

**DIGEST OF SENATE MEETING  
HELD ON 29 NOVEMBER 2007  
IN THE COUNCIL ROOM, JAMES CARROLL BUILDING  
MACKILLOP CAMPUS, 40 EDWARD STREET, NORTH SYDNEY**

**Senate meeting calendar 2008**

Senate reviewed its meeting calendar for 2008 due to the unavailability of some members for a number of meetings. Senate will now meet on the following dates in 2008:

Wednesday 2 April  
Thursday 12 June  
Thursday 18 September, and  
Thursday 13 November.

**Vice-Chancellor's Report**

Senate received a report from the Vice-Chancellor, a précis of which has been distributed separately.

**Graduations 2008**

Senate received a request that consideration be given to changing the scheduled date of the 2008 Brisbane graduation ceremonies. The Executive Director, University Services, undertook to raise the issue with the Director, University Relations, but he indicated that it was unlikely that the date for the 2008 ceremony in Brisbane could be changed at this late stage.

**Change to the title of Pro-Vice-Chancellor (Quality and Outreach)**

Senate resolved to amend the title of the Pro-Vice-Chancellor (Quality and Outreach) to Pro-Vice-Chancellor (Quality and Engagement). The change in title reflects the change in the University's position from one of outreach to its communities to engagement with them.

**2008 Operating Budget**

Senate approved the 2008 Operating Budget on the recommendation of the Standing and Finance Committee.

***Policy on Course Approval Amendment and Review - Accredited Higher Education Courses***

Senate approved minor revisions to the *Policy on Course Approval Amendment and Review - Accredited Higher Education Courses* recommended by Academic Board. The updated document will be available in the Manual of Administrative Policies and Procedures on the intranet in due course.

**Award of honorary title of Emeritus Professor**

Senate awarded the honorary title of Emeritus Professor to the Vice-Chancellor, Professor Peter Sheehan AO, effective on his retirement in 1 February 2008; and to the Foundation Professor of Educational Leadership, Professor Patrick Duignan, effective from January 2008.

### **Award of the honorary title of Adjunct Professor**

Senate awarded the honorary title of Adjunct Professor to Mr Robert Fitzgerald AM and Fr Joseph Caddy for a period of three years to 29 November 2010.

### **Renewal of the term of Adjunct Professors**

Senate renewed the term of the following Adjunct Professors for a period of three years to 29 November 2010:

Professor Rifaat Ebied  
 Professor Shinro Kato  
 Dr Joan Barclay Lloyd, and  
 Professor Maev O'Collins

### **Committee reports**

Senate received and noted reports from the following committee meetings:

- Standing and Finance Committee meeting held on 15 October 2007,
- Honorary Awards Committee meeting held on 15 October 2007,
- Academic Board meeting held on 17 October 2007, and
- Ceremonial and Protocols Committee meetings held on 24 October and 15 November 2007.

### **Chapter reports**

Senate received and noted reports from the following Chapter meetings:

- ACT Chapter meeting held on 16 August 2007,
- NSW Chapter meeting held on 15 November 2007,
- Queensland Chapter meetings held on 28 August and 30 October 2007, and
- Victorian Chapter meetings held on 14 August and 23 October 2007.

### **Expressions of Appreciation**

Senate expressed appreciation to the outgoing Student Senator, Ms Teresa Georges for her energetic contributions to Senate and paid tribute to her services to student leadership across the University.

The Chancellor reiterated his remarks made the previous evening at the Valedictory Dinner for the Vice-Chancellor. Br Julian thanked Professor Sheehan for his sterling leadership of the University and said that he had been a great gift to the University. Senate endorsed the Chancellor's remarks and wished Professor Sheehan well for his retirement.



John Cameron  
 Executive Director, University Services

14 December 2007