

UNIVERSITY OF TECHNOLOGY, SYDNEY

COUNCIL

Meeting 14/1 of the Council of the University of Technology, Sydney held at 9.00am on Wednesday 19 February 2014, UTS Aerial Function Centre, Level 7, Building 10, Jones St, Ultimo.

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**PRESENT:** Professor Vicki Sara AO, Mr Peter Bennett (left during Item 6.4), Ms Michelene Collopy, Ms Elizabeth Hanley, Mr Robert Kelly, Mr Douglas McDonald, Professor Ross Milbourne, Professor Jenny Onyx, Mr Michael Sexton SC, Professor Greg Skilbeck, Dr Ron Sandland AM, Mr Russell Taylor, Mr Tony Tobin, Professor Sally Varnham, Mr Daniel Willis, Mr Brian Wilson and Mr Su-Ming Wong.

Mr John Hartigan (Registrar and Secretary to Council), Mr William Paterson (Director, Governance Support Unit), and Ms Philippa Scott (Executive Officer to the UTS Council).

**APOLOGIES:** Mrs Megan Cornelius AM.

**IN ATTENDANCE:** Professor Shirley Alexander (Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Teaching, Learning and Equity)), Professor Peter Booth (Senior Deputy Vice-Chancellor), Professor Attila Brungs (Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Research)), Ms Anne Dwyer (Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Corporate Services)), and Mr Patrick Woods (Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Resources)).

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*Items are recorded in the order they appear on the agenda.*

**1 PROCEDURAL MATTERS**

**1.1 Welcome and Apologies**

**COU/14-1/1**

Council resolved to receive and note the apology from Mrs Megan Cornelius AM, and agreed that she be excused for her absence

**Note for the record**

The Chancellor welcomed members to the first meeting of 2014 gave an Acknowledgement of Country on behalf of Council.

The Chancellor on behalf of Council congratulated Professor Sally Varnham on her recent promotion.

The Registrar advised that Annual Declarations of Interest have been received from Council members. A report on the Declarations will be provided to the April Council meeting.

The Chancellor advised that Item 2.1.2 will be moved down the agenda and discussed in a closed session of Council with Item 4.6. All non-Council members and the Vice-Chancellor will leave the room for the duration of the discussion and voting.

Council was advised that due to the transitions planned for 2014, the reserve Council meeting and planning day scheduled for 14 March 2014 need not go ahead. Council agreed with the Chancellor's recommendation.

## **1.2 Declaration/Recording of Any Relevant Material Interests**

### **COU/14-1/2**

No new declarations were recorded.

## **1.3 Starring of Recommendations for Discussion**

### **COU/14-1/3**

Council to:

- .1 star items 2.1.2, 3.1.1, 3.1.2, 3.2, 4.3, 4.4, 4.5, 4.6, and 6.4.
- .2 adopt the unstarred recommendations.

## **2 MINUTES AND ACTIONS FROM PREVIOUS MEETING**

### **2.1 Minutes**

#### **2.1.1 Minutes of Meeting 13/7 (27 November 2013)**

### **COU/14-1/4**

Council resolved that the 13/7 Council Minutes of meeting 27 November 2013 be confirmed and signed as a true record.

**\*2.1.2 Minutes of Meeting 13/8(Special) (11 December 2013)**

**COU/14-1/5**

Council resolved that the 13/8(special) Council Minutes of special meeting 11 December 2013 be confirmed and signed as a true record.

**Note for the record**

Item 2.1.2 was discussed in closed session with Item 4.6. All non-Council members and the Vice-Chancellor left the room for the duration of the discussion and voting

**2.2 Actions Arising**

**COU/14-1/6**

Council resolved to receive and note the Actions Arising list.

**3 STRATEGIC ITEMS OF BUSINESS**

**3.1 Reports from the Vice-Chancellor**

**\*3.1.1 Report from the Vice-Chancellor**

**COU/14-1/7**

Council resolved to receive and note the report, as detailed in Document 3.1.1 - *Report from the Vice-Chancellor* and its Attachments and the *Supplementary Report from the Vice-Chancellor*.

**Note for the record**

The Vice-Chancellor spoke to his report. Council noted that the University has risen in two significant international rankings in 2013. UTS is one of only two Australian universities to have risen in both rankings, and is now the first ranked Australian university in the QS Top 50 Under 50 ranking. The Chancellor on behalf of Council congratulated the Vice-Chancellor on these achievements.

The Chair of the Commercial Activities Committee, who chaired the University's Australian Research Council Centres of Excellence Bid Committee, spoke to the high quality of work conducted in relation to those bids, which are detailed in the report.

**\*3.1.2 Vice-Chancellor's Strategic Priorities for 2014**

**COU/14-1/8**

Confidential.

**\*3.2 Interim Report on Student Admissions**

**COU/14-1/9**

Confidential.

**4 CONFIDENTIAL ITEMS FOR APPROVAL AND NOTING**

**4.1 Report from Commercial Activities Committee**

**COU/14-1/10**

Confidential.

**4.2 Report from Finance Committee**

**COU/14-1/11**

Confidential.

**\*4.3 Report from Governance Committee**

**COU/14-1/12**

Confidential.

**\*4.4 Report from Physical Infrastructure Committee**

**COU/14-1/13**

Confidential.

**\*4.5 Report on Broadway Building Contract**

**COU/14-1/14**

Confidential.

**\*4.6 Confidential Report from the Chancellor**

**COU/14-1/15**

Confidential.

## 5 ITEMS FOR APPROVAL

### 5.1 Report from Academic Board

#### COU/14-1/16

Council resolved to:

- .1 receive and note the report of the Academic Board, as detailed in Document 5.1 and its Attachments *Report from Academic Board*;
- .2 amend Standing Delegation 4.3.2 *External articulation arrangements* as detailed in Attachment 1, to allow Deans to approve arrangements for external articulation;
- .3 approve the rescission of the following two policies, effective from the date on which the replacement instruments, the Responsible Conduct of Research Policy as detailed in Attachment 2, and the Ethical Conduct of Research Involving Human Participants Vice-Chancellor's Directive, come into effect:
  - a) Ethical Conduct of Research — Academic and Support Staff Policy; and
  - b) HREC Policy for Undergraduate and Postgraduate Students;
- .4 approve the amendments to the Responsible Conduct of Research Policy as detailed in Attachment 2, with a date of effect 2 weeks following such approval;
- .5 note the Report on late Conferrals and Corrections to Awards Spring Semester 2013, as detailed in Attachment 3.

### 5.2 Rescission of IT Policies

#### COU/14-1/17

Council resolved to:

- .1 receive and note the report as detailed in Document 5.2 *–Rescission of IT Policies* and its Attachments; and
- .2 approve the rescission of:
  - a) IT Security Policy (2000)
  - b) IT Acceptable Use of Information Technology Facilities Policy (2001)
  - c) UTS Email Policy (2004)

with a date of effect to coincide with the introduction of the replacement Vice-Chancellor's Directives, as detailed in this report.

## 6 ITEMS FOR NOTING

### 6.1 Report from the Chancellor

COU/14-1/18

Council resolved to receive and note the report, as detailed in Document 6.1 – *Report from the Chancellor*.

### 6.2 Use of University Seal and Executive Action

COU/14-1/19

Council resolved to note:

- 1 that no action was taken by the Chancellor, Vice-Chancellor and Registrar to affix the University Seal during the period 20 November 2013 to 12 February 2014, as described in Part A of Schedule 1 of Document 6.2; and
- .2 the Executive Action undertaken on behalf of Council during the period 27 November 2013 to 12 February 2014.

### 6.3 Work Health and Safety Standing Report

COU/14-1/20

Council resolved to receive and note the report as detailed in Document 6.3 – *Work Health and Safety Standing Report to Council*.

### \*6.4 Academic Board Annual Report 2013

COU/14-1/21

Council resolved to receive and note the Academic Board Annual Report 2013, as detailed in Document 6.4 - *Academic Board Annual Report 2013* and its Attachment.

#### **Note for the record**

The Chair of Academic Board spoke to items contained in this report, focusing on the five core strategic areas in the Board's Governance Activities Framework, as related to Academic Board's role as the principal body advising Council on academic matters.

Council noted the importance of the relationship between Council and Academic Board, and noted the efforts of the Chair and Council to deepen and strengthen the relationship over Professor Varnham's term as Chair, through initiatives such as the Annual Town Hall meetings and regular, starred reports from Academic Board to Council.



The Chair of Academic Board thanked the Governance Support Unit and particularly Rebecca Murphy, the Executive Officer to Academic Board, for the quality of work produced during 2013, especially in relation to the University's hosting of the Chairs of Academic Board Conference in 2013.

**7 ITEMS OF GENERAL BUSINESS**

**7.1 Matters for further discussion arising from reports**

**7.2 Other Business (at Council's discretion)**

*There being no other business the meeting ended at 12.30pm*

**SIGNED AS A TRUE RECORD**

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**CHAIR**

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16 April 2014

**DATE**