

PROPOSED ST PAUL'S COLLEGE BILL

Summary of the key aspects proposed to be included in a new St Paul's College Act

Name and status of College

- Legal entity is continuation of existing College
- Name of college continues to be "Saint Paul's College"
- Anglican college of and within the University of Sydney
- Name of corporation continues to be "Warden and Fellows of Saint Paul's College"
- Objects are provision of accommodation, education and religious instruction to students

Council composition

- Council of 13 members:
 - Warden
 - 4 elected Clerical Fellows
 - A Clerical Fellow must be a clergy person (male or female) in any Anglican order of ministry (deacon, priest, bishop)
 - 6 elected Lay Fellows
 - 2 Fellows appointed by the council
- Electorate consists of:
 - Council members and former Council members
 - Persons who have resided in College for at least four terms or three semesters and are graduates of University of Sydney
- In the case of a vacancy arising mid-term, Council may appoint a Fellow,
 - Until the next election if vacancy falls in the first two years of term and then an election will be held for the remainder of term
 - Until the end of the original term if a vacancy falls in the last four years of an elected Fellow's term
- In appointing members, Council is to have regard to gender diversity and relevant expertise and experience
- At least one Fellow will hold an academic post at Sydney University
- Fellows have 6 year term, rotating on 2 year basis
- Standard director's duties for Council members

Warden

- Appointed by Council, must be an ordained Anglican or a communicant Anglican lay person
- Chief Executive Officer conducting day-to-day management of College
- Exercises functions in accordance with by-laws and Council policies

Chaplain

- An ordained Anglican clergy person, licensed by the Archbishop of Sydney, will be appointed by the Warden

Visitor

- Archbishop of Sydney is Visitor

Council procedure

- Council to elect Chairperson and Deputy Chairperson
- Quorum is any 4 members but must include 1 lay Fellow and 1 clerical Fellow
- Material interests must be disclosed
- Technology may be used for meetings
- Circular resolution may be passed by a majority of Council members

By-laws

- Council may make by-laws
- By-laws to be published on College website

Students

- To be students of University of Sydney (or other university if By-law so provides)
- Eligible to be student regardless of religion

Transitional

- Upon passing the Act, the present Council will invite enough Elected Fellows to offer their resignations until the reduced size and composition of Council is achieved (4 clerical and 6 lay Fellows).
 - The Council will then appoint two Fellows (one for 5 years, one for three years) and the new election cycle will begin
 - Year 1 (2 lay, 2 clerics elected)
 - Year 3 (2 lay, 1 cleric elected, 1 Fellow appointed)
 - Year 5 (2 lay, 1 cleric elected, 1 Fellow appointed)
- Should voluntary resignations not reduce the Council to the desired size of elected Fellows, the Council will appoint two Fellows (one for 5 years, one for 3 years) and the new election cycle will begin (as above) and the size of the Council will be reduce over the natural course of the cycle.