

4 April 2007

The Board of Trustees met on Wednesday 4 April 2007, in the Boardroom, Building AD, Werrington North. A summary of matters discussed is provided below.

Deputy Chancellor

Ms Mary Foley was elected unanimously to the position of Deputy Chancellor, succeeding Mr Geoffrey Roberson who retired from the Board at the end of 2006. Mr Glen Sandford was elected to fill the vacancy on the Board Standing Committee and the Remuneration and Nominations Committee of the Board.

Agreement with UWS Students' Association

The Board noted the progress of negotiations with UWSSA. A pre-requisite for the distribution of funds to UWSSA and PAUWS is that they provide a copy of their 2006 audited annual accounts to the University. The University is continuing to request that the audited annual accounts be made available.

Vice-Chancellor's Report

The Vice-Chancellor spoke to her report and advised the following:

- Demand for student places has increased in 2007.
- UWS plans to meet overall student load targets but varies from individual cluster targets.
- Mid-year intake is expected to make up the shortfall in Commonwealth Government Supported funding target. This is similar to the mid-year intake last year.

Presentation by Deputy Vice-Chancellor (International and Development)

Professor John Ingleson gave the Board an overview of his first impressions of UWS, the opportunities he believes the University can pursue and what needs to be done to achieve them.

Presentation by Director, MARCS Auditory Laboratories

Professor Denis Burnham gave the Board a briefing about MARCS Auditory Laboratories and detailed for the Board:

- background on MARCS
- MARCS' four research areas
- MARCS infrastructure and equipment
- income from research grants
- HCSNet: the ARC Network in Human Communication Science
- \$3.4m ARC/NH&MRC grant to build a Thinking Head research platform
- research training
- recent developments and future directions
- industry links and funding.

Our People 2015 Project

The Board noted the progress of the 'Our People 2015' strategic staffing plan, which will be considered in detail by the Strategy and Resources Committee and then submitted for consideration at the Board Strategy Day in June.

Audited Financial Accounts for the Year Ended 31 December 2006

The Board considered and approved the audited annual financial statements and authorised the Chancellor and the Vice-Chancellor to sign, on the Board's behalf, the 'Statement by Members of the Board of Trustees' and the 'Statement of Certification'. The statements had been reviewed by the joint meeting of the Audit and Risk Management Committee and the Strategy and Resources Committee which included discussions with representatives of the Audit Office of New South Wales (NSW). The NSW Audit Office representatives advised the Board that they were able to issue an unqualified independent audit report.

Board Report for UWS Annual Report

The Board approved the 'UWS Board of Trustees Report' to be included in the UWS Annual Report and authorised the Chancellor to sign the document on the Board's behalf. This will be published in the near future on the University's website, together with the financial statements.

Board Standing Committee and Remuneration and Nominations Committee

The Board approved an Honorary Doctorate of Letters and two Emeritus Professor nominations.

Indigenous Advisory Council

The Board approved the renewed membership of Mrs Christine Foreshow, Aboriginal Education Consultative Group (AECG) Sydney Metropolitan West representative, and Ms Kimberley Radford (student representative) on the Indigenous Advisory Council (IAC). The Board also approved that Ms Lorraine Efeturk, Manager Badanami Centre, be appointed to the IAC to complete the term of Mrs Shirley Morgan, who has recently retired from the University.

Other Reports and Items Considered by the Board

- TVS/UWS Relationship
- Strategy and Resources Committee
- Audit and Risk Management Committee
- Academic Senate
- Campus Development Committee
- Regional Council and Business and Industry Advisory Panel
- Occupational Health and Safety
- Staffing Matters
- Infrastructure Development - New School of Medicine Building, Campbelltown campus
- UWS School of Medicine
- Liverpool Medical Research Institute

- UWS College