



Senate Minutes Summary, 3 September 2001

At the ordinary meeting on 3 September 2001:

- ☆ 1. **Confidential items**
- 2. **Routine Business**
 - ☆ 2.1 **Starring**

Senate resolved as recommended with respect to all unstarred items.
 - 2.2 **Minutes of the previous Senate meeting, 6 August 2001**

Senate confirmed the minutes of the previous Senate meeting held on 6 August 2001 as a true and correct record.
 - 2.3 **Minutes of the previous special Senate meeting, 9 August 2001**

Senate noted that the minutes of the previous special Senate meeting held on 9 August 2001 had been confirmed as a true and a correct record at the confidential adjourned special Senate meeting held on 20 August 2001, subject to some amendments.
 - 2.4 **Leave of absence**

Senate granted leave for this meeting to Dr Gavan J Butler and Mr John A McCarthy as requested. An apology for this meeting was given by Mr Kevin Greene.
 - 2.5 **Senate Colloquium in October**

Senate resolved that the Colloquium scheduled for October be postponed to a future meeting on a date to be determined. The Vice-Chancellor proposed that, depending on progress in the election of a Chancellor, the Colloquium be held some time in October.
 - 2.6 **2002 Senate meeting dates**

Senate resolved that the meeting schedule for 2002 be as set out in the report.
 - 2.7 **Business arising out of the minutes not dealt with elsewhere in the agenda**

There was no business arising.
- ☆ 3. **Report of the Vice-Chancellor and Principal**
 - 3.1 **Update for Senate's information**
 - 3.1.1 **Rugby Union final, 8 September 2001**

Senate noted the report.
 - 3.1.2 **Courses and Careers Day, 25 August 2001**

Senate noted the report.
 - 3.2 **Admission Ad Eundem Gradum**

Senate admitted the retired members of the academic staff listed in the report to the recommended degrees *ad eundem gradum*.
 - 3.3 **Naming of 92-96 Parramatta Road**

Senate approved the request that the premises at 92-96 Parramatta Road be named the “Medical Foundation” building.

3.4 St John’s College – Lease of Premises

Senate noted the report that the General Manager of St John’s College had approached the University with plans for a revamp of the premises owned by the College in Missenden Road and the construction of a number of parking spaces to the rear of that building on its border with the Hospital property.

3.5 Major National Research Facilities

Senate noted the report on the University’s success in its bids for support under the Major National Research Facilities scheme established as part of the Prime Minister’s *Backing Australia’s Ability* initiative.

3.6 Biotechnology Initiative

Senate noted the report that the University and its associated research units would play a major role in the State Government’s \$68M investment in biotechnology under the BioFirst scheme, announced by the Premier during the previous week.

3.7 Matters raised by Dr Copeman

Senate noted the Vice-Chancellor’s report on matters raised by Dr Copeman.

3.8 Response to the Senate Enquiry into Higher Education

Senate noted the Vice-Chancellor’s response to the questions which he had taken on notice during his appearance before the Senate Enquiry into Higher Education.

3.9 Development and External Affairs

3.9.1 Fundraising

3.9.2 Alumni

3.9.3 Sesquicentenary Activities

Senate noted the report.

3.10 Item in *Campus Review*

Senate noted the report.

☆ **4. Interim Report of the Steering Group on the role of the Chancellor**

Senate noted a tabled progress report on the review of the role of Chancellor at the University of Sydney. The Acting Chancellor invited Fellows to provide feedback to the consultants and advised that the final report would be given to Senate at its October meeting.

☆ **5. Notice of election of Chancellor to fill a casual vacancy**

Senate noted the report that there would be an election of Chancellor at the Senate meeting to be held on 2 October 2001 to fill a casual vacancy for the balance of the previous Chancellor’s term of office, to conclude on 31 May 2003, with nominations from Fellows of Senate due by 12 September 2001.

☆ **6. Report of the Academic Board, 15 August 2001 (*items for action*)**

Senate noted the report.

6.1 Amendment of the Resolutions of the Senate

6.1.1 New or amended courses

6.1.1.1 Faculty of Science: Doctor of Clinical Psychology/Master of Science and Doctor of Clinical Psychology/Doctor of Philosophy

Senate approved the introduction in 2002 of the new courses, the Doctor of Clinical Psychology/Master of Science and the Doctor of Clinical Psychology/Doctor of Philosophy, and amended related

Resolutions of the Senate as recommended in the shaded boxes on pages F4-9 of the report.

6.1.1.2 Faculty of Engineering: Graduate Certificate in Greenhouse Gas Mitigation

Senate approved the introduction in 2002 of the new course, the Graduate Certificate in Greenhouse Gas Mitigation, and amended related Resolutions of the Senate as recommended in the shaded boxes on pages F10-11 of the report.

7. General items (*items for action*)

7.1 Report of the Earth Resources Foundation

Senate approved the membership of the Council of the Foundation as set out in the report.

7.2 Report of the Nutrition Research Foundation

Senate approved the membership of the Council of the Foundation as set out in the report.

7.3 Bequests, donations, non-government grants and gifts-in-kind, July 2001

Senate accepted with gratitude the various bequests, donations, non-government grants and gifts-in-kind received in July 2001.

☆ **8. Question Time**

8.1 Asylum seekers

The Acting Chancellor asked the Vice-Chancellor to make a statement on behalf of Senate, which the Vice-Chancellor said he would do, calling on the Federal Government, the Federal Opposition and the nation to put compassion ahead of expediency in dealings with asylum seekers.

8.2 Graduate Fellows of Senate

In response to a question, the Registrar advised that advertisements for the Graduate Fellow of Senate elections had appeared in three newspapers.

8.3 Tutorial programs

In response to a question about the provision of tutorials in the University and the extent to which tutorials had been affected in recent years by budget cuts, Professor Sachs provided a detailed report from the Dean of the Faculty of Arts about flexible teaching initiatives.

☆ **9. Report of the Finance Committee, 16 August 2001 (*items for noting*)**

Senate noted the report on the following items:

9.1 Confidential items

9.2 Unconfirmed minutes of the previous meeting held on 19 July 2001

9.3 Business Arising out of the Minutes

9.3.1 Challis House

9.3.2 Carillon Avenue Student Village

9.3.3 92-96 Parramatta Road, Camperdown (Worksafe Australia Building)

9.3.4 Chalmers Street (old MGM Building)

9.4 Report, Vice-Chancellor and Principal

9.4.1 University of Sydney Master Plan

9.5 Report, Director, Financial Services

9.5.1 Monthly Financial Management report for July 2001

9.5.2 Quarterly Report for the quarter ended 30 June 2001

9.5.3 2000 Annual Reports

- Accounting Foundation

- Australian Archaeological Institute at Athens
 - Australian Language Research Centre (2000-2001)
 - Centre for Health Economics Research and Evaluation Foundation
 - Foundation for Information Technology
 - Institute of Criminology
 - Institute of Transport Studies
 - Medical Foundation
 - Power Institute Foundation for Arts and Visual Culture
 - Sydney Conservatorium of Music Foundation
 - Sydney Peace Foundation
- 9.6 Report, Deputy Vice-Chancellor, Planning and Resources
 9.6.1 Facilities Management Office 2001 Works Program as at 31 July 2001
- 9.7 Any Other Business
 9.7.1 University workforce
- 9.8 Next Meeting

10. Report of the Academic Board, 15 August 2001 (*items for noting*)

Senate noted the report on the following items:

- 10.1 Report of the Chair
- 10.1.1 Communication of information from the Academic Board
 - 10.1.2 Admission Qualifications: APIEL English Test
 - 10.1.3 Admission Qualifications: Recognition of BTEC Higher National Diploma
 - 10.1.4 Faculty of Medicine: Bachelor of Medicine/Bachelor of Surgery
 - 10.1.5 Guidelines for Good Practice in Teaching and Learning
 - 10.1.6 Vice-Chancellor's Awards for Excellence in Research Higher Degree Supervision
 - ★ 10.1.7 Vice-Chancellor's Awards for Outstanding Teaching 2001

11. Report of the Senate/SUPRA Liaison Committee, 5 June 2001 (*items for noting*)

Senate noted the report on the following items:

- ★ 11.1 Postgraduate Student Course Experience Questionnaire
- 11.2 Dean of Graduate Studies
- 11.3 2000-2001 SUPRA Annual Report
- ★ 11.4 Academic Forum on Student Representation

12. General items (*items for noting*)

- 12.1 Graduation Ceremonies (October 2001)

Senate noted the report.

- 12.2 Next Meeting

Senate noted the report.

★ **13. Any other business**

- 13.1 Thank you

The Acting Chancellor expressed her appreciation for the work of the Registrar and the Senate Office.