

**AUSTRALIAN CATHOLIC UNIVERSITY
DIGEST OF SENATE MEETING
HELD ON 13 NOVEMBER 2008**

Welcome

The Chancellor welcomed Mr James Wood, the Student Senator elect for 2009, who was attending the meeting as an observer.

Amendments to Statutes consequential to management restructure

Senate adopted amendments to Statute 2.5 – Academic Board, Statute 2.6 – The Faculties, and Statute 10 – Student Conduct and Discipline consequential to the management restructure. Senate also adopted a new Statute 11 – Transitional Arrangements. The Statutes will be updated on the intranet, in due course.

Naming of new building at McAuley at Banyo

Senate noted that the opening ceremony of the Peter W. Sheehan Building at McAuley at Banyo will now be held on 18 June 2009 to coincide with the June Senate. The construction of an Annex to the new building means that it is now not feasible to have an opening ceremony in April, as had previously been planned.

Report of Review of State Chapters

Senate received responses to the *Report of the Review of State Chapters* from the NSW, Queensland and Victorian Chapters and noted that the ACT Chapter has not yet had the opportunity to discuss the Report in detail. Senate has tasked Mr David O'Connor with convening a meeting of the Chapter Chairs and the Vice-Chancellor with a view to providing a consolidated response to the Review Report to Senate.

Draft Strategic Plan 2009-2011

Senate received a copy of the Draft Strategic Plan 2009-2011 and congratulated the Vice-Chancellor and the senior executive on a clear and concise document. Senate agreed to hold a strategic planning day early in the new year to provide feedback to the Vice-Chancellor on the draft Plan.

Vice-Chancellor's Report

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

2009 Operating Budget

Senate approved the 2009 Operating Budget and placed on record its appreciation to the Executive Director, University Services and the Director of Finance and his staff for the sound financial management of the University.

Course Approval

On the recommendation of Academic Board, Senate approved the course proposal for the Master of Nursing (Practice Inquiry) for introduction in mixed-mode in Semester 1, 2009 and semester 2, 2009 in Shanghai and Brisbane respectively for a cohort from Shanghai, and in semester 1, 2010 in Brisbane for local students, subject to the establishment of the local market.

Award of honorary title of Adjunct Professor

Senate awarded the honorary title of Adjunct Professor to Associate Professor Paul Chesterton for a period of three years effective from his retirement on 25 February 2009.

Award of title of Emeritus Professor

Senate approved the award of the title of Emeritus Professor to:

- The foundation Professor of Theology, Professor Francis J. Moloney sdb, to take effect immediately; and
- Professor John O’Gorman, effective from 1 January 2009.

Committee Reports

Senate received and noted reports from the following meetings:

- Standing and Finance Committee, 13 October 2008;
- Honorary Awards Committee, 5 November 2008;
- Academic Board, 15 October 2008;
- Ceremonial and Protocols Committee, 22 October 2008;
- Goals Committee, 8 September and 28 October 2008;
- Queensland Chapter, 28 October 2008; and
- Victorian Chapter Report 13 November 2008.

Expressions of Appreciation

Senate expressed appreciation to the following, who were attending their last meeting:

Ms Sarah Rose, Student Senator 2008
Professor John O’Gorman, Pro-Vice-Chancellor (Quality and Engagement)
Mrs Jan Buckley, Executive Assistant to the Vice-Chancellor
Mrs Fiona Wilkinson, Minute Secretary

John Cameron
Executive Director, University Services

26 November 2008