



Senate minutes summary, 5 December 2005

At its meeting held on Monday 5 December 2005 at 5.00 pm in the Senate Room at the University:

- ★ 1. **Addition or deletion of confidential items**
- ★ 2. **Starring**

Resolution 412/05
Senate resolved as recommended with respect to all unstarred items.
- ★ 3. **Focus topic: Academic assessment (*priority item*)**

Resolution 413/05
Senate

 - (i) noted the presentation by Professor Judyth Sachs and Professor John Carter on academic assessment; and
 - (ii) noted that a copy of the University's policies on plagiarism would be forwarded to Fellows.
- ★ 4. **Approval of Budget for 2006 (*priority item*)**

Resolution 414/05
Senate approved the 2006 Budget.
- ★ 5. **Committee membership (*priority item*)**
 - 5.1 **Senate committees whose term of office concludes at the February 2006 Senate meeting: Extension of term of office to 6 March 2006**

Resolution 415/05
Senate extended the term of office for the Advisory Committee for the Selection of Candidates for Honorary Awards, Chair Appointments Committee, Finance Committee, Senate/Sports Liaison Committee, Senate/SRC Liaison Committee, Senate/SUPRA Liaison Committee, Student Academic Appeals Committee and Student Appeals Committee (Exclusions and Readmissions) to 6 March 2006 as set out in the report presented.
 - 5.2 **Student Disciplinary Appeals Committee: Casual vacancy**

Resolution 416/05
Senate appointed Professor Margaret Harris and Associate Professor Anthony Masters as alternates to fill the casual vacancy on the Student Disciplinary Appeals Committee, the term of office to conclude on 30 September 2006.
 - 5.3 **Audit and Risk Management Committee: Casual vacancy**

Resolution 417/05
Senate appointed Ms Irene Moss to fill the casual vacancy on the Audit and Risk Management Committee, the term of office to conclude on 30 November 2006.

6. Senate business

6.1 Apologies for absence

Resolution 418/05

Senate accepted apologies for absence from this meeting from Dr M Copeman, and noted that the Hon John Aquilina's apologies for absence from this meeting had been given at the previous meeting.

6.2 Minutes of the previous Senate meeting, 7 November 2005

Resolution 419/05

Senate confirmed the minutes of the Senate meeting held on 7 November 2005 as a true and correct record.

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

★ **6.4 Four Fellows of Senate elected by and from the academic staff of the University**

Resolution 420/05

Senate noted the report, congratulated Dr Roslyn Bohringer, Professor Margaret Harris, Associate Professor Anthony Masters and Associate Professor Iqbal Ramzan on their election as Fellows of Senate by and from the academic staff to hold office from 1 December 2005 to 31 May 2007, and welcomed them to the meeting.

★ **6.5 One Fellow of Senate elected by and from the non-academic staff of the University**

Resolution 421/05

Senate noted the report, congratulated Ms Kim Wilson on her election as a Fellow of Senate by and from the non-academic staff to hold office from 1 December 2005 to 31 May 2007, and welcomed her to the meeting.

★ **6.6 Five Fellows of Senate elected by and from the graduates of the University**

Resolution 422/05

Senate noted the report, congratulated Dr Michael Copeman, Dr Robin Fitzsimons, Ms Irene Moss, Emeritus Professor Ann Sefton and Mr Adam Spencer on their election as Fellows of Senate by and from the graduates to hold office from 1 December 2005 to 30 November 2009, and welcomed Dr Fitzsimons, Ms Moss, Emeritus Professor Sefton and Mr Spencer to the meeting.

★ **6.7 Fellows of Senate elected by and from the undergraduate and postgraduate students of the University**

Resolution 423/04

Senate noted the report, congratulated Ms Rose Jackson and Mr Jack Clegg on their election as Fellows of Senate by and from the undergraduate students and postgraduate students respectively to hold office from 1 December 2005 to 30 November 2006, and welcomed them to the meeting.

★ **6.8 Retirement of Fellow of Senate, Mr Bohdan Bilinsky on 30 November 2005**

Resolution 424/05

Senate recorded its formal appreciation for and noted in detail the contribution made by Mr Bohdan Bilinsky, who retired as a Fellow of Senate on 30 November 2005.

★ **6.9 Retirement of Fellow of Senate, Professor John Carter on 31 December 2005**

Resolution 425/05

Senate recorded its formal appreciation for and noted in detail the contribution made by Professor John Carter, who would retired as a Fellow of Senate on 31 December 2005.

★ **6.10 Abercrombie Street Child Care Limited: Vacancies**

Resolution 426/05

Senate

- (i) appointed Mr Jack Clegg and Mrs Margaret Varady to fill vacancies on the Council of Abercrombie Street Child Care Limited; and
- (ii) noted that the General Counsel would look at a pro-rata reduction of the membership of the Council and report back to the March 2006 Senate meeting.

6.11 Amendment of *University of Sydney (Amendment Act) Rule 1999*

Resolution 427/05

Senate approved the *University of Sydney Amendment (Election of Chair, Academic Board) Rule 2005* to amend the *University of Sydney (Amendment Act) Rule 1999*.

6.12 Membership of Finance Committee: Three other Fellows appointed by Senate annually on the nomination of the Chair of the Finance Committee

Resolution 428/05

Senate noted that the term of office for the three other Fellows appointed by Senate annually to membership of the Finance Committee, on the nomination of the Chair of the Finance Committee, would now conclude at the May 2006 meeting of Senate..

6.13 Schedule of Senate and Senate committee elections/appointments for 2006

Resolution 429/05

Senate noted the schedule.

6.14 Notice of election of Deputy Chancellor

Resolution 430/05

Senate noted the report on the election of the Deputy Chancellor at the Senate meeting in February 2006.

6.15 Senate representation

Resolution 431/05

Senate note the report on Senate representation in November 2005.

6.16 Senate Dinner on 8 December 2005

Resolution 432/05

Senate note the report.

6.17 Induction for Fellows

Resolution 433/05

Senate note the report on induction material which had been provided to new Fellows, the Registrar's briefings for new Fellows before the December meeting and an Induction Breakfast for the new Fellows of Senate to be held on a date to be determined in February 2006

6.18 Senate retreat, 19-20 February 2006

Resolution 434/05

Senate note the report.

6.19 Honorary award acceptances

Resolution 435/05

Senate noted the report that the following have accepted Senate's invitation to receive an honorary award in 2006:

Baroness Gardner of Parkes AM - Hon Fellow
Dr Jill K Ker Conway – Hon DLitt
Professor Sir Michael Marmot - Hon MD



7. Report of the Vice-Chancellor and Principal

7.1 Update for Senate's information

7.1.1 Australian College of Educators and NSW Minister for Education 2005 Quality Teaching Awards

Resolution 436/04

Senate

- (i) noted the Vice-Chancellor's report that that three of nine Australian College of Educators and NSW Minister for Education 2005 Quality Teaching Awards had been awarded to University of Sydney academics, Dr Lyn Carson, Associate Professor Anthony Masters and Dr Paul McGreevy, and
- (ii) congratulated Fellow of Senate Associate Professor Anthony Masters with acclamation.

7.1.2 Student Organizations and Governance

Resolution 437/05

Senate note the report.

7.1.3 Voluntary Student Unionism

Resolution 438/05

Senate note the report.

7.1.4 Learning and Teaching Fund

Resolution 439/05

Senate noted the Vice-Chancellor's report that fourteen of the Australia's universities had received funding from the Government's 2006 Learning and Teaching Performance Fund, announced by Minister Nelson, with the University of Sydney, the only university in Sydney to receive funding, being awarded \$4.95m in recognition of its high achievement in learning and teaching.

7.1.5 Acting Senior staff

Resolution 440/05

Senate note the report on the Acting Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Research and Innovation) and Acting Pro Vice-Chancellor (Sciences and Technology).

7.1.6 AGSM

Resolution 441/05

Senate resolved as follows:

- (i) that the Vice-Chancellor be authorised to take all such steps as were necessary or desirable to implement termination of arrangements with AGSM on the basis that if he needed to consult he may do so with the Chancellor, the Deputy Chancellor, the Chair of the Finance Committee and the Acting Chair of the Academic Board, when appointed, between Senate sessions.
- (ii) that a report be presented to the February meeting.

7.2 Edgeworth David Naming Proposal

Resolution 442/05

Senate resolved that the Old Geology Building, the original workplace of Edgeworth David and former location of the School of Geology, be named the Edgeworth David Geology Building and that the surrounding gardens be redesigned in an appropriate

and relevant theme incorporating the existing desert garden environment plaques from the front of the Edgeworth David Building.

7.3 Compulsory Sports Fees

Resolution 443/05

Senate

- (a) resolved:
- (i) that compulsory sports fees be paid by postgraduate students.
 - (ii) that the level of the fee reflect the enrolment status of the student, i.e., full time postgraduate students pay 100% of the compulsory fee and part-time postgraduate students pay 50% of the compulsory fee paid by undergraduate students.
 - (iii) that the fees be introduced for all postgraduates enrolling in 2007 and beyond.
 - (iv) that a person who has paid five annual subscriptions to Sydney University Sport or either of its predecessor bodies while a student at the University of Sydney be eligible to be a life member and not be required to pay further annual sports fees during the remainder of their period of enrolment as a student.
- (b) amended the relevant Resolutions of the Senate relating to such fees, as set out in the report presented.

7.4 ARC Results

7.4.1 Summary

7.4.2 Discovery

7.4.3 Linkage Project Grants

7.4.4 Linkage Infrastructure, Equipment and Facilities

Resolution 444/05

Senate noted the report that the University of Sydney had achieved an outstanding result in the ARC grant round for 2006, securing more new grants (141) and funding (\$51.3m over 5 years) than any other University.

7.5 Disestablishment of the School of Architecture, Design Science and Planning

Resolution 445/05

Senate noted the report that the Vice-Chancellor had approved the disestablishment of the School of Architecture, Design Science and Planning, allowing the Faculty of Architecture to operate a unitary structure.

7.6 Staff Honours

Resolution 446/05

Senate noted the report and congratulated:

- Mr Alexander Argyros, Dr Martijn van Eijkelenborg and Dr Maryanne Large of the Optical Fibre Technology Centre on being awarded the Australasian Science Prize for 2005.
- Professor Anna Rubbo on being awarded the Neville Quarry Architectural Education Prize in the 2005 RAI National Architecture Awards.
- Joshua Morrin, who has worked with Professor Rubbo on the Global Studio, on winning the 2005 Byera Hadley Travelling Scholarship for Students.
- Professor Robert Boakes of the School of Psychology on his election to membership of the Academy of the Social Sciences in Australia.

7.7 Refugee English Program

Resolution 447/05

Senate noted with acclamation the detailed report on the Refugee English Program since its relocation to the Centre for Peace and Conflict Studies in February 2005.

7.8 International Visits

Resolution 448/05

Senate noted the report on the Vice-Chancellor's visit to Taipei to present an address at a World University Presidents' Forum at the National University of Taiwan, his participation in the Beijing Forum which brought together some 500 scholars in the Humanities and Social Sciences, and the small delegation from the University of Sydney which he led and which took part in a parallel forum of University Presidents.

7.9 International

Resolution 449/05

Senate noted the international report.

7.10 University Relations

Resolution 450/05

Senate noted the report on University relations.

7.11 Deputy Vice-Chancellor – Selection Committee

Resolution 451/05

Senate resolved that the following Committee, previously approved by Senate, continue to be the Selection Committee for the position of Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Infrastructure) and also be the Selection Committee for the newly established position of Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Community), with a change to the reserve member:

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
Associate Professor Tony Masters (Reserve)

8. Report of the Finance Committee, 10 November 2005

8.1 Sydney University Sport – 2006 Compulsory Subscription

Resolution 452/05

Senate approved the 2006 Sydney University Sport Compulsory Subscription fee of \$148.

8.2 Vice-Chancellor's Report

8.3 CFO Report

8.4 Annual Reports of Foundations/Centres/Student Associations:

- **2004 Annual Report of the Ear and Allied Research Foundation**

Resolution 453/05

Senate noted items 8.2 – 8.4 of the report of the Finance Committee.

9. Report of the Academic Board

9.1 Report of the Academic Board, 2 November 2005

9.1.1 Faculty of Arts: Master of Arts in Public History; Master of Letters in Public History; Master of Theology; Master of Theology (Honours); Graduate Diploma in Early Christian Studies; Graduate Diploma in Modern Language Teaching; Graduate Diploma in Public History; Graduate Diploma in Public History (Heritage); Graduate Diploma in Public History (Media); Graduate Certificate in Early Christian Studies; Graduate Certificate in Human Services Management; Graduate Certificate in Modern Language Teaching; and Graduate Certificate in Public History

Resolution 454/05

Senate approved the amendment of the Resolutions of Senate relating to the degrees, diplomas and certificates in the Faculty of Arts with effect from 1 January 2006, as set out in the report presented.

9.1.2 Faculty of Economics and Business: Master of Public Affairs; Graduate Diploma in Public Affairs and Graduate Certificate in Public Affairs

Resolution 455/05

Senate

(a) endorsed the Academic Board's approval of the proposal from the Faculty of Economics and Business to amend the Master of Public Affairs; Graduate Diploma in Public Affairs and Graduate Certificate in Public Affairs courses; and

(b) approved the amendment of the Resolutions of the Senate relating to the Degrees, Diplomas and Certificates in the Faculty of Economics and Business and relating to these courses,

with effect from 1 January 2006, as set out in the report presented.

9.1.3 Faculty of Health Sciences: Graduate Diploma in Communication Disorders

Resolution 456/05

Senate

(a) endorsed the Academic Board's approval of the proposal from the Faculty of Health Sciences to introduce the Graduate Diploma in Communication Disorders courses; and

(b) approved the amendment of the Resolutions of the Senate relating to the Degrees, Diplomas and Certificates in the Faculty of Health Sciences and the Graduate Diplomas and Graduate Certificates in the Faculty of Health Sciences,

with effect from 1 January 2006, as set out in the report presented.

9.1.4 Faculty of Veterinary Science: Master of Veterinary Public Health Management

Resolution 457/05

Senate

(a) endorsed the Academic Board's approval of the proposal from the Faculty of Veterinary Science to amend the Master of Veterinary Public Health Management course; and

(b) approved the amendment of the Resolutions of the Senate relating to the Degrees, Diplomas and Certificates in the Faculty of Veterinary Science and relating to this course,

with effect from 1 January 2006, as set out in the report presented.

9.1.5 Minor course amendments

9.1.6 Semester and vacation dates

9.1.7 Promotion of Academic Staff from Level B to Level C

Resolution 458/05

Senate noted items 9.1.5 – 9.1.7 of the Report of the Academic Board.

★ 9.2 **Report of the Chair of the Academic Board**

9.2.1 **Report of the AGSM Academic Board, 21 November 2005**

9.2.1.1 **Master of Business Administration Master of Laws**

Resolution 459/05

Senate approved the introduction of the Master of Business Administration Master of Laws program in conjunction with the AGSM, with effect from 1 January 2007, as set out in the report presented and subject to the termination agreement.

9.2.1.2 **Bachelor of Medicine Bachelor of Surgery Master of Business Administration (Executive)**

Resolution 460/05

Senate approved the introduction of the Bachelor of Medicine Bachelor of Surgery Master of Business Administration (Executive) program in conjunction with the AGSM, with effect from 1 January 2007, as set out in the report presented and subject to the termination agreement.

9.2.1.3 **Bachelor of Medicine Bachelor of Surgery Master of Business Administration**

Resolution 461/05

Senate approved the introduction of the Bachelor of Medicine Bachelor of Surgery Master of Business Administration program in conjunction with the AGSM, with effect from 1 January 2007, as set out in the report presented and subject to the termination agreement.

★ 9.3 **Extension of Terms of Office of Student Proctorial Panel Members**

Resolution 462/05

Senate resolved to extend the term of office of all staff and student members currently appointed to the Student Proctorial Panel up to 31 March 2006, as set out in the report presented.

10. **Report of the Senate/Sports Liaison Committee, 23 November 2005**

10.1 **Membership**

Resolution 463/05

Senate re-appointed Mr John Boulton, Mr Peter Montgomery and Ms Ann Titterton to membership of the Senate/Sports Liaison Committee in the category "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" for a two year term of office, from 6 March 2006.

10.2 **Sydney University Hockey**

10.3 **Voluntary Student Unionism**

10.4 **Sydney University Sport report**

10.5 **Special Arrangements for Examination and Assessment**

10.6 **Meeting dates for 2006**

10.7 **Congratulations and Thank you**

10.8 **Commonwealth Games Homecoming**

10.9 **Sports / Senate Meeting**

Resolution 464/05

Senate noted items 10.2 – 10.9 of the report of the Senate/Sports Liaison Committee.

11. General business

11.1 Report of the Ear and Allied Research Foundation

Resolution 465/05

Senate approved the membership of the Council of the Foundation and the election of the Council's Office Bearers as set out in the report presented.

11.2 Report of the Endocrinology and Diabetes Research Foundation

Resolution 466/05

Senate approved the membership of the Council of the Foundation and the election of the Council's Office Bearers as set out in the report presented.

11.3 International House Council

Resolution 467/05

Senate appointed members of the International House Council as set out in the report presented.

11.4 Report of the Oral Health Foundation

Resolution 468/05

Senate approved the membership of the Council of the Foundation and the election of the Council's Office Bearers as set out in the report presented.

11.5 Report of the Save Sight Institute

Resolution 469/05

Senate approved the membership of the Council of the Foundation and the election of the Council's Office Bearers as set out in the report presented.

11.6 Sydney University Sport General Committee/ Management Committee

Resolution 470/05

Senate appointed Mr Christopher Noel and Ms Anne Titterton as two representatives of Senate to the Sydney University Sport General Committee/ Management Committee for a one year term of office commencing on 1 January 2006.

11.7 The University of Sydney Union Board of Directors

Resolution 471/05

Senate appoint Associate Professor Anthony F Masters and Ms Merrilee Robb as two representatives of Senate to The University of Sydney Union Board of Directors for a one year term of office commencing on 1 January 2006.

11.8 Graduation ceremonies (December 2005)

Resolution 472/05

Senate noted the report.



12. Notice of motion

12.1 Notice of motion provided by Dr R Fitzsimons

12.2 Notice of motion provided by Dr R Fitzsimons

Resolution 473/0445

Senate resolved to congratulate Sir Charles Mackerras, AC Kt.cr. CBE, on the conferral of the Inaugural Queen's Medal for Music on St Cecilia's Day, and send its hearty good wishes for his ongoing contribution to the conducting and composing life of the civilized world.

- ★ 13. **Question time**
- 13.1 **Question on notice provided by Professor John Carter**
- Resolution 474/05**
Senate noted the question and the response, and that the Vice-Chancellor would bring a background paper in February 2006.
- 13.2 **Question from Ms Kim Wilson**
- Resolution 475/05**
Senate noted the question and the response, and that the Vice-Chancellor would provide an appropriate answer to Dr Fitzsimons' questions.
- 13.3 **Question from Mrs Margaret Varady**
- Resolution 476/05**
The Vice-Chancellor noted the question.
- ★ 14. **Any other business**
There was no other business.
- ★ 15. **Confidential priority items**
16. **Confidential items**

The meeting closed at 9.45pm.