On 12 September 1949 Council resolved in principle that a chair of Metallurgy should be appointed (resolution 9). This was formally approved at Council’s 14 November 1949 meeting (resolution 27).
On 9 July 1951 R. H. Myers was appointed to the chair (resolution 134). He entered on duty on 3 May 1952 (UNSW: Its History & Progress) and thus the School of Metallurgy came into existence within the Faculty of Science from this date.
On 14 May, 1956 the Faculty of Technology was formed by Council (resolution 761i) and the School of Metallurgy became one of the foundation schools within the new faculty. On 9 May, 1960, Council changed the name of the Faculty to the Faculty of Applied Science (resolution 60/55).
On 9 September 1985 Council resolved to rename the school as the School of Materials Science & Engineering effective 1 January 1986 (resolution 85/96ci).
At the 2 December, 1996 meeting of Council the Faculty of Applied Science was disestablished effective 1 July, 1997 (resolution CL96/88/4). As a result, from this date the School of Materials Science & Engineering was moved to the newly formed Faculty of Science & Technology.
On 18 June, 2001 Council resolved to disestablish the Faculty of Science & Technology and create a new single model Faculty of Science effective from 1 July, 2001 - including the School of Materials Science & Engineering (resolution CL001/49).
In 2007 the School of Materials Science & Engineering was headed by Professor Oleg Ostrovski.

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