

UNIVERSITY OF TECHNOLOGY, SYDNEY

COUNCIL

Meeting 14/2 of the Council of the University of Technology, Sydney held at 9.00am on Wednesday, 16 April 2014, UTS Aerial Function Centre, Level 7, Building 10, Jones St, Ultimo.

PRESENT: Professor Vicki Sara AO, Mr Peter Bennett, Ms Michelene Collopy, Mrs Megan Cornelius AM (from Item 3.1), Ms Elizabeth Hanley (from Item 1.3), Mr Robert Kelly, Mr Douglas McDonald, Professor Ross Milbourne, Professor Jenny Onyx, Mr Michael Sexton SC, Professor Greg Skilbeck, Dr Ron Sandland AM, Mr Tony Tobin, Professor Sally Varnham, Mr Daniel Willis, and Mr Brian Wilson.

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: Mr Russell Taylor and Mr Su-Ming Wong.

IN ATTENDANCE: Professor Shirley Alexander (Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Teaching, Learning and Equity)), Professor Attila Brungs (Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Research)), Ms Anne Dwyer (Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Corporate Services)), Professor William Purcell (Deputy Vice-Chancellor (International and Development)), and Mr Patrick Woods (Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Resources)).

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

1 PROCEDURAL MATTERS

1.1 Welcome and Apologies

COU/14-2/22

Council resolved to receive and note the apologies from Mr Russell Taylor and Mr Su-Ming Wong, and agreed that they be excused for their absence

Note for the record

The Chancellor gave an Acknowledgement of Country on behalf of Council.

1.2 Declaration/Recording of Any Relevant Material Interests

COU/14-2/23

No new declarations were recorded.

1.3 Starring of Recommendations for Discussion

COU/14-2/24

Council to:

- .1 star items 3.1, 3.1.1, 3.2, 4.1, 4.3, 4.5, 4.8, and 6.1.1.
- .2 adopt the unstarred recommendations.

2 MINUTES AND ACTIONS FROM PREVIOUS MEETING

2.1 Minutes of meeting 14/1 (19 February 2014)

COU/14-2/25

Council resolved that the 14/1 Council Minutes of meeting 19 February 2014 be confirmed and signed as a true record.

2.2 Actions Arising

COU/14-2/26

Council resolved to receive and note the Actions Arising list.

3 STRATEGIC ITEMS OF BUSINESS

***3.1 Report from the Vice-Chancellor**

COU/14-2/27

Council resolved to receive and note the report, as detailed in Document 3.1 *Report from the Vice-Chancellor* and the *Supplementary Report from the Vice-Chancellor*.

Note for the record

The Vice-Chancellor spoke to this report and to items in the Tabled Supplementary Report. The Vice-Chancellor provided a short PowerPoint presentation on the Commonwealth Government's Review of the Demand Driven System and the likely impact on UTS of recommendations of that Review, the Commission of Audit, and the forthcoming Federal Budget.

***3.1.1 Confidential Item from the Vice-Chancellor**

COU/14-2/28

Council resolved to:

Confidential.

***3.2 UTS Student Load for 2014, as at 17 March 2014**

COU/14-2/29

Council to receive and note the report, *UTS Student Load for 2014, as at 17 March 2014*, as detailed in Document 3.2.

Note for the record

The Vice-Chancellor spoke to this report, and noted the good overall outcome for UTS. Further to the report noted at the February Council meeting, Council noted final numbers reflect positive results in domestic undergraduate enrolments. Council noted that domestic postgraduate coursework enrolments, and international undergraduate enrolments, are below target. This is a pattern seen across the Australian sector. The University continues to review course offerings to ensure that courses align with the desired graduate attributes and with the market.

4 CONFIDENTIAL ITEMS FOR APPROVAL AND NOTING

***4.1 Report from Audit and Risk Committee**

COU/14-2/30

Council resolved to:

Confidential.

4.2 Report from Commercial Activities Committee

COU/14-2/31

Council resolved to:

Confidential.

***4.3 Report from Finance Committee**

COU/14-2/32

Council resolved to:

Confidential.

4.4 Report from Governance Committee

COU/14-2/33

Council resolved to:

Confidential.

***4.5 Report from Physical Infrastructure Committee**

COU/14-2/34

Council resolved to:

Confidential.

4.6 Declarations of Interest

COU/14-2/35

Council resolved to:

Confidential.

4.7 Council Membership 2014

COU/14-2/36

Council resolved to:

Confidential.

***4.8 Membership of Nominations Committee**

COU/14-2/37

Council resolved to:

Confidential.

5 ITEMS FOR APPROVAL

5.1 Report from Academic Board

COU/14-2/38

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 approve amendments to Section 11 (Graduate Research Study) of the Student and Related Rules, as detailed in Attachment 1; and
- .3 receive and note the Academic Board Strategic Priority Items for 2014, as detailed in Attachment 2.

5.2 Student Misconduct Appeals Committee Panel Membership

COU/14-2/39

Council resolved to:

- .1 receive and note the report detailed in Document 5.2- *Student Misconduct Appeals Committee Membership* and its Attachment; and
- .2 approve the additional persons to the panel persons for the Student Misconduct Appeals Committee as detailed in Attachment 1.

6 ITEMS FOR NOTING

6.1 Report from the Chancellor

COU/14-2/40

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

***6.1.1 Confidential Report from the Chancellor**

COU/14-2/41

Council resolved to:

Confidential

6.2 Use of University Seal and Executive Action

COU/14-2/42

Council to note:

- .1 the action taken by the Chancellor, Vice-Chancellor and Registrar to affix the University Seal during the period 12 February 2014 to 9 April 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 19 February 2014 to 9 April 2014.

6.3 Work Health and Safety Standing Report

COU/14-2/43

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

6.4 Report from Student/Council Liaison Group

COU/14-2/44

Council to receive and note the report, as detailed in Document 6.4 – *Report from Student/Council Liaison Group* and its Attachment.

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 12.15pm

*The 14/2 meeting of Council was followed by a presentation by Professor Lesley Hitchens,
Dean of the Faculty of Law*

SIGNED AS A TRUE RECORD

CHAIR

18 June 2014

DATE