

2 September 2009

The Board of Trustees met on Wednesday 2 September 2009, in the Boardroom, Building AD, Werrington North. A summary of matters discussed is provided below.

Confirmation of Minutes

The [minutes](#) of the 24 June 2009 meeting of the Board of Trustees were confirmed and can be downloaded from this page.

Welcome to New Board Members

The Chancellor welcomed the new Chair of Academic Senate, Associate Professor Paul Wormell, and the recently elected Graduate member, Dr Ken Langford, to their first Board of Trustees meeting.

Vice-Chancellor's Report

The Vice-Chancellor's report to the Board of Trustees included the following items:

- UNESCO Conference
- Quality Expert Reference Group
- UWS Author, Geoff Scott, Wins 2010 Bellwether Book Award
- Professor Sir David Watson Visit to UWS
- Professor Anne Cutler Elected to be an International Speech Communication Association (ISCA) Fellow
- Dr Louise Crabtree of Urban Research Centre Honoured
- Australian Learning and Teaching Council (ALTC) Citations for Teaching Excellence Awarded in 2009
- Refugee Action Support Program
- Additional Clinical Schools to be Established at Bathurst and Lismore
- Launch of Secondary Mass Spectrometer (SIMS)
- Retreats and Workshops
- UWS Open Day
- Behavioural Medicine Clinic Opens at Bankstown Campus
- Next Round of EIF Bids
- Campus Safety
- The Premier's University Government Forum Discussions
- Collective Bargaining Progress Report

Executive Presentation – Division of Academic and Enterprise

Professor John Ingleson, Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Academic and Enterprise), provided a presentation on the Division's key strategies and directions.

University Governance Principles and University Legislation

The Board discussed the developments from the NSW Minister following consideration of the Report on the NSW Legislative Council General Purpose Standing Committee (June 2009): *Governance of NSW Universities*.

The Board strongly supported the continuance of a separate Act for the University as opposed to the proposal for a

general Act to cover all NSW universities which had been mooted. The Board also reviewed and supported a draft set of University Governance Principles that had been circulated by the Minister. The Board did not see the need for any major changes to the UWS Act but, given the current review, it authorised the Board Standing Committee to recommend any minor or technical changes that might be desirable.

Parking Fees 2010

The Board approved the CPI increase of 2.5% to parking fees for 2010. This is in line with the Board's resolution about 2009 parking fees, that increases of at least CPI should be applied to parking fees in subsequent years.

Board and Committee Membership

The Board noted that Ministerial approval had been received for the appointment of Ms Emma Stein and Mr John Banks to the Board of Trustees for four year terms. Ministerial approval has also been received for the reappointment for four years of Ms Vivienne James, Mr Glen Sanford, Mr Ian Stone and the Hon Kim Yeadon. The Board approved the appointment of Ms Kerry Stubbs, the Managing Director of Northcott Disability Services, as an external member of the Strategy and Resources Committee for a two year term.

Campus Development

The Board approved the University entering into agreements with Integral Energy for the grant of electricity easements, as detailed to the Board, on a section of the University's Kingswood campus.

Professor Kevin Sproats gave a presentation on current and future possible campus developments.

The Margaret Whitlam Chair in Social Work

The Board approved the naming of the University's Chair in Social Work as The Margaret Whitlam Chair in Social Work. The Board requested that the University Executive review the Naming of Physical Property Policy to incorporate the naming of Chairs in addition to property matters.

Other Reports and Items Considered by the Board

- Strategy and Resources Committee Report
- Report from the Chair of Academic Senate
- Board Standing Committee and Remuneration & Nominations Committee
- Indigenous Advisory Council
- Occupational Health and Safety
- Staffing Matters
- International Student Enrolments
- International Framework 2009-2013
- Learning and Teaching Initiatives 2009

Date of Next Meeting

The next Board meeting will be held on Wednesday 25 November 2009.