Date: Wednesday, 24/05/2006
Time: 4:30 pm
Venue: Senate room, South Street Campus

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PART B - OTHER ISSUES FOR DISCUSSION

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Afternoon tea will be available in the foyer of the Senate Suite from 4pm. Would you kindly remember to wear your name badge?  

After the meeting members are invited to have dinner at Club Murdoch.  

If you will be unable to remain for dinner, would you please advise the Acting University Secretary, Samantha Summerton, by phone as soon as possible, so we can finalise catering numbers? Her number is 9360 6333.

If any Senate member would like additional information on any agenda item, or has a motion or changes to recommendations which could be included in a supplementary agenda, please contact me as soon as possible via eMail to S.Summerton@murdoch.edu.au

The Chancellor has also requested that, if you intend to speak to a particular item (in particular any item included in Part C of the agenda), please let me know in advance. Where the item is in Part C, would you please also identify the specific item and provide brief details of the aspect(s) in respect of which you intend to speak? This will greatly facilitate the smooth running of the meeting.

SAMANTHA SUMMERTON  
ACTING UNIVERSITY  
SECRETARY  
18/05/2006

AGENDA

1. MEMBERSHIP  
   1.1 A list of current Senate members is attached, together with an up to date attendance register.  
   1.2 Details of current Senate committees and their members are attached and available at http://senate.murdoch.edu.au/committees/committee05.htm

2. APOLOGIES  
   2.1 Ms Shirley McPherson, Prof Jim Reynoldson  
   2.2 Any apologies received after circulation of the agenda will be reported to the meeting.
3. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

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:
(i) to declare the nature and extent of the interest; and
(ii) not to be present during consideration of the matter, nor vote on it.

PART A - MAJOR ISSUES

4. CHANCELLORS SEARCH WORKING PARTY REPORT
Ms Alison Gaines will speak to her report to the Senate.

PART B - OTHER ISSUES FOR DISCUSSION

5. VICE CHANCELLOR’S REPORT
The Vice Chancellor will speak to his report to Senate, a copy of which is attached.

PART C - OTHER ITEMS

The Chancellor will put the following as a single item for noting and for the approval/acceptance of any recommendations contained in them. Members of Senate may request that any of these items to be reserved for discussion.

6. CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES
6.1 Confirmation of the attached minutes of the meeting held on 05/04/2006.
6.2 Note the attached report of action on resolutions passed at the previous meeting.

7. ACADEMIC COUNCIL
The minutes of the Academic Council meeting held on 12/04/2006 are attached. Other than in relation to legislative matters, there are no recommendations to Senate.

8. ENVIRONMENTAL COMMITTEE
The minutes of the Environmental Committee meeting held on 18/05/2006 will be distributed to Senate members prior to the Senate meeting.

9. GOVERNANCE & NOMINATIONS COMMITTEE
The minutes of the Governance & Nominations Committee meeting held on 15/05/2006 are attached. The following items contain recommendations to Senate:
GNC/05/2006 To appoint the following individuals to the following Senate Committees:
(i) Gerry Georgatos, Guild President to the Legislation Committee for the duration of his term on Senate
(31/12/2006)

(ii) Craig Spence, Director, Commercial Services to the Environmental Committee for a three year term commencing on 25/05/2006

(ii) Beth Strang, president of MUEnSA, to the Environmental Committee for a term of one year, commencing on 25/05/2006

GNC/06/2006 To co-opt of Mr Tony Ianello to Senate for a term of three years commencing on 24/05/2006.

10. LEGISLATION COMMITTEE

The minutes of the Legislation Committee meeting held on 23/05/2006 will be distributed to Senate members prior to the Senate meeting.

11. OFFICIAL SEAL

In accordance with resolution S/54/2004, the General Counsel & University Secretary has provided a report detailing the documents to which the official seal has been affixed since the last Senate meeting.

12. SENATE MEETING DATES 2006

12.1 The Senate’s meeting dates for 2006 and respective closing dates for agenda items are attached.

12.2 Rather than the Senate holding one meeting at Rockingham and one in Mandurah each year, the Senate and Academic Council will alternate between each location each year.

   In 2006 the Senate’s April meeting will be at Mandurah and the Academic Council’s June meeting will be at Rockingham. This will be reversed in 2007.

13. MATTERS FOR INFORMATION

A copy of relevant articles are attached.
## AGENDA ITEM 1.1
### CURRENT MEMBERS OF SENATE

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AGENDA ITEM 1.2

SENATE COMMITTEES 2006-2009

Audit & Risk Management Committee
Chair           Sir William Heseltine
Members        Ms Janice Bowra
               Judge Kate O'Brien
               Mr Jamie Ogilvie*
               Ms Beverley Schubert*
               Mr Brian Aitken
               Gerry Georgatos (observer status only)

Chancellor’s Committee
Chair           Chancellor
Members        Pro Chancellor
               Ms Alison Gaines
               Sir William Heseltine
               Mr Malcolm Macpherson
               Mr Terry Budge
               Mr Garry Hunt

Environmental Committee
Chair           Mr Garry Hunt
Members        Vice Chancellor
               Dr Martin Anda*
               Prof Nick Costa
               Ms Carolyn Jakobsen
               Professor Phil Jennings*
               Assoc Prof Jim Macbeth
               Mr Craig Spence*
               Dr Melanie Strawbridge*
               Environmental Science Student*

Governance & Nominations Committee
Chair           Chancellor
Members        Pro Chancellor
               Vice Chancellor
               Professor Nick Costa
               Mr Terry Budge
               Ms Alison Gaines
Ms Greta Vom Berg*
Gerry Georgatos
John Pease*

Honorary Awards & Ceremonial Committee
Chair
Pro Chancellor
Vice Chancellor
Mr Phillip Hocking
Professor Nick Costa
Professor Tom Lyons*
Mr Malcolm Macpherson
Professor Simone Volet*
Gerry Georgatos
Mr Nathan Giles*

Legislation Committee
Chair
Judge Kate O’Brien
Members
Vice Chancellor
Ms Janice Bowra
Mr Mal Bradley
Ms Alison Gaines
Mr Gabriel Moens*
Mr John Pease*

Resources Committee
Chair
Mr Terry Budge
Members
Vice Chancellor
Mr Phillip Hocking
Professor Stuart Bradley
Sir William Heseltine
Mr Garry Hunt
Mr Bob Pett†
Mr Gerry Georgatos

* Recommended as co-opted, non-member of Senate for term commencing 01/01/2006 and term expiring 31/12/2008
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There is a clear emphasis on capital infrastructure and medical research in commitments with implications for universities included in the 2006-07 Budget. As I indicated in comments to *The Australian*, it is important that the Government has recognised the critical need for infrastructure funding for Australia to remain competitive internationally. The 50% increase in the Capital Development Pool is an important step in building institutional capacity for teaching and research as well as updating aging university infrastructure.

A second feature of the budget is the way in which universities have been elevated to a central position within several portfolios in addition to education, science and training. These include health, foreign affairs, and industry. Examples include the funds committed to scholarships in the Asia-Pacific region over five years, the innovation investment fund, and the significant injection of funding for health and medical research.

A further $3 million has been allocated for the RQF to be “further developed over 2006-07”. This confirms that the RQF exercise will not proceed in 2007 but is likely to be conducted in 2008.

The increase in the maximum FEE-HELP loan provides more realistic support for students looking to enter higher cost courses.

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<td><strong>Education, Science and Training</strong></td>
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<td>Capital Development Pool increased by 50%</td>
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<td>Capital grant to ANU</td>
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<td>Capital grant to University of Wollongong for transnational crime prevention</td>
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<td>Capital grants to Deakin ($18m), Monash ($5m) and Bond ($4.5m) for medical schools</td>
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<td>Finalise development of the RQF</td>
<td>$3m</td>
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<td>$1.5m</td>
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<td>Funding for extra university places for 250 doctors and nurses by 2009</td>
<td>$250m</td>
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### Foreign Affairs and DEST

- Asia-Pacific student scholarship program – 19,000 scholarships which involves a doubling of Australian Development Scholarships (AusAID) and Endeavour Scholarships: $1.4bn for 5 yrs

### Industry, Tourism and Resources

- National Mammalian Cell Centre (Qld or Vic): $10m for n/a
- An innovation investment fund – more investment in technology projects, especially by small business. Commercialisation of research – dollar for dollar tax concessions: $200m for n/a

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**Australian Scholarships Program**

The Minister for Foreign Affairs, Alexander Downer, and the Minister for Education, Science and Training, Julie Bishop, jointly announced that the Commonwealth would double the number of educational scholarships it offers in the Asia-Pacific region. The new program, to be called Australian Scholarships, will provide $1.387 billion in funding over five years for more than 19,000 scholarships.

Scholarship initiatives were acknowledged as having a proven record in promoting political and economic reform and enabling regional leaders to develop enduring connections with Australia. The program will also enhance Australia’s reputation as a provider of high-quality education for international students. The initiative is scheduled to commence in the next academic semester starting 1 July 2006.

DEST will provide up to 9,700 scholarships under an expanded Endeavour Programme to provide international education experiences across the vocational and technical education and higher education sectors, as well as postdoctoral research and professional development opportunities in Australia and overseas. AusAID will provide 6,600 scholarships through the Australian Development Scholarships program to support development needs in recipient countries. A new component provided by AusAID, the Australian Leadership Awards, will target current and future leaders in business, education and government within the region for advanced study.

**Scientific cooperation between Australia and China**

The Australian Government will increase funding for scientists undertaking collaborative research projects with China, in recognition of the growing significance of the bilateral relationship between the two countries. The increase will be $1.5 million per annum and, together matching funding from the Chinese Government, will increase the Australia-China Special Fund for Scientific and Technological Cooperation to $4 million per annum.

The Australia-China Special Fund for Scientific and Technological Cooperation, established by an MOU in 2000, aims to strengthen bilateral science and technology collaboration between the two countries. Australia and China provide funding, with each country contributing to the costs of its own nationals. The funding will support collaborations in research areas where there is high potential for mutual benefit and will stimulate further the existing links between the Australian and Chinese science sectors.
New Places - Growth Places and Health Sector Places
The Minister for Education, Science and Training, Julie Bishop, confirmed funding for 2,800 new Commonwealth supported university places provided for under the Backing Australia’s Future package.

Following a report commissioned by the Council of Australian Governments (COAG) and prepared by the Productivity Commission on Australia’s health workforce the Commonwealth announced funding of around $250 million over four years for 400 new medical school places a year by 2009. Victoria will receive more medical school places than other states and territories, with the rationale being that it has a significantly lower proportion of medical students on a population basis. 120 places will go to a new medical school at Deakin University, and 40 places will be delivered through a new Gippsland branch of Monash University’s medical school.

To address the nationwide shortage of nurses, the Federal Government will fund 1,000 new higher education nursing places a year, commencing from 2007. To help nurses be better prepared for work in hospitals and other settings, the Commonwealth will also increase its contribution towards the cost of nurses’ clinical training from $688 to $1,000 a year per full time student for all existing and new student places.

A further 420 additional mental health nursing places and 200 clinical psychology places have also been announced as part of the Commonwealth’s contribution to the COAG mental health package.

A total of 4,420 new Commonwealth supported higher education places will therefore be open to all eligible providers nationally, with no pre-determined allocation between States and Territories. Bids for places will be assessed and approved on the basis of workforce needs, capacity to deliver and potential demand from eligible students. Priority will also be given to bids that address workforce shortages in regional and outer metropolitan areas and for those courses which articulate with Vocational and Technical Education courses and which demonstrate collaboration among higher education providers.

Private higher education providers approved under the Higher Education Support Act 2003 will also be invited to bid for places in the national priority areas of nursing and education. Previously they have been limited to bids for 272 designated National Priority Places in nursing and education but the number of places for which these providers may bid will not be capped in this round.

Higher Education Workplace Relations Requirements
The Minister for Education, Science and Training, Julie Bishop, and the Minister for Employment and Workplace Relations, Kevin Andrews, recently announced that amendments will be made to the Higher Education Workplace Relations Requirements (HEWRRs), making them consistent with the Commonwealth’s broader workplace relations reforms.

The changes will ensure consistency with the amendments made to the Workplace Relations Act 1996 (WR Act) by the Workplace Relations Amendment (Work Choices) Act 2005. The changes aim to simplify the HEWRRs and make them compatible with the WR Act, particularly in relation to required terminology. There are no further requirements on universities.

The amended HEWRRs are available on the Department’s website at:
EU-Australia Environmental Sciences Mobility Program
The European Union related success of the IRU Australia group continues with a successful bid for funding for an EU-Australia environmental sciences undergraduate mobility program. This involves the IRU Australia universities and EU partners led by University of East Anglia, UK (5-star in the RAE for environmental sciences research), BOKU-Bodenkultur University of Natural Resources and Applied Life Sciences, Austria, and Linköping University, Sweden.

The program will bring together universities with educational and research expertise in environment, technology and business to create a new interdisciplinary collaborative undergraduate mobility program in environmental sustainability. The program will build expertise in the participant undergraduates both in provision of a truly integrative study of environmental and business but also, through their international mobility experience, a knowledge and understanding of the wider context and application of sustainability principles.

In Year One (2006) each university will contribute to the development of a curriculum that will provide enormous flexibility for exchange students. The programme will include an introductory (core) course that will provide the fundamentals deemed essential to produce graduates with the knowledge and expertise to span the areas of the programme. This will lead into specialist courses within stands relating to the theme area.

The funding is provided equally by DEST’s International Group and the EU. Most of the funding goes towards student mobility but there is also an amount in there for staff mobility as well to develop research and teaching links. Once fully operational, approximately 7-8 Australian students and 10-14 EU students per institution (approximately 40 from the EU and 42 from Australia) will take coursework studies in the overseas institution, for the equivalent of one or two semesters, plus at least a fortnight at a second institution for further research or other study.

Carrick Institute Grant
An IRUA based consortium has received a grant of $200,000 from the Carrick Institute for Learning and Teaching in Higher Education for a project titled: ‘The impact of web-based lecture technologies on current and future practice in learning and teaching’. The four IRUA partners, Macquarie, Murdoch, Newcastle and Flinders, will undertake an assessment of the iLecture technologies.

iLecture, developed at UWA, is one of a number of technologies used for digitally recording lectures for web delivery. It allows the automated recording of audio and visual elements of face-to-face lectures which are processed into a variety of streaming media formats. Students can access the recordings 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. With 10 Australian Universities (Murdoch, Macquarie and Newcastle included) and one international university as current licensees, the technology is poised to have a substantial impact on the delivery of higher education in Australia.

The project comprises a research program of appropriately resourced and carefully designed studies for the detailed exploration of learning and teaching issues relating to the use of web-based lecture technologies, the implications of these issues for good teaching and high quality learning, and ways of dealing with these issues in different disciplinary and delivery contexts.

Following on from the 2006 Senate Retreat, the Senior Executive group commenced revision of the 2003-2007 Murdoch University Strategic Plan. In a presentation to the University community on 19th April 2006, I outlined key background information and broad strategic directions to provide a basis for the revised plan. Key background considerations to which I drew attention included the:

- impact of the new funding arrangements on the University;
- static nature of demand which has been forecast for the next five years;
- impact of new competition from private higher education providers;
- critical changes to research funding; and
- importance of engagement.

A discussion paper to support the presentation has been prepared and can be downloaded at the Murdoch 2010 website:

Senior Executive has identified four broad strategic priority areas for the revised plan: Education, Research, Student Recruitment and Corporate Services. Options are being developed for key strategies to support each of the strategic priority areas. Individually the four Pro Vice Chancellors have responsibility for progressing one of the strategic priority areas and will present options for key strategies to the University community in a series of presentations to be held in late May. The purpose of these presentations will be to obtain feedback and comment on the key strategy options.

Specific documentation in relation to draft key strategies for inclusion in the revised strategic plan will be presented at the next Senate meeting.

DIVISION OF SCIENCE AND ENGINEERING

On the recommendation of the Divisional Board, the School of Engineering Science was split into two new AOU's (Academic Organisation Units), effective from Monday, 1st May 2006. The new AOU's are:

- The School of Chemical and Mathematical Sciences (CMS), comprising the discipline groupings of Chemistry, Mathematics and Extractive Metallurgy, to be headed by Associate Professor Peter May; and
- The School of Electrical and Process Engineering (EPE) to be headed by Mr Keith Godfrey, incorporating the discipline groupings of Engineering, Physics, Energy Studies and Nanoscience.

This is primarily an administrative change that the Division saw as encouraging the development of the Schools as cohesive entities. The establishment and enhancement of collaborations with other schools within DSE and other Divisions was encouraged.

AWARDS AND ACHIEVEMENTS

- Murdoch University has joined the Australian International Thermonuclear Experimental Reactor (ITER) Forum, a collection of scientists and engineers from multiple research disciplines supporting a mission oriented goal of controlled fusion as an energy source.
Murdoch has a very active electron, photon, atom and ion collision physics program, which feeds into programmatic fusion energy research. In addition, Professor Igor Bray, Professorial Fellow, has been appointed to the Executive of the Australian ITER Forum.

- The New Zealand and Australian Pharmacy Schools Accreditation Committee (NAPSAC) has recommended that the Murdoch University Master of Pharmacy be granted Preliminary Accreditation. In recommending accreditation, to be confirmed by the Council of Pharmacy Registering Authorities (COPRA) at its May meeting, the committee congratulated those involved in the preparation of Murdoch’s high quality accreditation application and thanked the University for its cooperation and assistance during the accreditation process.

- Murdoch University led the successful application process for funding for the Real World Science project (Phase 3) from the Commonwealth funded Australian School Innovation in Science, Technology and Mathematics (ASISTM) initiative. Submitted via the Kwinana Industries Education Partnership (KIEP), the project involves six senior high schools (including 2 private colleges) as well as the Kwinana Industries Council, the Chambers of Commerce, the local councils and Challenger TAFE. Funding of $80,000 builds on last year’s $120,000 grant and will strengthen the program to connect school kids with science and technology as it actually works in industry. Total funding of 7.5 million was provided nationally for 99 projects.

- The State Cabinet recently approved the reappointment of Professor Andy Thompson to the Board of the Zoological Parks Authority.

**NOTABLE EVENTS**

- At the Association of Commonwealth universities (ACU) Conference of Executive Heads held from 9 to 12 April 2006, I was an invited speaker on the theme of “Civic Engagement: Universities and their Communities”. Nearly 300 university leaders from 30 countries attended the conference which discussed the role higher education can play in dealing with such global issues as HIV/AIDS, gender equality, social disadvantage and sustainable development.

- On 23rd March 2006, Murdoch University hosted a seminar on Large-Scale Solar Photovoltaic Power Generation. The seminar aimed to provide an understanding of the opportunities for large-scale fringe-of-the-grid solar power systems in Western Australia. In addition to Murdoch staff, guests included The Hon Senator Ian Campbell, Federal Minister for the Environment and Heritage; Dr Denis Jensen MLA, Member for Tangney; Mr Tony McRae MLA, Member for Riverton; Mr Brian Baxter, President of the Shire of Perenjori; and government, industry and business representatives.

- On 5th May 2006 Murdoch University hosted a function, attended by Attorney General Jim McGinty and US Consul General Robin McClellan, to award Fulbright scholarships to Professor Peter Newman (Senior Scholar Award) and Murdoch law graduate Jessica Evans (Postgraduate Award).

- I attended the meeting of the Australian Science Media Centre’s (AusSMC) Board and Science Advisory Panel on 28th April 2006. The Centre is designed to provide news reporters with access to experts and information when science makes headline news. It also aims to ensure that science can compete with sport, politics and economics for media attention. A copy of press coverage from the Adelaide Advertiser is attached for information. Further details can be obtained from the AusSMC website at: http://www.aussmc.org/Science_in_the_Public_Domain.php.
• A group from the Australian Research Council (ARC) visited Murdoch University on 27th April 2006 to hold discussions with Senior Management, meet top ARC grant holders, run an open forum for researchers and research staff and tour some of the ARC funded research facilities and equipment. The delegation was led by the CEO of the ARC, Professor Peter Hoj, and included five Executive Directors.

FOR NOTING

Guild Sports Initiatives
The Guild is an important component of the life of students and plays a key role in maintaining and building the vibrancy of campus life. To this end, the Guild has purchased two sets of Outdoor Soccer Nets that will allow students to drop in and play outdoor Soccer whenever they like and for the Sports Officer to co-ordinate occasional short competitions on campus. It is envisaged that these will be set up each day during teaching weeks if there is sufficient demand.

External Studies Unit and Open Universities Australia at Murdoch
Dr Rob Phillips has taken up the role of Manager, Open, Distance and eLearning within the Office of Central Student Administration. During this time Rob will have both a strategic and day-to-day administrative oversight of the External Studies Unit and Open Universities Australia. Rob’s experience in the field of learning management systems and distance education will be an important resource for these growing areas of the University. The appointment of Rob to this position underlines the value of these areas to the University and our commitment to further improve our service delivery to off campus students.

Murdoch University Exchange Fair
Murdoch International held an Exchange Fair on 27th March 2006 to help students to find out how to travel overseas and receive credit towards your Murdoch degree. The Fair provided an opportunity for those students considering an international exchange to meet current exchange students and Murdoch students who have returned from studying overseas. Representatives from our international partner institutions were also available to provide information on studying abroad. In line with Commonwealth priorities, Murdoch is keen to expand the number of students undertaking exchanges with our partner institutions overseas.

INTERNATIONAL AGREEMENTS

• A Memorandum of Understanding has recently been signed with Lutheran University of Papua New Guinea. The agreement commenced on 1st April 2006 for a 5 year term. The collaboration will involve projects which will support the establishment of Lutheran University of PNG School of Education; and promote the advancement of international understanding, dissemination of learning and strengthening of cultural ties. Signatories to the agreement were Mr Rimbink Pato, Chairman, and Dr Z Kemung, Deputy Chairman, on behalf of LUPNG and Professor Gary Martin for Murdoch.

• A new offshore course agreement was signed on 19th April 2006 by James Wong, Chief Executive Officer, on behalf of the SMA School of Management, Singapore. This covers delivery of Murdoch’s Bachelor of Business Informatics course from Trimester 3, 2006. Other programs are currently delivered offshore through SMA.

• A student exchange agreement was recently signed with Ryukoku University, Kyoto, Japan. Signatories were Professor Gary Martin and Mr Egun Mikogami, President of Ryukoku University. The agreement commenced on 3rd March 2006 for 3 years. Any extension will
be made by mutual consent in writing and the exchange provides for 3 year-long places each year.

- Professor Gary Martin and Dr Sr. Annamma Philip, Principal, of Stella Maris College, India recently signed a study abroad agreement under which Murdoch has agreed to accept one named student from the institution for one year.

- A student exchange agreement with Fachhochschule Braunschweig/Wolfenbüttel, Germany was recently signed by Professor Gary Martin and Professor Dr Wolf-Rudiger Umbach, President of Wolfenbüttel The agreement commenced on 24th January 2006 and is for 3 years, with automatic renewal for another 3 years. The basis of the exchange will be up to two semester-long places or one year-long place for each year of operation.
Date of meeting: Wednesday, 05/04/2006

Present:
Em. Prof. Geoffrey Bolton (Chair)
Mr Mal Bradley
Prof. Stuart Bradley
Mr Terry Budge
Assoc. Prof. Nick Costa
Ms Alison Gaines
Mr Gerry Georgatos
Sir William Heseltine
Mr Philip Hocking
Mr Garry Hunt
Ms Carolyn Jakobsen
Mr Dick Lester
Assoc. Prof. Jim Macbeth
Ms Shirley McPherson

Secretary:
Ms Samantha Summerton

Observers
Mr Ian Callahan (PVC – Corporate)
Prof. Jan Thomas (PVC – Academic)
Prof. Michael Borowitzka (President, Academic Council)
Mr Satis Arnold
Mr Peter Cook
Mr John Le Cras
Mr Tim Morrison
Prof. Jim Reynolds
Ms Diane Sinagra

Apologies
Prof. Gary Martin (PVC – Strategy)
Prof. Andris Stelbovics (PVC – Research)
Prof. Yianni Attikouzel
Prof. Arnold Depickere
Assoc. Prof. Michael Campion

Meeting commenced at: 16:35 pm

1. MEMBERSHIP
   The Chancellor welcomed Ms Shirley McPherson to her first Senate meeting.

2. APOLOGIES
   Mr Brian Aitken, Ms Janice Bowra, Mr Malcolm Macpherson, Judge Kate O’Brien, Prof. John Yovich (Vice Chancellor).

3. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST (MURDOCH UNIVERSITY ACT s17A)
   Nil.

4. ANNUAL REPORT ON AUDIT AND RISK MANAGEMENT
   The Chair of the Audit & Risk Management Committee (A&RMC) spoke to the Annual Audit Committee report. The Senate congratulated the A&RMC members and staff on their impressive internal audit job, which was also noted by the WOIA panel. Senate affirmed its satisfaction with the current structure of the Audit and Risk Committee as including both members and non-members of Senate
   Resolved: To endorse the report of the Audit & Risk Management Committee.
S/08/2005
5. **OUTCOMES OF SENATE RETREAT**

Senate members declared the Senate Retreat 2006 a success and an excellent opportunity for Senate members and members of the Senior executive team to interact on a structured but informal basis. Senate noted that the University will be moving forward into challenging times but felt confident that the University would be able to meet the challenges ahead with the twin benefits of a cohesive Senate and a very capable Senior Executive.

6. **VICE CHANCELLOR’S REPORT**

The PVC (Academic) spoke to the Vice Chancellor’s report. Key points made during discussion included the following:

- Alison Hymus, Executive Assistant to the Chancellor and Vice Chancellor, gave birth to a healthy, 7 pound, 9 ounce baby boy, Cormac on Monday 03/04/2006.
- The Vice Chancellor has been bestowed the honour of being appointed the head of the Innovative Research Universities Australia (IRUA) group. This group will play a large role in influencing education policy.
- The Vice Chancellor has also been appointed to the board of the Australian Science Media Centre. This appointment has the added prestige of Prof. Yovich being the only member from the university sector.
- The Vice Chancellor has been invited to be the first key note speaker at the Sydney symposium on The Growing Recognition of the Scholarship of Engagement. Prof. Yovich is a world recognised expert on this topic and Senate recognised Prof. Yovich’s enormous contribution in this field.
- The University has been pronounced HEWRRS compliant. Senate thanked the Human Resources Department for their assistance in securing this compliance.
- Senate member Alison Gaines moved the motion that Senate formally acknowledge and congratulate the University’s two Fulbright scholars for 2006.

**Resolved:** To send Jessica Evans and Prof. Peter Newman formal communications of congratulations from Senate for their respective Fulbright Postgraduate Award and Senior Scholar Awards for 2006.

7. **WOIA AND AUQA AUDIT UPDATE**

The PVC (Academic) provided an update on Murdoch’s preparations for the upcoming AUQA audits. Requests were made to the University on 29/03/2006 for additional material. The AUQA panel discussed the logistics of their visit in May 2006 which enabled the University to develop a better understanding of what would be required. The Senate panel for AUQA will be meeting on 08/05/2006 from 17:15 to 18:00.

There has been a very positive vibe about the processes the University have already undertaken and the audit itself will mark the end of a couple of years of long preparation.

8. **VETERINARY TRUST NOMINATION**

On the recommendation of the Murdoch University Veterinary Trust Board, Senate resolved the following:

**Resolved:** That the AVA WA Division President Dr David Neck be appointed a trustee of the Murdoch University Veterinary Trust for a term of one year commencing 01/05/2006.
9. **RATIFICATION OF STATUTE AMENDMENTS**

An absolute majority of Senate ratified amendments to *Statute 5 – Academic Council* in the terms *attached* (changes marked up).

**Resolved:** To ratify the amendments to Statute 5 – Academic Council in the terms 5/11/2005 *attached* (changes marked up)

**Note:** In accordance with section 25 of the *Murdoch University Act*, an absolute majority of Senate must ratify the amendment.

10. **UPDATE ON THE PEEL CAMPUS**

The PVC (Corporate) spoke to his power point presentation. He presented some initial sketches and concept drawings for stage two of the Peel Campus. The PVC (Corporate) outlined plans to focus on providing better facilities for students, noting that current arrangements for shared cafeteria facilities with the high school were not really suitable for university students. He also highlighted that the main focus of the new buildings would be to provide an enhanced teaching environment for the nursing course in particular. This includes the establishment of a practice hospital ward. Ian also noted that the facility will not be complete until well into 2007 and currently alternative facilities are being considered to handle the larger intake of students who arrive on campus at the start of 2007.

11. **MINUTES**

Senate confirmed the minutes of the meeting held on 22/02/2006. It also noted a report of action taken to implement previous resolutions of Senate.

12. **ACADEMIC COUNCIL**

Senate noted the minutes of the meeting of the Academic Council held on 15/03/2006. There were no recommendations requiring a Senate resolution.

13. **AUDIT & RISK MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE**

Senate noted the minutes of the meeting of the Audit & Risk Management Committee held on 21/02/2006 and resolved in accordance with the recommendation of the committee as follows:

5/12/2006 *To approve the enhanced 2005 Committee report. The Chair and the Director, Office of Internal Audit and Risk Management to effect the suggested enhancements to the draft 2005 Committee report to the Senate at Annexure I on pages 72 to 75.*

14. **ENVIRONMENTAL COMMITTEE**

Senate noted the minutes of the meeting of the Environmental Committee held on 09/03/2006 and resolved in accordance with the recommendation of the committee as follows:

**Resolved:**

(i) The Environmental report for 2006 be tabled at the March 2007 Senate forthwith to prevent an 11 month lag on the information contained within. The 2005 report will be completed as soon as is possible endeavouring to be done by the July Environment Committee meeting
(ii) To amend resolution EC/04/2006 to now read:

To accept the nomination of Mr Mal Bradley and a student representative nominated by Prof Nick Costa to fill the vacant position.

15. LEGISLATION COMMITTEE

Senate noted the minutes of the Legislation Committee (on a decision by circulation) dated 04/04/2006 and resolved in accordance with the recommendation of the committee as follows:

Resolved: S/14/2006

To approve the amendments to Statute 22 – Fees (in the terms marked up) to ensure the University’s compliance with the Higher Education Support Amendment (abolition of Compulsory Up-front Student Union Fees) Act 2005 (Cth)

For statute changes only

Secretary’s note: In accordance with sub-section 25(1) of the Murdoch University Act, an absolute majority of Senate members voted in favour of the resolution.

16. RESOURCES COMMITTEE (PAPERS & DISCUSSION COMMERCIAL IN CONFIDENCE)

Senate noted the minutes of the meeting of the Resources Committee held on 21/03/2006 and resolved in accordance with the recommendation of the committee as follows:

Resolved: S/15/2006

(i) To approve the attached schedule of tenancies requiring statutory approval;

(ii) To authorise the University’s Acting General Counsel to amend the University’s charter to require Senate endorsement of leases in excess of 10 years duration.

(iii) To approve the attached payments for the period 04/02/2006 to 14/03/2006 inclusive.
17. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

17.1 Ms Alison Gaines spoke to Senate about her trip to the Chancellors conference held in Sydney on 3 & 4/04/2006. The conference was attended by 30 Chancellors and their proxies and hosted by University of Technology Sydney. Key issues raised at the conference included:

- Funding, and the necessity for Chancellors and Vice Chancellor’s to work together to increase funding particularly in light of the end of the 3 year funding deal engineered by Brendan Nelson finishing in 2007.
- Research Quality Framework (RQF) and the UK’s move away from it. The conference noted that it would like to see Australian universities follow the UK’s example. Julie Bishop has expressed interest in pursuing the Bologna Declaration, which is an indicator of the push towards international standardization of university programs, and of a more aggressive push by European university providers to acquire a share of the international student market. The Declaration provides options for a 4+1 (Bachelor + Master’s) or 3+2 (Bachelor + Master’s) program.
- India and China’s massive increase in investment in tertiary education and the repercussions for Australia’s position as a provider of international education programmes.
- Voluntary Student Unionism (VSU) and whether universities will take over the commercial services formerly offered by student guilds.
- The NSW government’s bill to investigate academic fraud in an independent, Royal Commission style.
- The question of whether to begin to remunerate University Senate members.

17.2 Professor Stuart Bradley spoke to Senate about his trip to Sydney in March for the Financial Review Conference. The two key issues to emerge from the conference were:

- The funding framework for Higher Education; and
- The international student environment and the consequences for Australia as an importer rather than an exporter of higher education.

18. OFFICIAL SEAL

Senate noted the attached report provided in accordance with resolution S/54/2004.

Meeting concluded at: 18:15pm

Signed as a true record of the meeting of the Senate held on 05/04/2006.

EMERITUS PROFESSOR GEOFFREY BOLTON – CHAIR

Dated: May, 2006
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1. MINUTES

Minutes of the meeting held on 15 March 2006 were confirmed.

2. AMENDMENTS TO ACADEMIC CALENDAR FOR 2007 and 2008

Members agreed to consider this item first to enable the student representatives to participate in the discussion before having to leave the meeting.

The President spoke to the report attached to the agenda confirming the changing environment, funding, competition and the nature of the student body, within which Murdoch operates. In particular the President drew members attention to the postgraduate student cohort and their stated dissatisfaction with double coding of units. He reminded members of the proposal from the Pro Vice Chancellor (Academic) [PVC(A)] to offer concurrent postgraduate and undergraduate awards. The creation of a winter term would facilitate this cohort being able to undertake studies in an intensive mode. The Pro Vice Chancellor (Strategy) [PVC(S)] advised that the concurrent awards were seen as a strong marketing strategy to attract international students giving Murdoch a strong point of differentiation. The President advised members that the new winter term better matches the European and North American summer breaks. In order to accommodate the winter term and still maintain the 2 weeks of semester breaks it is necessary to reduce the two semesters to 12 weeks duration.
The President spoke of the urgency to act on this for 2007, particularly when considering the financial forecasts that have been presented to Council by the Pro Vice Chancellor (Corporate). The President advised that he anticipated the same arguments for or against would be put up whether the amended calendar was delayed from 2007 to 2008, however, the “first mover” advantage may be lost and with that the opportunity to increase cash flow.

Responding to a member’s question regarding on-line enrolment the PVC(A) advised the on-line sign up for tutorial times in foundation units this semester was successful and it is intended to roll out the facility across the whole of university next year. The intention is to assist students in planning their commitments by knowing the times of tutorials prior to the semester beginning. A member suggested this would be an advantage when moving to a 12 week semester, further commenting that many units did not teach in week 13.

Whilst agreeing that the new calendar would be beneficial for postgraduate students, a member raised concern over additional work load for staff and lamented that late enrolment was increasing. The President informed members that units would need to generate sufficient revenue to be taught in winter months, and those units need to submit a business plan to the Senior Executive Group for approval. Market intelligence would be gathered to determine the courses chosen to be offered in that period. The President noted that staff not teaching in the winter term would have longer breaks between semesters available for research activity etc. The PVC(A) advised that it would only affect staff who wanted to teach in the winter term and external staff would be sourced where required.

The President asked Mr Munday, Director Office of Central Student Administration to respond to the prevalence of late enrolments. Mr Munday advised his Office was currently working on solutions, however, with the multiple rounds of admissions the problem was difficult.

Answering a member regarding the placement of study break weeks within the new calendar the President advised that where possible alignment with the AVCC week and the WA Education Department school holidays was made as prescribed in the principles adopted by Academic Council in 2003.

The motion was put and resolved with one member abstaining.

Resolved to rescind the 2007 academic calendar as approved by AC/58/2006; and AC/104/2005; and

...White (ii) to approve the revised academic calendar 2007 and 2008 as attached.

3. 2005 FIRST YEAR EXPERIENCE SURVEY

Professor Jan Thomas, Pro Vice Chancellor (Academic) spoke to the report on the 2005 First Year Experience survey. She advised that the survey helped to contribute to the picture of what a student experiences and is valuable when read in conjunction with results of other surveys presented to Council. Professor Thomas suggested that this type of student engagement survey may become a LTPF requirement. The following key points were made:

- The 2005 survey sample is smaller sample than in 2004.
- Majority of students had clearer purpose in coming to University, choosing to enrol for interest related and vocational reasons.
• 36% were marking time in the first year, 30% considered deferring, which is of concern, and 16% were hoping to change courses.

• Many students did not have an accurate picture of how they would perform and 1/3 did not perform as expected, finding a significant disjunction between school and university.

• 37% found it difficult to motivate for study - their enthusiasm needs to be buoyed.

• A divergence in computer experience.

• A large percentage of students attend class unprepared, which is balanced by the commitment of mature age and part time students.

• Students are still satisfied with teaching and courses, however, overall students from 2004 were more satisfied.

• Students are having increasing difficulty in comprehending material; students agreed that the standard is higher than expected; the workload too heavy; and that they were less prepared for University. The PVC(A) suggested Council discuss how to improve this result and suggested looking at a more generic 1st year curriculum.

• Findings from the same survey of the Core 9 universities show that domestic students score more highly than full fee paying international students which needs to be investigated further

• Murdoch will retain students if their experience at first year level is good.

A member raised the question of poor advice on enrolment, suggesting that by allowing on-line enrolment without advice may lead to a poor choice of course. She suggested sessions should be run in the computer laboratories where divisional staff could be on hand to advise students on what to enrol in, as well as how to enrol. The PVC(A) agreed this was a good idea that she would investigate further. Another member suggested that enrolment sessions should be made compulsory.

Responding to a concern raised by a member, the PVC(A) informed the meeting that she acknowledged some weaknesses with the survey methods, however, Murdoch is unable to influence the survey as Murdoch was invited to take part at a fee. The sampling was determined by the University of Melbourne, who conduct the survey on instruction from the Core 9 Universities, and whilst understanding the survey’s flaws it still provides value through external benchmarking.

Resolved to note the report ‘The First Year Experience at Murdoch University AC/59/2006 2005’ as attached to the agenda.

4. SETTING OF KEY ISSUES FOR CONSIDERATION BY COUNCIL

The President reminded members of the discussion held at the last meeting which identified excellence in all aspects as a key issue for consideration. Members agreed to discuss the key issue at the 19 July 2006 meeting and the President requested members to submit proposals and comments to him for his discussion paper.

Resolved to endorse the following priority area for debate by Council during the AC/60/2006 next 12 months:
5. **2007 ACADEMIC PLANNING PHASE II**

The Pro Vice Chancellor (Academic), in her role as Chair of the Academic Policy Committee, spoke to the 2nd report on Phase II academic planning and commended the recommendations to members.

**Resolved**  
(i) to approve the 4 year, 100 point Joint Degree in Bachelor of Education (Primary) + Australian Indigenous Studies (Bachelor of Arts) from 2007, with the structure as attached to the agenda and located within the Division of Arts; and

(ii) to approve prescribing more than 12 Part I points in the Joint Degree Bachelor of Education (Primary) + Australian Indigenous Studies (Bachelor of Arts).

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**Resolved**  
To approve the discontinuation of the following courses with effect from 2007, as located in the Division of Arts:

- Bachelor of Applied Information Technology
- Bachelor of Arts in Local Governance
- Graduate Certificate in Radio Journalism
- Graduate Diploma in Journalism
- Graduate Diploma in Media Management
- Graduate Diploma in Media Production

6. **VICE CHANCELLOR'S REPORT**

The Vice Chancellor's report was taken as read.

A member asked the Pro Vice Chancellor (Academic), representing the Vice Chancellor, for clarification on the specific initiatives for which funding had been sought that was mentioned within the section on Workplace Productivity Programme. The member was advised these were based around achieving administrative efficiencies, such as procurement.

7. **RESCISSION OF AWARDS**

At its last meeting (15 March 2006) Council conferred an award of a Bachelor of Science with 2A honours to Irena Chandrawana (30190641). Following a decision of the Student Appeals Committee this award was revised to Bachelor of Science with level 1 honours.

**Resolved**  
To rescind the award Bachelor of Science with 2A honours (conferred 15 March 2006) to Irene Chandrawana (30190641).
8. **RATIFICATION OF AWARD OF DEGREES**

To enable two students to attend graduation ceremonies held before this meeting the President approved the conferment of their awards.

*Resolved* to ratify the actions of the President in conferring the following awards:

AC/64/2006

- 30190641 Irena Chandrawana Bachelor of Science with 1st class Honours
- 30184475 Hanumanbaba Brotherpeter Bachelor of Arts in Sociology - Minor in Anthropology

9. **AWARD OF DEGREES, DIPLOMAS AND CERTIFICATES**

Members were advised that one of the lists attached to the agenda had been approved outside the meeting by the President to enable students to attend the 10 April 2006 graduation ceremony. Members agreed to amend the draft motion accordingly.

Divisional Boards and the Research and Development Board recommended that degrees, diplomas and certificates be awarded to the students listed in the document.

*...Blue*

*Resolved* (i) to note that the President approved the award of degrees, diplomas and certificates on the attached list dated 27 March 2006; and

*...Pink*

(ii) to approve the award of degrees, diplomas and certificates on the attached list dated 12 April 2006.

10. **PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO MASTER BY COURSEWORK DEGREE REGULATIONS**

Clause 24 (3) of the Master by Coursework Degree Regulations incorrectly refers to the position of Managing Director, Division of Student Services, Marketing and International Affairs as this position no longer exists. The responsibilities under this Clause now rest with the Pro Vice Chancellor (Strategy).

Clause 24 (4) of the Master by Coursework Degree Regulations incorrectly refers to the position of Manager of Admissions as this position no longer exists. The responsibilities under this Clause now rest with the Director of Prospective Students’ and Admission Centre.

*Resolved* to RECOMMEND to Senate to amend Master by Coursework Degree Regulations as indicated below

AC/66/2006

(3) The Managing Director, Division of Student Services, Marketing and International Affairs Pro Vice Chancellor (Strategy) has responsibility for ensuring that the University meets its admission targets within agreed tolerance limits.
The Managing Director Pro Vice Chancellor (Strategy) has whatever authority is necessary to carry out these responsibilities.

(4) The manager of admissions Director of the Prospective Students' and Admissions Centre will decide on the admission of individual students. The manager of admissions Director of the Prospective Students and Admissions Centre will act in accordance with decisions on quotas and targets made by the Pro Vice Chancellor (Academic Strategy); any operational policies and procedures approved by the Managing Director, Division of Student Services, Marketing and International Affairs Pro Vice Chancellor (Strategy); any additional selection criteria approved by Academic Council for a particular masters course; and recommendations of the Executive Dean of the Division on which applicants to select within the available places for each course.

11. ELECTRONIC ASSIGNMENT SUBMISSION WORKING PARTY


As part of the Terms of Reference the Working Party was requested to develop a policy on electronic submissions and marking of assignments and report back to this meeting.

The President thanked Assoc Prof Parisa Bahri, who chaired the Working Party, and members of the Working Party for their endeavours on an important subject.

Resolved to approve the attached ‘Electronic Assignment Submission and AC/67/2006 Marking’ policy.

12. PROPOSED ADDITION TO CONDITIONS OF EMPLOYMENT ACADEMIC STAFF PROBATIONARY REVIEW POLICIES AND PROCEDURES

The Pro Vice Chancellor (Academic), Pro Vice Chancellor (Research) and the Dean of Graduate Studies have recommended an addition to Schedule B: Generic Probationary Objectives for level A – D staff, contained in the Conditions of Employment – Academic Staff Probationary Review Policies and Procedures.

The PVC(A) requested the meeting consider adding a further word to the three identical additions to the policy as shown in the agenda: The addition can be seen in bold:

- Satisfactory participation in the entire Professional Development Program for Postgraduate Research Student Supervision**

  ** Exemptions to this criterion only upon acceptance of equivalent by Pro Vice Chancellor (Research).

Members agreed to amend the motion so that the policy and procedures includes the above additional word.

Resolved to RECOMMEND to the Vice Chancellor to approve the attached revised ‘Conditions of Employment – Academic Staff Probationary Review Policies and Procedures’.
13. REVISED ACADEMIC QUALITY AUDIT COMMITTEE (AQAC) TERMS OF REFERENCE & MEMBERSHIP AND REVISED ACADEMIC ORGANISATIONAL UNIT REVIEWS POLICY

Members were asked to adopt three recommendations on AQAC’s terms of reference, membership structure and the ‘Academic Organisational Unit Reviews’ policy within the revised Academic Quality Audit Committee report, attached to the agenda. A member asked that Clause 6.6.1 be made more explicit regarding the inclusion of School based centres. Further discussion on this matter led to the PVC(A) agreeing to bring the revised policy back to the next meeting.

Members agreed to let the draft motion lie on the table.

14. SCHEDULE OF ACADEMIC ORGANISATIONAL UNIT REVIEWS

At its meeting on 2 November 2005 Council noted (AC/164/2005) the revised Schedule of Academic Organisational Unit Reviews for 2006-2008. The President recently approved a further revised schedule for 2006-2010

Resolved to note the revised ‘Schedule of Academic Organisational Unit Reviews’ as attached to the agenda and approved by the President of Academic Council, superseding AC/164/2005.

15. MEMBERSHIP OF LECTURERS PROMOTIONS & PROBATIONARY REVIEW COMMITTEE

A casual vacancy was created following the recent transfer of Associate Professor Parisa Arabzadeh-Bahri from the Lecturers Promotions & Probationary Review Committee to the Professorial Promotions Committee. Following a recommendation from the Chair of the Lecturers Promotion Committee the President approved the appointment of Ms Kate Lewins as a replacement.

Resolved to ratify the actions of the President in appointing Ms Kate Lewins to the Lecturers Promotions & Probationary Review Committee with her term to expire on 28 February 2009 (replacing Assoc Prof Parisa Arabzadeh-Bahri).

16. MEMBERSHIP STUDENT APPEALS COMMITTEE

Following the resignation of Mrs Suellen Tapsall from the University her position as a panel member on the Student Appeals Committee representing the Division of Arts has become vacant. The Executive Dean has nominated Dr Pyara Dhillon to fill the casual vacancy.

Following the resignation of Professor Pritam Singh, representing the Division of Science & Engineering, from the Student Appeals Committee the Executive Dean nominated Associate Professor Glenn Hefter to fill the casual vacancy. This appointment was approved by the President of Academic Council.

Resolved (i) to approve the appointment of Dr Pyara Dhillon from the Division of Arts to the Student Appeals Committee with the term of office expiring at the commencement of second semester 2008 (replacing Mrs Suellen Tapsall).
17. LEAVE OF ABSENCE – ACADEMIC POLICY COMMITTEE

In accordance with Clause 9 (2) of the Standing Orders for Academic Council and Subordinate Bodies’ the Chair of the Academic Policy Committee requested the President approve leave of absence for two members of that Committee.

Resolved to ratify the actions of the President

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(i) to approve leave of absence from the Academic Policy Committee for Associate Professor Domenico Gasbarro to 22 June 2006.

(ii) to approve a retrospective leave of absence for Dr David Palmer from February 16 to 17 March 2006.

18. RESEARCH GRANTS

Council noted a list of research grants awarded to staff of the University between 20 October 2005 and 31 March 2006.

19. SENATE

At its meeting on 22 February 2006 Senate approved the following recommendations generated from the Academic Council meeting of 25 January 2006.

Bachelor Degree Regulation 1.(1) – insert new course
Diploma Degree Regulations 1.1(b) and (c) – list new course & delete a course
Master by Coursework Degree Regulations 1.(1) and 2.(1) – insert new course
Student Appeals Committee Regulation 4
Division Regulation 15.(1)
Statute 5 – Academic Council – Ex Officio membership

Meeting concluded at: 3.15 pm

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Professor Michael Borowitzka - Chair

Dated:
GOVERNANCE & NOMINATIONS COMMITTEE
MINUTES OF MEETING

Date of meeting: Monday, 15/05/2006

Present: Emeritus Professor Geoffrey Bolton (Chair)
Terry Budge
Prof. Nick Costa
Alison Gaines
Gerry Georgatos
Judge Kate O’Brien
Diane Sinagra
Greta vom Berg
Prof John Yovich

Secretary: Samantha Summerton

Apologies: Nil

Observers: Nil

Meeting commenced at: 9:05 am.

1. APOLOGIES

Nil.

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST (MURDOCH UNIVERSITY ACT s17A)

Gerry Georgatos for item 4.

3. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

The Committee confirmed the minutes of the meeting held on 14/02/2005.

4. CO-OPTION TO SENATE COMMITTEES

The Committee considered and resolved to recommend to Senate the co-option of the following individuals to the following Senate committees:

Resolved: To recommend to Senate that it appoint:
GNC/05/2006

(i) Gerry Georgatos, Guild President to the Legislation Committee for the duration of his term on Senate (31/12/2006)

(ii) Craig Spence, Director, Commercial Services to the Environmental Committee for a three year term commencing on 25/05/2006

(ii) Beth Strang, president of MUEnSA, to the Environmental Committee for a term of one year, commencing on 25/05/2006

5. NOMINATION OF REPLACEMENT SENATE MEMBER FOR MR RICHARD LESTER

The Committee considered and resolved to recommend Senate nominate Mr Tony Ianello as the replacement Senate member for retired, co-opted member Mr Richard Lester.

Resolved: To recommend to Senate that it approve the co-option of Mr Tony Ianello to Senate for a term of three years commencing on 24/05/2006.
GNC/06/2006

6. REPLACEMENT SENATE MEMBERS FOR RETIRING SENATE MEMBERS IN 2006
The committee reviewed a candidate matrix provided by the Director, HR and considered replacement Senate members for co-opted member Sir William Heseltine whose Senate term expires on 24/07/2006 and appointed member Mr Malcolm Macpherson, whose Senate term expires on 10/09/2006. The committee agreed that gender balance was an issue that needed to be addressed when considering potential candidates.

Resolved: The Vice Chancellor’s office and the Director, HR will extract the details of the candidates discussed and provide a more detailed précis of each candidate for the next G&NC meeting, scheduled for Monday 19 June 2006 at 8am.

7. NEXT MEETING

The next Governance & Nominations Committee meeting will be held at 8am on 19/06/2006 in room 4.1A

Meeting concluded at: 8:55 am.

Signed as a true record of the meeting of the Governance & Nominations Committee held on 15/05/2006.

EMERITUS PROFESSOR GEOFFREY BOLTON
CHAIR

Dated: June, 2006
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