

30 July 2008

The Board of Trustees met on Wednesday 30 July 2008, in the Boardroom, Building AD, Werrington North. A summary of matters discussed is provided below.

Confirmation of Minutes

The [minutes](#) of the April 2008 meeting of the Board of Trustees were confirmed and can be downloaded from this page.

Changes to Parking Fee Structure 2009

Following a comprehensive review of parking, the Board of Trustees made the necessary decision to increase parking fees from 2009. Refer to the recent e-mail from the PVC Campus Development for details.

Recent Events

The Chancellor congratulated Mr Eric Sidoti, Director of the Whitlam Institute, and UWS Foundation staff for the very successful birthday celebrations held recently for the Honourable E. G. (Gough) Whitlam. He also commended the University's awards ceremonies to Board members and congratulated the organisers of the recent College events.

Vice-Chancellor's Report

The Vice-Chancellor's report included the following advice to the Board:

- Local Government Forums April 2008
- World Youth Day – 15 Day Pilgrimage Walk – Prayer Stop at UWS Parramatta Campus
- UWS media performance for the first quarter of 2008
- Official Opening of the UWS Convergent Media Studios
- UWS Ethical Scholarship Forum 2008
- Energy Security: The Real Story
- Australian Research Council Funding
- New Senior Appointments in UWS School of Social Sciences
- UWS Engagement with schools
- 2008 Australian Brain Bee Challenge
- Principal for the Day
- Graduations
- UWS Day

She also noted to the Board that:

- The University will be submitting its response to the Federal Government's Review of Higher Education by 4 August 2008.

- UWS is addressing the AUQA audit first-round recommendations. The progress report was well received by AUQA for its comprehensiveness and for the progress that had been made.
- The School of Medicine underwent its second routine accreditation visit in May. The final report and recommendations will become public after the AMC Board of Directors meets in November.

College of Business

Associate Professor Robyn McGuiggan, Executive Dean of the College of Business, provided a presentation on key strategies, significant achievements and key directions of the College. Associate Professor McGuiggan was commended on the College of Business' achievements since her last presentation to the Board and on the complementarity being developed with community engagement.

uwsconnect

Mr Tony Geange, General Manager of uwsconnect, presented an overview of the company's activities in the past three years. uwsconnect's aim is to see facilities for students improved on all campuses and the improvement of student life, which have been affected by the introduction of VSU. The Board congratulated Mr Geange on what he and uwsconnect have achieved to date.

Student Representation Review – Progress Report

The University has been addressing the Board's October 2007 request that it receive advice on the most effective way to ensure a viable and vibrant model for student representation and advocacy.

Ms Hawkins provided a verbal progress report including the key concepts, structural considerations and the review process discussed at a workshop held on Monday 28 July. The workshop considered the findings of the research report commissioned by the University and the following groups were represented: UWSSA, PAUWS, Medical Students Society, Law Students Society, Golden Key, Muslim Students Association, uwsconnect and the postgraduate member of the Board of Trustees.

The Board resolved to note the report and the proposed process to develop a student organisation structure and implementation plan using the principles and framework outlined in the recommendations for consideration at the October Board meeting.

Changes to Administrative Delegations

The Board approved changes to the Administrative Delegations related to staffing matters, commercial activities, research and capital works. Refer to the 'Status and Details' link in the [Delegations \(Administrative\) Policy](#).

Indigenous Graduate Attribute

The Board noted that the UWS Indigenous Graduate Attribute had been approved by Academic Senate. The attribute will demonstrate in UWS graduates their knowledge of Indigenous Australia.

Board Standing Committee and Remuneration and Nominations Committee

The Board noted the review of Board committees and approved: the protocols for committees of the Board; the amendments to committee terms of reference and the resetting of terms of office for some members of the Strategy and Resources Committee.

Meeting Dates – Board of Trustees 2009

The Board will meet on the following dates in 2009:

25 February
8 April
27 May Strategy Day
24 June
2 September
25 November

Other Reports and Items Considered by the Board

- Report of the Board Strategy Day including Student Satisfaction by Campus and the Research Strategy Review Plan
- Strategy and Resources Committee
- Audit and Risk Management Committee
- Report from the Chair of Academic Senate
- Joint Meeting of the Campus Development Committee and the Strategy and Resources Committee
- Occupational Health and Safety
- Staffing Matters
- *CampusLife* – On-Line Newsletter for Students

Date of Next Meeting

The next Board meeting will be held on Wednesday 8 October 2008.