



Senate minutes summary, 21 September 2009

Minutes summary of the ordinary meeting of the Senate of the University held in open session on Monday 21 September 2009 at 5.00 pm in the Senate Room at the University.

5. **Procedural matters**
 - 5.1 **Apologies for absence**

Resolution 262/09
Senate accepted an apology for absence from this meeting from Professor Margaret Harris and granted leave of absence for this meeting to Mr Joseph Skrzyński.
 - 5.2 **Minutes of the previous Senate meeting held in open session on 3 August 2009**

Resolution 263/09
Senate confirmed the minutes of the Senate meeting held in open session on 3 August 2009 as a true and correct record.
 - 5.3 **Business arising out of the minutes not dealt with elsewhere in the agenda**
6. **Senate action sheet, 21 September 2009**

Resolution 264/09
Senate note the Senate action sheet.
7. **Report of the Vice-Chancellor and Principal**
 - ★ 7.1 **Update for Senate's information**
 - ★ 7.2 **Vice-Chancellor's and Provost's Business**
 - 7.2.1 **Strategic Planning**
 - 7.2.2 **Work Slate Update**
 - 7.3 **Research**
 - 7.3.1 **EIF**
 - 7.3.2 **ARC Future fellowships**
 - 7.3.3 **ERA**
 - 7.4 **Education**
 - 7.4.1 **University of Sydney Sport Foundation**

Resolution 265/09
Senate approved the name "University of Sydney Sport Foundation" for the time being, noting that once the Branding Project Team has reached a final position on branding for foundations, the name can be re-visited in light of that final position.
 - 7.4.2 **Sydney Uni Sport & Fitness: Constitution**

Resolution 266/09
Senate approved the proposed changes to the Constitution of Sydney University Sport.
 - 7.5 **Finance, Infrastructure and ICT**
 - 7.5.1 **Financial Performance**
 - ★ 7.5.2 **Information and Communication Technology**
 - 7.5.3 **Campus Infrastructure and Services**
 - 7.5.4 **Sydney Talent**
 - 7.5.5 **Procurement Services**
 - 7.5.6 **Investment and Capital Management**

7.6 International and External Relations

7.6.1 Office of the Deputy Vice Chancellor (International)

7.6.2 Research Institute for Asia and the Pacific

7.6.3 International Office

7.6.4 Summer and Winter School

7.6.5 External Relations

(1) Approval of New Members of the Save Sight Institute Council

Resolution 267/09

Senate approved the appointment of three new elected Members to the Institute's Council.

7.7 Human Resources

7.7.1 Deanship in Architecture, Design and Planning

Resolution 268/09

Senate approved the following revised membership:

Ex-officio

- Vice-Chancellor and Principal (Dr Michael Spence)
- Chair of the Academic Board (or nominee) Professor Bruce Sutton
- Provost and Deputy Vice-Chancellor, Professor Stephen Garton

Members appointed by Senate

Three members (plus reserve) nominated by the Faculty:

- Professor Richard Hyde
- Professor Mary Lou Maher
- Dr Gary Hill

Reserve members:

- Associate Professor Nicole Gurran (Reserve)
- Dr Andy Dong (Reserve)

External Members:

- Professor Michael Keniger, Senior Deputy Vice-Chancellor (previously Executive Dean, Faculty of Engineering, Physical Sciences and Architecture) University of Queensland
- Dr Sandra Kaji-O'Grady, Head, School of Architecture, UTS

Resolution 269/09

Senate noted the Vice-Chancellor's report.

8. Report of the Academic Board, 26 August 2009

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

Resolution 270/09

Senate noted the Chair's report.

8.2 Amendment of the Resolutions of Senate

8.2.1 Governance of Faculties, Colleges, College Boards, Departments, Schools and Committees

Resolution 271/09

Senate approved the amendment of the Resolutions of Senate relating to the Governance of Faculties, Colleges, College Boards, Departments, Schools and Committees, as set out in the report presented.

★ **8.2.2 University of Sydney (Amendment Act) Rule 1999 (as amended)**

Resolution 272/09

Senate approved the amendment of the Resolutions of Senate relating to the *University of Sydney (Amendment Act) Rule 1999* (as amended), as set out in the tabled report presented.

- 8.3 Minor course amendments**
Resolution 272/09
Senate noted the report.
- 8.4 Other matters**
Resolution 273/09
Senate noted the report.
- 9. Report of the Audit and Risk Management Committee, 12 August 2009**
Resolution 274/09
Senate noted the Report.
- 10. Report of the Finance and Infrastructure Committee, 26 August 2009**
Resolution 275/09
Senate noted the Report.
- 11. Report of the Investment and Commercialisation Committee, 19 August 2009**
Resolution 276/09
Senate noted the Report.
- 12. Report of the Senate/Sports Liaison Committee, 18 August 2009**
Resolution 277/09
Senate noted the Report.
- 13. Senate business**
- ★ **13.1 Nominations Committee: Ministerial appointees**
Resolution 278/09
Senate
- (1) resolved that the current Constitution of the Nominations Committee apply for the Committee's current task; and
 - (2) appointed the following to membership of the Committee in the category of "Three Fellows of Senate (of whom three must be external Fellows within the meaning of s9(9) of the University of Sydney Act) appointed by Senate":
 - Ms Kim Anderson
 - The Hon John Aquilina
 - Mr Adam Spencer
- ★ **13.2 Letter from Minister regarding Governance issues**
Resolution 279/09
Senate approved the draft response with two amendments to paragraph 5.
- 13.3 2010 Senate meeting schedule**
Resolution 280/09
Senate approved the 2010 Senate meeting schedule.
- 13.4 Fellow of Senate elected by and from the postgraduate students of the University**
Resolution 281/09
Senate resolved to congratulate Mr Samuel John Greenland on his election as a Fellow of Senate by and from the postgraduate students, to hold office from 1 December 2009 to 30 November 2010.
- 13.5 Senate representation**
Resolution 282/09
Senate noted the report.
- 13.6 Next meetings**
Resolution 283/09
Senate noted the report.

14. General business

14.1 Warren Centre for Advanced Engineering Limited: Appointment of Governor

Resolution 284/09

Senate resolved to recognise the John Holland Group Pty Ltd as Governor of The Warren Centre for Advanced Engineering Limited commencing immediately.

★ **15. Notice of motion**

15.1 Notice of motion provided by Dr R Fitzsimons regarding the Nominations Committee

15.2 Notice of motion provided by Dr R Fitzsimons regarding Wentworth Scholarships

Resolution 285/09

Senate noted that Dr Fitzsimons' item be referred to the Academic Board, and that an Academic Board report on scholarships come back to Dr Fitzsimons and Senate.

★ **16. Question time**

16.1 Question on notice from Dr R Fitzsimons regarding quality and experience of international students

Resolution 286/09

Senate noted that the Vice-Chancellor would report to the next meeting.

16.2 Question on notice from Dr R Fitzsimons regarding safety

Resolution 287/09

Senate noted that the Vice-Chancellor would report to the next meeting.

★ **17. Any other business**

17.1 Sydney University Football Club

Resolution 288/09

Senate noted Mr McCarthy's invitation.

17.2 The Hon Virginia Chadwick

Resolution 290/09

Senate noted with regret the death of The Hon Virginia Chadwick and asked the Chancellor to write a letter of condolence on behalf of Senate to Mr Chadwick.

The meeting closed at 8.30pm.