25 February 2009

The Board of Trustees met on Wednesday 25 February 2009, in the Boardroom, Building AD, Werrington North. A summary of matters discussed is provided below.

Confirmation of Minutes

The minutes of the December 2008 meeting of the Board of Trustees were confirmed and can be downloaded from this page.

Vice-Chancellor's Report

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

- Priorities for Commonwealth Education Infrastructure Fund Bids
- Meeting with the Minister to discuss the Federal Government's review of Higher education
- University offers
- Visit to Canberra
- Professor Cusick's appointment to the Board of Studies NSW
- UWS recognised for improved performance in Learning and Teaching
- Federal Government funding towards UWS capital program
- Federal Government's Diversity and Structural Adjustment Fund
- Scholarships
- UWSCollege donations towards UWS Scholarships
- UWS Honours industry partners.

Postgraduate Student Member

The Board resolved to appoint the postgraduate student successful at the 2009 postgraduate student Board election as a member of the Board to fill the casual vacancy, as and from the declaration of the poll, and subject to that person's consent to serve.

Academic Program Development

The Board endorsed the proposed development of undergraduate double degree programs to be offered at Parramatta, Hawkesbury and Campbelltown campuses in 2010.

Vice-Chancellor's Award for Excellence in University Sustainability

The Board endorsed the proposed amendments to the Vice-Chancellor's Excellence Awards that will establish the category of Excellence in University Sustainability.

Revised Delegations for Capital Works and Campus Development

The Board approved the revision of the delegations for capital works, facilities, overheads and campus development matters (Schedule G).

New Student Organisation

The Board gave in-principle recognition of the New Student Organisation.

Academic Governance Arrangements

The Board approved minor amendments, for the purposes of clarity, to the membership details of the Research Studies Committee and the College Academic Standards and Integrity Committee.

UWS Postgraduate Coursework Strategy

The Board noted the strategy to increase postgraduate coursework enrolments.

Review of Australian Higher Education

The Board noted the progress report of the Review of Australian Higher Education.

2009 Intake Trends

The Board noted the current data and expectations regarding student load based on known and projected enrolments compared with the target load and budget.

Revenue Strategy

The Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Corporate Strategy and Services) gave a presentation to the Board on University revenue sources and the objectives to increase non-government funding.

Indigenous Advisory Council

The Board noted the progress of the Indigenous Advisory Council's membership and the report of the Council's 17 December 2008 meeting.

Other Reports and Items Considered by the Board

- Strategy and Resources Committee
- Audit and Risk Management Committee
- Board Standing Committee and Remuneration & Nominations Committee
- Campus Development Committee and Westmead Site Development
- School of Medicine
- Occupational Health and Safety
- Staffing Matters
- 2008 Media Coverage Summary
- Cyclical School Review in UWS

Date of Next Meeting

The next Board meeting will be held on Wednesday 8 April 2009.