Graduate Certificates in the Faculty of Science to delete the Bachelor of Information Technology and Bachelor of Computer Science and Technology degrees from the list of offerings, and*
- (b) *the deletion of the Resolutions of the Senate relating to the Bachelor of Information Technology and Bachelor of Computer Science and Technology degrees in the Faculty of Science,*

with effect from 1 January 2008, as set out on pages 121-23 of the report presented.

(2) Master of Applied Nuclear Science and Graduate Diploma in Applied Nuclear Science 15, 21-24

Recommendation

That Senate:

- (a) *endorse the Academic Board's approval of the proposal from the Faculty of Science to introduce the Master of Nuclear Science and Graduate Diploma in Nuclear Science courses,*
- (b) *approve the amendment of the Resolutions of the Senate relating to Degrees, Diplomas and Certificates in the Faculty of Science to reflect the introduction of the new courses, and*
- (c) *approve the new Resolutions of Senate relating to the courses*

with effect from 1 January 2008, as set out on pages 121-24 of the report presented.

For noting

9.2	Charter of Academic Freedom	15
9.3	2006 Annual Report of the Academic Board's Activities	15, 25-32
9.4	Minor course amendments	15

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| 9.5 | Honours Working Party | I5 |
| 9.6 | Presentation on SCEQ Results | I6 |
| 9.7 | Report of the Chair of the Academic Board | I6 |

Recommendation

That Senate note items 9.2 – 9.7 of the report of the Academic Board.

10. Report of the Senate/SRC Liaison Committee, 3 April 2007 **Appendix J**
Chair: Chancellor

For noting

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| 10.1 | English Language Skills Support | J1 |
| 10.2 | Student Appeal Panel | J1 |
| 10.3 | AVCC's student finances report | J2 |
| 10.4 | Admission and Transfer | J2 |
| 10.5 | ASIO and the police | J2-3 |
| 10.6 | University funding agreement | J3 |
| 10.7 | Future of the Senate/SRC Liaison Committee meetings | J3 |

Recommendation

That Senate note the report of the Senate/SRC Liaison Committee.

11. Report of the Senate/SUPRA Liaison Committee, 28 March 2007 **Appendix K**
Chair: Chancellor

For noting

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| 11.1 | Report of the Dean of Graduate Studies | K1 |
| 11.2 | Issues arising from previous meetings and follow up | K1-2, 6 |
| 11.3 | Childcare Survey - Follow up | K2 |
| 11.4 | Income Support for Postgraduate Students - Follow up | K2-3 |
| 11.5 | The AVCC Australian University Student Finances 2006 - A summary of findings from a national survey of students in public Universities | K3-4 |
| 11.6 | Scheduled AVCC meeting in Sydney | K4 |
| 11.7 | University of Sydney Code of Conduct for Responsible Research Practice - Authorship and Acknowledgement Guidelines | K4 |
| 11.8 | Security Bus - Faculty of Nursing, Mallett St, Camperdown | K4-5 |
| 11.9 | Future of the Senate/SUPRA Liaison Committee meetings | K5 |

Recommendation

That Senate note the report of the Senate/SUPRA Liaison Committee.

12. General business **Appendix L**

For action

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| 12.1 | International House Council: Membership | L1 |
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Recommendation

That Senate appoint Ms D C Correa to membership of the International House Council in the category "Three persons nominated by SUIH Members Association appointed annually" to replace Ms S T Sim, the term of office to conclude on to 31 December 2007.

12.2 Mandelbaum House: Membership

L1

Recommendation

That Senate appoint Associate Professor David Levy to membership of the Council of Mandelbaum House in the category "one person appointed by the Senate", replacing Professor Ron Newman who has resigned from this position.

12.3 Warren Centre for Advanced Engineering: Membership

L1-2

Recommendation

That Senate approve appointments to the Warren Centre for Advanced Engineering as set out in the report presented.

For noting

12.4 Graduation ceremonies (May/June 2007)

L2, 3

Recommendation

That Senate note the report.

★ **13. Notice of motion**

Estimated time allocation: 10 minutes

13.1 Notice of motion from Dr R Fitzsimons

That Senate notes:-

- (i) press reports that Australian Chancellors intend to adopt a constitution for a national body of Chancellors, and that governance issues will be a major concern of the newly constituted organization.
- (ii) the earlier concerns by universities that a less formal grouping of Australian Chancellors considered issues of university governance in 2002/2003, and adopted a position on these issues before they had been considered by their governing bodies; that a subsequent final report on governance by Chancellors, with the added imprimatur of Vice-Chancellors (save that Professor Brown was, properly, not actively involved), was embargoed from university governing bodies until it had been despatched to Federal Government, and included some representations which in differing ways were not supported by the governing bodies of The University of Sydney and UNSW.
- (iii) that unlike university governing bodies and Vice-Chancellors, Chancellors generally have no separate statutory role in university governance, save for their role as a governing body member and their right to chair meetings.
- (iv) the importance of Chancellors not collectively assuming functions given to either governing bodies or Vice-Chancellors.
- (v) the importance of allowing diversity among institutions on issues of governance.
- (vi) that there are significant arguments both for and against the University participating in such a national body of Chancellors

and, accordingly, RESOLVES to defer a determination as to whether or not it is appropriate for The University of Sydney to be represented in this committee of Australian Chancellors under its new constitution until a suitable time after the next Chancellor has taken office, when questions of the possible benefits of AND constraints on the function of the Chancellors Committee in relation to this university may appropriately be considered.

★ **14. Question time**

Estimated time allocation: 15 minutes

★ **15. Any other business**