

Ms Meredith Scott

*Honorary Fellow of the University
Conferring ceremony: 4pm, 24 September 2015*

Citation

Pro-Chancellor, it gives me great pleasure to present Meredith Scott to you for the award of an Honorary Fellowship of the University of Sydney to recognise her substantial contribution to the good governance of the University.

Meredith Scott is an alumna of the University with a Bachelor of Economics and is a partner of Ernst & Young Australia with nearly 30 years' experience providing accounting, reporting and auditing advice to clients. Ms Scott is a member of Ernst & Young's Technology, Communications and Entertainment Focus Group and the National Education Focus Group.

Meredith was first appointed by the University's Senate's in September 2005 to its Finance Committee and then to its expanded Finance and Audit Committee from 2010, committee's that performed an absolutely central role in virtually all key activities of the University.

Meredith has, for the past 10 years and in a voluntary capacity, either directly or indirectly made a very significant contribution to the good governance of the University via this Committee, including actively contributing to:-

- supporting financial and reporting activities of the University;
- facilitating the academic purpose of the University through a range of activities that have allowed provision of appropriate infrastructure for research and teaching;
- supporting constructive relations with Government and funding bodies such as the Australian Research Council and the National Health and Medical Research Council and other institutions through appropriate reporting;
- providing the Committee with useful insights on activities at other institutions within the tertiary education sector through her extensive networking across the sector;
- fostering links between the University and other institutions within and without Australia; and
- generally, playing a key part in helping the University to either generate or access the resources to allow its growth and diversification.

Meredith stepped down from her Committee service in June this year. The Committee and the University's Senate have acknowledged that Meredith has been a pillar of strength in supporting the Committee and its Chair and in particular has provided invaluable accounting and reporting advice. Ms Scott has especially and uniquely contributed to ensuring the University's compliance with laws and regulations and in the maintenance of an effective and efficient audit capability at the University.

Pro-Chancellor, in recognition of her substantial contribution to the University, I present Meredith Scott and invite you to confer the title of Honorary Fellow of the University upon her.