1. **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST (SENATE STANDING ORDERS CLAUSE 4.2)**

Section 17A and Division 2 of Schedule 1 of the *Murdoch University Act* require all members of Senate who have a material personal interest in a matter being considered or about to be considered:

1. to declare the nature and extent of the interest; and
2. not to be present during consideration of the matter not vote on it.

No declarations.

2. **CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES**

Not applicable.

3. **SENATE VACANCIES**

The Chancellor has previously circulated vitae for Brian Aitken and Dawn Casey. Both have skills and experience that will enable them make a substantial contribution to the Senate.

The Chancellor has further spoken to both and explained that any appointment may be short-lived depending on the outcome of merger discussions with Curtin University of Technology and each has confirmed continuing interest in an appointment.

**Resolved:**

1. To recommend to the Minister for Education that Brian Aitken be appointed as a member of Senate for a 3 year term, to fill the existing vacancy on Senate.

2. To recommend to the Senate that Ms Dawn Casey be co-opted as a member of Senate for a 3 year term commencing on 01/01/2006, to replace Bob Pett whose third term expires on 31/12/2005.
4. STATEMENT OF GOVERNANCE PRINCIPLES

The General Counsel & University Secretary:

(i) reported that he has amended the Statement of Governance Principles to include (a) recent amendments to the Murdoch University Act in the Senator’s code of conduct; and (b) the recently approved amendments to the standing orders; and

(ii) recommends that further changes be made to the Statement of Governance Principles to make its coverage more comprehensive (changes marked up on the attached copy).

Resolved: To recommend to Senate that it amends the Statement of Governance Principles in the terms attached (changes marked up).