

**AUSTRALIAN CATHOLIC UNIVERSITY
DIGEST OF SENATE MEETING
HELD ON 2 APRIL 2008
IN THE COUNCIL ROOM, JAMES CARROLL BUILDING
MACKILLOP CAMPUS, 40 EDWARD STREET, NORTH SYDNEY**

Welcome

The Chancellor welcomed the Vice-Chancellor, Professor Greg Craven, and the student Senator, Ms Sarah Rose, to their first meeting of Senate.

Senate Self-Evaluation Questionnaire

Senate received a summary of responses to the self-evaluation questionnaire and agreed that the issues raised by the questionnaire should be monitored and reviewed at the end of the year.

Vice-Chancellor's Report

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

Review of State Chapters

Senate received a report of the Review of State Chapters conducted by Emeritus Professor P.G. Carpenter. Senate referred the report to Chapter for comment and report back to Senate at its meeting on 13 November.

Senate Elections 2008

Senate endorsed the nominations of Mr Stephen Elder, Mr David O'Connor AM and Ms Susan Pascoe AM for the election of external Senators. The election will be conducted at the Annual General Meeting of Australian Catholic University Limited on 23 May 2008.

Senate noted a timetable for the conduct of elections for the staff members of Senate.

2007 Statutory Accounts

Senate approved the 2007 statutory accounts and authorised their presentation to Members of Australian Catholic University Limited and to appropriate authorities.

Banking Facilities

Senate accepted the terms and conditions for banking facilities provided by the National Australia Bank.

Course Approval

Senate approved the course proposal for the Master of Clinical Nursing for Nurse Practitioners for introduction at the Ballarat, Brisbane, Canberra, Melbourne and North Sydney campuses in semester 1, 2009.

Renewal of Term as Adjunct Professor

On the recommendation of the Ceremonial and Protocols Committee, Senate renewed the term of Dr Gerard Rummery fsc as Adjunct Professor for a period of three years until 2 April 2011. Senate noted that Dr Rummery had made significant contributions to the School of Religious Education and also to Religious Education nationally and internationally.

Committee and Chapter Reports

Senate received reports of the following:

1. Audit Committee meetings held on 29 November 2007 and 11 March 2008.
2. Standing and Finance Committee meetings held on 10 December 2007, 4 February and 11 March 2008.
3. Academic Board meetings held on 5 December 2007 and 20 February 2008.
4. Ceremonial and Protocols Committee meeting held on 17 March 2009.
5. Goals Committee meetings held on 23 November 2007 and 7 March 2008.
6. ACT Chapter meetings held on 6 December 2007 and 28 February 2008.
7. NSW Chapter meeting held on 6 March 2008.
8. Queensland Chapter meeting held on 26 February 2008.

Expression of Appreciation

Senate was informed that the terms of office of four external Senators and of the staff Senators expire at the conclusion of the Annual General Meeting on 23 May. The Chancellor thanked all for their contributions to Senate and for their support of the University.

Next meeting

Thursday 12 June 2008 in North Sydney.



John Cameron
Executive Director, University Services

14 April 2008