

**DIGEST OF SENATE MEETING
HELD ON 27 MARCH 2003
AT MOUNT ST MARY CAMPUS, STRATHFIELD**

Welcome

Senate welcomed Mr Ron Middleton, the newly elected student Senator, to his first meeting of Senate.

Campion College

Senate was advised that the President of the Australian Catholic Bishops Conference is to convene a meeting of the Bishops, the Chancellor and the Vice-Chancellor to discuss the concerns of Senate relating to the proposed establishment of Campion College.

Report of Australian Universities Quality Agency (AUQA)

Senate received the AUQA report of the audit of Australian Catholic University and the University's draft response. The response is in the format of an action plan which targets the recommendations and some of the suggestions in the AUQA report. Senate noted the University will be given a lengthy period in which to implement the action plan; the institution will then be re-evaluated by AUQA. Senate congratulated all those involved in the quality audit on what has been a very good outcome for the University.

Report on Furthering the Catholicity of the University

Senate received a report from the Vice-Chancellor on the on-going dialogue on catholicity in the University community. Senate noted the significance of the affirmation by an external body (AUQA) that the University is living out its Mission and commended the Vice-Chancellor for the way in which he has fostered constructive debate on catholicity in the University.

The Vice-Chancellor will provide the Annual General Meeting of Members with a report at its meeting on 28 April.

2002 Statutory Accounts

Senate approved the 2002 Statutory Accounts and authorized presentation of the accounts to Members of the Company and to appropriate authorities.

Loreto Nursing Home Development

Senate received advice that planning consultants have been engaged to undertake a space planning audit of the MacKillop and Mount St Mary Campuses so that the development of the Loreto Nursing Home site is not undertaken in isolation of the accommodation requirements of both Sydney campuses.

Course Approvals

Senate approved the following new course recommended by Academic Board:

Faculty of Education

A new specialisation and a Postgraduate Certificate in Human Rights, Social Justice and Education as part of the Master of Education (Human Relations and Community Education), commencing in Semester 1, 2003, subject to the inclusion of a relevant elective unit in the philosophy of the human person.

Change in Course Titles

Senate approved the following changes in course titles:

Faculty of Health Sciences

Master of Nursing Practice to be retitled Master of Nursing, with major strands in Management and Practice, effective from 2004.

Faculty of Arts and Sciences

Bachelor of Arts (Theology)/Bachelor of Social Work dual degree to be retitled Bachelor of Theology/Bachelor of Social Work, effective from 2003.

Non-award Certificate and Diploma in Computing to be retitled Certificate and Diploma in Information Systems, effective from 2003.

Specialist Nomenclature for Bachelor of Arts

Senate approved the inclusion of specialisations in Creative Arts and Culture and in Business and Communication Studies in the Bachelor of Arts degree, effective from 2004.

Childcare needs at St Patrick's Campus

Senate received and noted a report of a survey conducted at St Patrick's Campus on childcare needs.

John Cameron
Executive Director, University Services

7 April 2003