

UNIVERSITY OF TECHNOLOGY, SYDNEY

COUNCIL

Meeting 14/3 of the Council of the University of Technology, Sydney held at 9.00am on Wednesday, 18 June 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, Ms Elizabeth Hanley (present to Item 6.5), Mr Robert Kelly, Mr Douglas McDonald, Professor Ross Milbourne, Professor Jenny Onyx, Mr Michael Sexton SC, (present to Item 6.7), Professor Greg Skilbeck, Dr Ron Sandland AM, Mr Russell Taylor, Mr Tony Tobin (present to Item 6.4; left the room during Item 4.5), Professor Sally Varnham, Mr Daniel Willis, and Mr Brian Wilson (left the room during Item 4.5).

Mr John Hartigan (Registrar and Secretary to Council to Item 6.4), Mr William Paterson (Director, Governance Support Unit; Acting Secretary to Council from Item 6.4), and Ms Philippa Scott (Executive Officer to the UTS Council).

APOLOGIES: 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)), Mr Patrick Woods (Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Resources)), and Mr David Fenwick (Executive Manager, Office of the Vice-Chancellor).

- For Item 3.2: Mr Martin Hanlon (Director, Planning and Quality Unit) and Ms Carolyn Newbigin (Performance Analysis and Reporting Specialist, Planning and Quality Unit).

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

1 PROCEDURAL MATTERS

1.1 Welcome and Apologies

COU/14-3/45

Council resolved to receive and note the apology from Mr Su-Ming Wong, and agreed that he be excused for his absence

Note for the record

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

Council noted that this was the last meeting for the Vice-Chancellor, Professor Ross Milbourne. On behalf of Council, the Chancellor congratulated Professor Milbourne on his outstanding success as Vice-Chancellor over the last 12 years, and expressed Council's gratitude for his exceptional leadership, strategic vision and deep commitment to UTS, its goals and values.

Council noted that there is an unstarred item on the Agenda, the appointment of Director on the UTS Union Board to replace Emeritus Professor Anthony Moon. The Chancellor offered thanks on behalf of Council to Emeritus Professor Moon for his many years of service to the UTS Union and the University. Emeritus Professor Moon was awarded a Distinguished Service Award in 2013 in recognition of his outstanding contribution to the University.

Council was advised that a closed session would be held following Item 4.6. Non-members of Council and the Senior Executive including the Vice-Chancellor will be asked to leave the room following Item 4.6, and return to the room for Item 6.4, which is the next starred item. During the closed session tabled papers 4.6.1, 4.6.2, 4.7 and Item 6.1.1 of the previous minutes will be discussed.

1.2 Declaration/Recording of Any Relevant Material Interests

COU/14-3/46

No new declarations were recorded.

1.3 Starring of Recommendations for Discussion

COU/14-3/47

Council to:

- .1 star items 3.1, 3.1.1, 3.1.2, 3.1.3, 3.2, 3.4, 4.1, 4.2, 4.5, 4.6, 4.6.1, 4.6.2, 4.7, 4.8, 6.4, 6.5, 6.6 and 7.1.
- .2 adopt the unstarred recommendations.

2 MINUTES AND ACTIONS FROM PREVIOUS MEETING

2.1 Minutes of meeting 14/2 (16 April 2014)

COU/14-3/48

Council resolved that the 14/2 Council Minutes of meeting 16 April 2014 be confirmed and signed as a true record.

Note for the record

Item 6.1.1 of the minutes of meeting 14/2 was discussed during a closed session of Council, and approved subject to minor amendments.

2.2 Actions Arising

COU/14-3/49

Council resolved to receive and note the Actions Arising list.

Note for the record

Due to the deferral of Item 3.3, the action relating to the revision of the UTS KPI Framework will be held over until the August meeting of Council.

3 STRATEGIC ITEMS OF BUSINESS

*3.1 Report from the Vice-Chancellor

COU/14-3/50

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 results of the recently completed Voice Survey. Council took note of the very positive overall results, the favourable comparison with the sector, and the positive trends since 2012.

The Vice-Chancellor noted the successful opening of the Engineering and IT Building, and congratulated the Marketing and Communication Unit for their work on this event. Council was advised that the executive recruitment for the new Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Research) is in progress. Council will be keep updated.

As this was the Vice-Chancellor's last Council meeting, the Vice-Chancellor thanked Council for their contribution and approach to achieving the strategic vision of UTS being a world-leading university of technology, and thanked Council for their support of him personally.

***3.1.1 Update on State Superannuation Liabilities**

COU/14-3/51

Council resolved to:

Confidential.

***3.1.2 2014 Federal Budget – Possible Impact on UTS**

COU/14-3/52

Council resolved to

Confidential

***3.1.3 Revisions to the Campus Masterplan and Long Term Finance Plan**

COU/14-3/53

Council resolved to

Confidential

***3.2 Final UTS Performance Report For 2013**

COU/14-3/54

Council resolved to

Confidential

3.3 Revisions to UTS KPI Framework

COU/14-3/55

Council noted that Item 3.3, *Revisions to UTS KPI Framework* has been withdrawn and will be discussed at the August meeting of Council.

***3.4 Strategic Briefing- Corporate Services**

COU/14-3/56

Council resolved to receive and note the report as detailed in Document 3.4, *Strategic Briefing – Corporate Services*.

Note for the record

The Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Corporate Services) spoke to this item and provided a PowerPoint presentation for Council.

This Strategic Briefing focussed on the University's recent workforce and organisational change processes; and marketing and promotion strategies. Council took note of the direct engagement with change management within facilities and central units, and the successes and challenges of those processes. Council was advised as to the strategies used to align the University's position in the market with the targets of the University's KPIs, particularly in the context of increased competition in the sector. Council also noted the continuing work on the project to introduce balanced teaching periods.

4 CONFIDENTIAL ITEMS FOR APPROVAL AND NOTING

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

COU/14-3/57

Council resolved to

Confidential.

***4.2 Report from Commercial Activities Committee**

COU/14-3/58

Council resolved to

Confidential.

4.3 Report from Finance Committee

COU/14-3/59

Council resolved to

Confidential.

4.4 Report from Physical Infrastructure Committee

COU/14-3/60

Council resolved to

Confidential.

***4.5 Report from Nominations Committee**

COU/14-3/61

Council resolved to

Confidential.

***4.6 Report from Honorary Awards Committee**

COU/14-3/62

Council resolved to

Confidential.

***4.6.1 Report from Honorary Awards Committee Out of Session Business**

COU/14-3/63

Council resolved to

Confidential.

***4.6.2 Proposal to Confer the title of Emeritus Professor on Professor Ross
Milbourne**

COU/14-3/64

Council resolved to

Confidential.

***4.7 Report from Remuneration Committee**

COU/14-3/65

Council resolved to

Confidential.

***4.8 Sale of Apartment B902 Watermark Pavilion, 24 Point Street, Pyrmont**

COU/14-3/66

Council resolved to

Confidential.

5 ITEMS FOR APPROVAL

5.1 Report from Academic Board

COU/14-3/67

Council resolved to:

- .1 receive and note the report of the Academic Board, as detailed in Document 5.1 – *Report from Academic Board* and its Attachments;
- .2 approve the revised Intellectual Property Policy, as detailed in Attachment 1;
- .3 approve the amendments to the Standing Delegations of Authority, as detailed in Attachment 2;
- .4 approve the amendments to the composition of Academic Board, as detailed in Attachment 3;
- .5 award the Bachelor of Human Movement degree posthumously to Student (ID 11424126), in accordance with Rule 13.2.1(3);
- .6 rescind the awards conferred upon three students from the Faculty of Law, as follows:
 - .a Natalie Evans (Student ID: 11358278) – Graduate Diploma in Legal Studies (conferred on 19 March 2013);
 - .b Susan Tannous (Student ID: 11274964) – Graduate Certificate in Trade Mark Law and Practice (conferred on 6 April 2013);
 - .c Kim Walters (Student ID: 11122191) – Graduate Certificate in Trade Mark Law and Practice (conferred on 22 August 2012);
- .7 note that Academic Board endorsed amendments to the Student Rules and consequential amendments to UTS governance instruments, arising from the Rules Review Project.

5.2 Student Ombud Appointments

COU/14-3/68

Council resolved to:

- .1 receive and note the report, as detailed in Document 5.2 - *Student Ombud Appointments* and its Attachment;
- .2 approve that the contract of the Student Ombud be extended by 12 months as follows:

- .a Wing Bui from the UTS Business School, for the term 11 January 2015 until 11 January 2016;
- .3 approve that the contracts of three Assistant Student Ombuds be extended by 12 months as follows:
 - .a Angela Dwyer from the Faculty of Law, for the term 1 January 2015 until 1 January 2016;
 - .b Associate Professor David Eager from the Faculty of Engineering and IT, for the term 11 January 2015 until 11 January 2016; and
 - .c Associate Professor Joanne Gray from the Faculty of Health, for the term 1 July 2014 until 1 July 2015.

5.3 Appointment to the Board of UTS Union Ltd

COU/14-3/69

Council resolved to approve the appointment of Dr Prabhu Sivabalan as Director on the Board and Treasurer of the UTS Union Ltd for the term 1 August 2014 to 31 July 2016.

5.4 Insearch Limited Membership

COU/14-3/70

Council resolved to:

- .1 receive and note Document 5.4- *Insearch Limited Membership*;
- .2 nominate Professor Mary Spongberg for admission as a member of Insearch Limited; and
- .3 note that the Senior Deputy Vice-Chancellor intends to appoint Professor Mary Spongberg as the UTS Dean on the Board of Insearch Limited with effect from 1 July 2014.

6 ITEMS FOR NOTING

6.1 Report from the Chancellor

COU/14-3/71

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/14-3/72

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 9 April 2014 to 11 June 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 16 April 2014 to 11 June 2014.

6.3 Work Health and Safety Standing Report

COU/14-3/73

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 Social Justice Committee

COU/14-3/74

Council resolved to:

- .1 receive and note the report, as detailed in Document 6.4 – *Report from Social Justice Committee* and its Attachments; and
- .2 receive and note the *2013 UTS Social Justice Report*, as detailed in Attachment 2

Note for the record

Council noted the comments from the Chair, Social Justice Committee on the annual Social Justice Report.

Council discussed in further detail the result achieved under KPI: UE2.1: the target of 2.2% Indigenous undergraduate participation by 2018. The Chair recommended, and Council supported, that the KPI target on indigenous education should be revised. Council supported an aspirational long-term goal and the development of a revised short-term target. In relation to KPI LT5.1: percentage of students from low socio-economic status (SES) backgrounds, of all domestic undergraduate students, the Council also supported the development of a UTS-specific definition of low-SES that does not rely on postcode data. The Senior Deputy Vice-Chancellor and Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Teaching, Learning and Equity) agreed to act on Council's recommendation.

The Chair of the Social Justice Committee thanked the Equity and Diversity Unit and particularly the Director, Jude Stoddart, for the development of this report.

***6.5 Auditor General's 2014 Report to Parliament**

COU/14-3/75

Council resolved to receive and note the report, as detailed in Attachment 1 of Document 6.5 – *Auditor General's 2014 Report to Parliament*.

Note for the record

The Chair of the Audit and Risk Committee spoke to this matter, drawing Council's attention to the usefulness of this document in understanding the University's relative risk position.

***6.6 Health And Safety-Annual Report and Overview of Management System**

COU/14-3/76

Council resolved to receive and note the report as detailed in Document 6.6 *Health and Safety - Annual Report* and its Attachment.

Note for the record

The Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Corporate Services) spoke to this report, noting the related analysis covered in her Strategic Briefing report, which is Item 3.4 on the current agenda. This annual report covers the calendar year 2013 and addresses Council's key health and safety accountabilities.

6.7 Report from Student/Council Liaison Group

COU/14-3/77

Council to receive and note the report, as detailed in Document 6.7 – *Report from Student/Council Liaison Group* and its Attachment.

7 ITEMS OF GENERAL BUSINESS

7.1 Matters for further discussion arising from reports

7.1.1 Report from Finance Committee

COU/14-3/78

Further to Item 4.3- *Report from Finance Committee*, Council noted the figures provided, as requested, in relation to Council's investments, and requested that further detail regarding potential options for these investments be provided to Council via the Finance Committee.



7.2 Other Business (at Council's discretion)

There being no other business the meeting ended at 1.00pm

The 14/3 meeting of Council was followed by a presentation by the Dean of the Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences, Professor Mary Spongberg.

SIGNED AS A TRUE RECORD

CHAIR

13 August 2014

DATE