Date of meeting: Wednesday, 25/10/2006

Present: Em. Prof. Geoffrey Bolton (Chair)

Prof. John Yovich (Vice Chancellor) Ms Alison Gaines
Mr Brian Aitken Mr Gerry Georgatos
Ms Janice Bowra Mr Philip Hocking
Mr Mal Bradley Mr Garry Hunt
Prof. Stuart Bradley Assoc. Prof. Jim Macbeth
Mr Terry Budge Ms Shirley McPherson
Assoc. Prof. Nick Costa

Secretary: Mr Jeremy Rigg

Observers Mr Ian Callahan (DVC – Corporate)
Prof. Gary Martin (DVC – E&I)
Prof. Andris Stelbovics (DVC – Research)
Prof. Jan Thomas (DVC – Academic)
Prof. Yianni Attikouzel
Prof. Arnold Depickere
Assoc. Prof. Michael Campion
Ms Samantha Summerton
Mr Brett Blacker
Ms Vicky Dodds
Ms Suzanne White
Mr John Le Cras
Mr Frank Gough
Mr Willy Fuimaono
Mr John Pike
Ms Diana Wardle
Mr Lloyd Johnson
Mr Reece Harley
Ms Stefanie Dobro

Apologies Ms Carolyn Jakobsen, Judge Kate O’Brien, Prof. Michael Borowitzka
(President, Academic Council), Prof. Jim Reynoldson

Meeting commenced at: 4:35 pm

1. MEMBERSHIP

The Chancellor offered Senate’s congratulations to Prof. Nick Costa on his election to Senate for a third term, expiring in October 2008.

2. APOLOGIES

Apologies were recorded for Ms Carolyn Jakobsen and Judge Kate O’Brien.

3. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST (MURDOCH UNIVERSITY ACT s17A)

Prof. Stuart Bradley informed Senate that his son worked with Dr Simon Mallal’s team and abstained from voting on item 5.
4. **APPOINTMENT OF TRUSTEES TO MURDOCH UNIVERSITY VETERINARY TRUST**

On 24/10/2006, the Murdoch University Veterinary Trust voted to re-appoint 4 trustee members for a term of 3 years commencing on 01/01/2007. Senate resolved in accordance with the recommendation of the trust as follows:

**Resolved:** To re-appoint Mr Cliff Bridle, Prof John Edwards, Dr Don Nickels and Prof John Yovich as trustees to the Murdoch University Veterinary Trust for a three year term commencing on 01/01/2007.

5. **CENTRE FOR CLINICAL IMMUNOLOGY & BIOMEDICAL STATISTICS**

This item was discussed in camera with the minute attached.

**Resolved:** To warmly endorse and support the Centre for Clinical Immunology & Biomedical Statistics fund raising campaign.

6. **VICE CHANCELLOR’S REPORT**

The Vice Chancellor spoke briefly to his report. He advised Senate of the Veterinary Trust’s focus on a capital campaign over the next few years.

7. **STUDENT LOAD AND NUMBER TRENDS FOR 2003-2006**

The DVC (Enterprise & International) spoke to Senate on the student load and number trends for 2003-2006. Key points from this discussion included:

- The University recorded a record high in 2006 for total student load in all categories;
- The Peel campus saw a large percentage jump in student load due to the implementation of the Nursing programme;
- The University has a very high number of mature aged students. A drop in this group across the WA education sector due to high employment rates has highlighted the need for the University to work hard to retain and increase this group.
- The University has seen a significant increase in the heads of total international onshore student numbers, which is substantially better than most universities in Australia.

8. **REPORT OF THE DEPUTY VICE CHANCELLOR (RESEARCH)**

The DVC (Research) presented a report on the University’s Research position for 2005 & 2006. Key points from this discussion included:

- The University did not lodge as many research grants over 2005 period as many researchers were involved in co-operative research centres and not operating independently;
- The University has a recruitment and succession planning programme for its researchers to ensure continuity in leadership of areas of strength;
- The University is forefront in the IRUA group for research income, staff, grants and students;
Murdoch University has improved its position in the top 500 ranking of research universities in the world by 14 places according to the most recent Shanghai Jiao Tong University index;

Murdoch has been successful in 2005 in securing two State Centres of Excellence, a core partnership in three new Cooperative Research Centres and a major role in a new Federal Centre of Excellence;

Professor Simon Mallal, the Director of the Centre for Clinical Immunology and Biomedical Statistics received the 2005 Premier’s Award in Achievement in Science;

A new Research Quality Framework Process will replace the existing Research Block Grant Scheme in 2009. Murdoch University is positioning itself to optimise its funding in the new framework.

9. CHANCELLORS’ CONFERENCE & GOVERNANCE CONFERENCE
Due to time constraints, the Chancellor and Deputy Chancellor did not speak to the Senate on this item. Copies of their reports on the Chancellors’ conference and Governance conference will be circulated to Senate members.

10. MINUTES
Senate confirmed the minutes of the meeting held on 06/09/2006. It also noted a report of action taken to implement previous resolutions of Senate.

11. ACADEMIC COUNCIL
Senate noted the minutes of the meeting of the Academic Council held on 13/09/2006. Other than with regard to legislative amendments, there were no recommendations requiring a Senate resolution.

Secretary’s note: All legislative amendments are dealt with under the Legislation Committee item.

12. ENVIRONMENTAL COMMITTEE
Senate noted the minutes of the meeting of the Environmental Committee held on 19/10/2006. There were no recommendations requiring a Senate resolution.

13. HONORARY AWARDS & CEREMONIAL COMMITTEE
Senate noted the minutes of the meeting of the Honorary Awards & Ceremonial Committee held on 29/09/2006. There were no recommendations requiring a Senate resolution.

14. LEGISLATION COMMITTEE
Senate noted the minutes of the Legislation Committee (on a decision by circulation) dated 12/10/2006 and resolved in accordance with the recommendation of the committee as follows:

Resolved: To amend the following regulations as indicated below [additions in bold]:
S/46/2006

(i) Bachelor Degree Regulation 1. (1)
Insert: Bachelor of Environmental Management (BEnvMan)
Insert: Bachelor of Planning (BPlanning)
(ii) Master by Coursework Degree Regulation 2. (1)  
Insert: Master of Arts in Education for Sustainability 48 points  
Insert Master of Laws 24 points

Resolved: To amend Bachelor Degree Regulation 1.1(1) as attached [deletions struck through].

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

Senate noted the minutes of the meeting of the Resources Committee held on 03/10/2006 and resolved the attached resolutions in accordance with the recommendation of the committee.

S/48/2006 To authorise the attached resolutions pertaining to residential and associated services.

S/49/2006 To approve the attached payments for the period 16/08/2006 to 25/09/2006 inclusive:

S/50/2006 To approve the attached resolutions pertaining to MWEP

S/51/2006 To approve the attached resolution pertaining to the development of the Learning Common in the library.

While preparing these minutes it was noted that the document detailing policy statement number 1601 was not attached to the 25/10/2006 agenda. A decision by circular resolution will be sent to all Senate members requesting their approval of the revised investment policy statement, number 1601.

16. STUDENT AMENITIES FEE

On the recommendation of the Student Guild, Senate resolved to amend Schedule A of the Fees Rules. This amendment will be implemented by the Vice Chancellor using his delegated authority.

Resolved: To amend Schedule A of the Fee Rules to reduce the fees for 2007 as follows:

S/52/2006 $50 for full time students per semester

$30 for part time students per semester

$15 for external students per semester

$25 for regional full time students per semester

$15 for regional part time students per semester

17. OFFICIAL SEAL

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

Meeting concluded at: 7:05pm

Signed as a true record of the meeting of the Senate held on 25/10/2006.

EMERITUS PROFESSOR GEOFFREY BOLTON - CHAIR

Dated: November 2006
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**Proposed amendment:**
(all changes to be shown in mark-up)

Bachelor of Animal Science (BAnimSc), Bachelor of Applied Economics (BAppEcon), Bachelor of Applied Information Technology (BAppIT), Bachelor of Applied Science (BAppSc), Bachelor of Arts (BA), Bachelor of Asian Area Studies (BAAS), Bachelor of Asian Studies (BAsianSt), Bachelor of Asian Studies (Specialist) (BAsianSt), Bachelor of Biotechnology (BBiotech), Bachelor of Business Administration (BBusAdmin), Bachelor of Business Informatics (BBusInformatics), Bachelor of Business Information Technology Studies (BBusITSt), Bachelor of Chiropractic (BChiro), Bachelor of Commerce (BCom), Bachelor of Community Studies (BCommSt), Bachelor of Computer Studies (BCompSt), Bachelor of Development Studies (BDevSt), Bachelor of Divinity (BD), Bachelor of Economics (B Econ), Bachelor of Education (BEd), Bachelor of Education Studies (BEdSt), Bachelor of Engineering (BE), Bachelor of Engineering Science (BEngSc), Bachelor of Environmental Impact Assessment (BElA), Bachelor of Environmental Science (BEnvSc), Bachelor of Extractive Metallurgy (BExtMet), Bachelor of Finance and Economics (BFinEco), Bachelor of Health Sciences (BHS), Bachelor of Information Systems Studies (BInfoSysSt), Bachelor of International Business (BIB), Bachelor of Journalism (BJour), Bachelor of Laws (LLB), Bachelor of Legal Studies (BLS), Bachelor of Literature and Communication (BLitComm), Bachelor of Marketing and the Media (BMM), Bachelor of Media Production (BMMAd), Bachelor of MultiMedia (BMMedia), Bachelor of Nursing (BNurs), Bachelor of Nursing Conversion (BNursConv), Bachelor of Policy Studies (BPolSt), Bachelor of Professional Studies (Education) (BProfSt), Bachelor of Psychology (BPsych), Bachelor of Science (BSc), Bachelor of Technology (BTech), Bachelor of Theology (BTheol), Bachelor of Tourism (BTour), Bachelor of Veterinary Medicine and Surgery (BVMS), Bachelor of Women’s Studies (BWomSt).