



The University of Sydney

Senate minutes summary, 4 August 2003

☆ 1. **Addition or deletion of confidential items**

2. **Senate business (*items for action*)**

☆ 2.1 **Order of business**

☆ 2.2 **Starring**

Resolution 291/03

Senate resolved as recommended with respect to all unstarred items.

2.3 **Leave of absence**

Resolution 292/03

Senate granted leave of absence for this meeting to Dr G Butler as requested and noted apologies for absence given by The Hon J Aquilina and The Hon H Tsang.

☆ 2.4 **Proposed amendments to the minutes of the previous Senate meeting held on 7 July 2003 and the adjourned meeting held on 8 July 2003**

2.5 **Minutes of the previous Senate meeting held on 7 July 2003 and the adjourned meeting held on 8 July 2003**

Resolution 293/03

Senate confirmed the minutes of the Senate meeting held on 7 July 2003 and the adjourned meeting held on 8 July as a true and correct record, subject to amendments to item 3.4 (Graduate School of Government).

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

☆ 2.7 **Fellow of Senate elected by and from members of the Legislative Assembly – *Deferred from the July Senate meeting***

Resolution 294/03

Senate noted the report, and resolved to welcome The Hon John J Aquilina as a Fellow of Senate and to thank Mr Kevin Greene for his valued service as a Fellow of Senate for four years.

☆ 2.8 **Senate Colloquium**

Resolution 295/03

Senate

- (i) resolved that the next Senate Colloquium be held on Tuesday 7 October 2003 with the topic being “Governance”; and
- (ii) noted that a Colloquium be held on the topic “The Student Experience” as soon as possible, and that “International policy” should be a Colloquium topic before the internationalisation review was finalised.

☆ 3. **Report of the Vice-Chancellor and Principal**

3.1 **Update for Senate's information**

3.1.1 **Graduate School of Government**

Resolution 296/03

Senate noted the report.

3.1.2 **Music copyright**

Resolution 297/03

Senate noted the report.

3.2 **Deputy Vice-Chancellor – Selection Committee**

Resolution 298/03

Senate approved the membership of the Selection Committee for the position of Deputy Vice-Chancellor in the area of planning and resources as follows:

Ex Officio:

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

Appointed by Senate:

Two nominees of Senate (who may or may not be Fellows of Senate)

- Mr Bohdan Bilinsky
- Mrs Margaret Varady

One additional member of the Academic Board, on the nomination of the Chair of the Board

- Professor Andrew Coats
- Professor Hal Kendig (Reserve)

3.3 **Deanship in Engineering – Selection Committee**

Resolution 299/03

Senate

(i) noted that the Vice-Chancellor had approved the following recommendations of the Faculty:

- that the appointee will hold a full-time position as a Professor in a discipline area within the Faculty and will act as Dean, with the appropriate responsibility loading, for a period of five years. At the conclusion of this period, the appointee may be invited to undertake a further specified period as Dean, with a continuation of the appropriate appointment and responsibility loading.
- that the appointment be advertised both internally and externally; and

(ii) appointed the following selection committee:

Ex-officio

Vice-Chancellor and Principal (Professor Gavin Brown)

Chair of the Academic Board (Professor Judyth Sachs)

Pro-Vice-Chancellor with supervisory responsibility for the Dean (Professor Beryl Hesketh)

Members appointed by Senate

Three members (plus two reserves) nominated by the Faculty:

- Professor Bryan Haynes

- Professor Assaad Masri
- Professor Branka Vucetic
- Professor Jim Petrie (First Reserve)
- Professor Ron Johnston (Second Reserve)

One member, external to the University, to be nominated by the Vice-Chancellor:

- Professor Paul Greenfield, Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Research), University of Queensland
- Professor Adrian Page, Pro-Vice-Chancellor (Engineering and Built Environment), University of Newcastle (Reserve)

3.4 Deanship in Education and Social Work – Selection Committee

Resolution 300/03

Senate

- (i) noted that the Vice-Chancellor had approved the following recommendations of the Faculty:
- that the appointee will hold a full-time position as a Professor in a discipline area within the Faculty and will act as Dean, with the appropriate responsibility loading, for a period of five years. At the conclusion of this period, the appointee may be invited to undertake a further specified period as Dean, with a continuation of the appropriate appointment and responsibility loading.
 - that the appointment be advertised both internally and externally; and
- (ii) appointed the following selection committee:

Ex-officio

Vice-Chancellor and Principal (Professor Gavin Brown)

Chair of the Academic Board or nominee

Pro-Vice-Chancellor with supervisory responsibility for the Dean (Professor June Sinclair)

Members appointed by Senate

Three members (plus two reserves) nominated by the Faculty:

- Ms Lindsey Napier
- Associate Professor Gerard Sullivan
- Associate Professor Len Unsworth
- Professor Peter Goodyear (First Reserve)
- Associate Professor Louise Rowling (Second Reserve)

One member, external to the University, to be nominated by the Vice-Chancellor:

- to be advised

3.5 Senior Staff Departures

Resolution 301/03

Senate noted the report, that more would be said in due course about Professor Eltis' enormous contribution, and resolved to join the Vice-Chancellor in formally recording their deep gratitude to Professor Ken Eltis, Senior Deputy Vice-Chancellor, Professor Geoff Sherington, Acting Deputy Vice-Chancellor, and Professor Judy Raper, Dean of the Faculty of Engineering, for their most significant contributions to the University of Sydney.

3.6 Quality Assurance

Resolution 302/03

Senate noted the report on the University's quality review processes for both academic areas and administrative services.

3.7 Glossary of Acronyms and Terminology

Resolution 303/03

Senate noted the report that a glossary of acronyms and terminology commonly used within the University was now available.

3.8 Student Achievements

Resolution 304/03

Senate noted the report and resolved to join the Vice-Chancellor in congratulating the University of Sydney A Team (Alex Croft, Ms Ani Satchithananda and Mr Hamish White) who won the 2003 Australasian Intervarsity Debating Championships held in Kuala Lumpur.

3.9 Lebanon Visit

Resolution 305/03

Senate noted the report on the Vice-Chancellor's visit to Lebanon from 8 to 11 July 2003 under the auspices of the Australian Lebanese Foundation.

3.10 Media Reports

Resolution 306/03

Senate noted the report on media interest in the July meeting of Senate.

3.11 International

3.11.1 Visiting Delegations and VIPs

Resolution 307/03

Senate noted the report on international visiting delegations and VIPs to the University of Sydney in July 2003.

3.11.2 New International Enrolments

Resolution 308/03

Senate noted the report on new international enrolments for Semester 2, 2003 as at 21 July 2003.

3.12 Development and External Affairs

3.12.1 Events

Resolution 309/03

Senate noted the report on planned University events for the remainder of 2003.

☆ 4. **Report of the Academic Board, 11 June 2003 (items for action) - Deferred from the July Senate meeting**

4.1 **Amendment of the Rules of the Senate**

4.1.1 **Review of the Academic Board and the Academic Forum: the University of Sydney (Student Proctorial Panel) Rule 2003**

Resolution 310/03

Senate amended the University of Sydney (Student Proctorial Panel) Rule 2003 prior to promulgation, as set out in the shaded box in the report presented.

4.1.2 **University of Sydney (Amendment Act) Rule 1999: Earliest date for submission of a Doctor of Philosophy (PhD) thesis**

Resolution 311/03

Senate amended section 78 of the *University of Sydney (Amendment Act) Rule 1999*, as set out in the shaded box in the report presented.

4.2 **Amendment of the Resolutions of the Senate**

4.2.1 **New or amended courses**

4.2.1.1 **Faculty of Arts/Faculty of Science: Bachelor of Liberal Studies (Advanced)**

Resolution 312/03

Senate approved:

- (i) the proposal from the Faculty of Arts and Faculty of Science for the introduction in 2004 of the new stream, the Bachelor of Liberal Studies (Advanced), within the existing Bachelor of Liberal Studies award course,
- (ii) the amendment of the Resolutions of the Senate relating to the Degrees, Diplomas and Certificates in the Faculty of Arts and the Faculty of Science, with effect from 1 January 2004, and
- (iii) the amendment of the Resolutions of the Senate relating to the Bachelor of Liberal Studies, made pursuant to the University of Sydney (Coursework) Rule 2000, with effect from 1 January 2004,

as set out in the shaded box in the report presented.

☆ 5. **Report of the Audit and Risk Management Committee, 25 June 2003 (items for action)**

5.1 **Audit and Risk Management Committee Charter**

Resolution 313/03

Senate approved the Charter for the Audit and Risk Management Committee as set out in the report presented and as amended.

6. **General items (items for action)**

6.1 **Bequests, donations, non-government grants and gifts-in-kind, June 2003**

Resolution 314/03

Senate resolved to accept with gratitude the various bequests, donations, non-government grants and gifts-in-kind received in June 2003.

6.2 Report of the Save Sight and Eye Health Institute

Resolution 315/03

Senate approved the changes to the Constitution of the Save Sight and Eye Health Institute, namely the change of name to the Save Sight Institute, as recommended.

6.3 The University of Sydney Union Constitution

Resolution 316/03

Senate resolved to

- (i) approve the changes to the Constitution of the University of Sydney Union as recommended with the exception of proposed new clause 2.1(1); and
- (ii) refer proposed new clause 2.1(1) back to the University of Sydney Union for further consideration based on the advice of the University Solicitor.

☆ **7. Question time**

7.1 University campuses – *Deferred from the July Senate meeting*

Resolution 317/03

Senate noted the Vice-Chancellor's response to questions relating to the University's Environmental Policy.

7.2 Nelson Review

Resolution 318/03

Senate noted the Vice-Chancellor's response to questions relating to HECS places under the new funding regime envisaged by the Nelson Review.

7.3 AUQA Audit

Resolution 319/03

Senate noted the Vice-Chancellor's response to questions on the AUQA Audit..

8. Senate business (*items for noting*)

8.1 Functions attended by the Chancellor and Fellows of Senate in the previous month

Resolution 320/03

Senate noted the report on functions attended by the Chancellor and Fellows of Senate in the previous month.

8.2 English Language Support for Refugees

Resolution 321/03

Senate noted the report of the Acting Dean of the Faculty of Education and Social Work on English Language Support for Refugees.

8.3 Next meeting

Resolution 322/03

Senate noted the report that the next meeting would be held at 5.00pm on 1 September 2003.

9. General items (*items for noting*)

- ☆ **9.1 Items deferred from the June Senate meeting and Colloquium**
- 9.1.1 Student Appeals Committee (Exclusions and Readmissions) (*Business arising*)**
 - 9.1.2 Student Appeals Committee (Exclusions and Readmissions) – 2002 Annual Report (*Report of the Academic Board, 14 May 2003 (items for noting)*)**

Resolution 323/03

Senate resolved that the processes for appeals against academic decisions and appeals relating to exclusions and readmissions be reviewed expeditiously with a view to seeing how they could, consistent with fairness and proper process at faculty level, work more effectively and efficiently in terms of time of those sitting on those appeals.

- 9.1.3 Victoria Park (*Report of the Senate/Sports Liaison Committee, 14 May*)**

Resolution 324/03

Senate noted the report.

- 9.1.4 Capital Development Report (*Finance Committee meeting, 15 May 2003 – Minutes and papers/Background and optional reading*)**

Resolution 325/03

Senate noted the report.

☆ **9.2 Items deferred from the July Senate meeting**

- 9.2.1 Legal Services – Update (*Report of the Finance Committee, 23 June 2003 (items for noting)*)**

Resolution 326/03

Senate noted the report.

- 9.2.2 Campus 2010 (*Report of the Senate/SRC Liaison Committee, 5 June 2003 (items for noting)*)**

Resolution 327/03

Senate noted the report.

- 9.2.3 Security at Cumberland Campus (*Report of the Senate/SRC Liaison Committee, 5 June 2003 (items for noting)*)**

Resolution 329/03

Senate noted the report.

- 9.2.4 Discipline of students (*Report of the Senate/SRC Liaison Committee, 5 June 2003 (items for noting)*)**

Resolution 340/03

Senate noted the report.

- 9.2.5 Campus 2010 and Beyond (*Draft report of the Senate/SUPRA Liaison Committee, 12 June 2003 (items for noting)*)**

This item was considered under item 9.2.2.

9.2.6 Academic Gowns for the Degree of Doctor of Philosophy (*Draft report of the Senate/SUPRA Liaison Committee, 12 June 2003 (items for noting)*)

Resolution 341/03
Senate noted the report.

9.2.7 Signage (*Draft report of the Senate/SUPRA Liaison Committee, 12 June 2003 (items for noting)*)

Resolution 342/03
Senate noted the report.

9.2.8 Enterprise Bargaining Update (*Finance Committee meeting, 23 June 2003 – Minutes and papers/Background and optional reading*)

Resolution 343/03
Senate noted the report.

9.3 Graduation ceremonies (September 2003)

Resolution 344/03
Senate noted the report.

☆ **10. Any other business**

10.1 Senate response to the Nelson Review

Resolution 345/03

The following amended motion, which was moved by Mr J McCarthy and seconded by the Deputy Chancellor, was put and carried unanimously:

The Senate asserts its strong belief that the University's equity commitment to provide an additional \$1M in support scholarships for disadvantaged students will be completely undermined if the Australian Government and Parliament do not enact legislative guidelines and regulations which exclude university scholarships from assessment as income for social security payments to students (including without limitation accommodation allowances and other such assistance) [see 6.6 of the Senate Response to the Nelson Review]. The Nelson Review's proposal for 25,000 scholarships will be likewise devalued and spurned if the amount awarded to a student is counted as income. In the absence of legally water-tight exclusions of scholarships for disadvantaged students from assessment as income, the introduction of top-up fees at Sydney University in part or at all becomes highly unlikely and would be completely inconsistent with the fundamental academic and community objectives of this long established public university.

10.2 University finances

Resolution 346/03

Senate noted that a briefing would be provided for Fellows on the University's finances, with Fellows to be contacted by the Chancellor's office about a suitable date in November.

10.3 Sydney University Women's Soccer Club

Resolution 347/03

Senate noted the report.

☆ 11. Confidential items