SENATE MINUTE OF DECISION (BY CIRCULATION)

Effective date: 04/05/2007

Result: In accordance with Senate Standing Order 3.9.5, an absolute majority of members of the committee voted in favour of the resolution below.

Members eligible to vote:

Mr Terry Budge (Chair)
Prof. John Yovich (Vice Chancellor)  Mr Garry Hunt
Mr Brian Aitken  Mr Tony Iannello
Ms Janice Bowra  Mr Lloyd Johnson
Prof. Stuart Bradley  Assoc. Prof. Jim Macbeth
Prof. Nick Costa  Ms Shirley McPherson
Ms Alison Gaines  Judge Kate O'Brien
Mr Gerry Georgatos  Dr Lyndy Scott
Mr Philip Hocking  Dr Stewart Washer

Abstentions: Nil

Secretary: Jeremy Rigg

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

Nil.

2. APPOINTMENT OF ALTERNATE CHAIR TO BOARD OF DISCIPLINE

The Board of Discipline is established under Statute 23 - Student Discipline to hear appeals from students that relate to findings of misconduct where the penalty is either suspension or expulsion from the University. Ms Gillian Braddock SC was re-appointed as Chair to the Board for a 3 year term to 31 December 2009, under Senate resolution S61/2006.

After a number of attempts to schedule a hearing at the beginning of the year, two student appeals have now been scheduled before the Board for Friday, May 4th.

Ms Braddock has advised the General Counsel & University Secretary on the afternoon of Thursday, May 3rd, that she has a court commitment that now clashes with the scheduled Board hearing.

In order to minimise inconvenience to the students and other Board members, it has been proposed to select an alternate Chair on the recommendation of Ms Braddock. To reschedule for a later time and create further delay would possibly cause some hardship to the students.

Ms Braddock has recommended Ms Patricia Cahill, a barrister at Francis Burt Chambers, who was admitted to legal practice in 1987 and been a member of the WA Bar Association since 2004, and who is experienced in Commercial and Civil Litigation, to be appointed as an alternate Chair.
The Chair of the Legislation Committee, Ms Alison Gaines, has been consulted and indicated her support for this appointment, in accordance with the requirements of Statute 23.

The approval of Senate is now sought for this appointment, to ensure the procedural requirements of Statute 23 are met.

Resolved: To appoint Ms Patricia Cahill as an alternate Chair for the Board of Discipline, effective as of 3 May 2007, for a term through to 31 December 2009.