

**UNIVERSITY OF TECHNOLOGY, SYDNEY**

**COUNCIL**

**Meeting 14/4 of the Council of the University of Technology, Sydney held at 9.00am on Wednesday, 13 August 2014, UTS Aerial Function Centre, Level 7, Building 10, Jones St, Ultimo.**

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**PRESENT:** Professor Vicki Sara AO, Mr Peter Bennett, Professor Attila Brungs (Vice-Chancellor), Ms Michelene Collopy, Mrs Megan Cornelius AM, Ms Elizabeth Hanley, Mr Robert Kelly, Mr Douglas McDonald, Professor Jenny Onyx, Mr Michael Sexton SC, Professor Greg Skilbeck, Dr Ron Sandland AM, Mr Russell Taylor, Professor Sally Varnham, Mr Daniel Willis, Mr Brian Wilson (from Item 3.1), 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:** Mr Tony Tobin.

**IN ATTENDANCE:** Professor Shirley Alexander (Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Teaching, Learning and Equity)), Ms Anne Dwyer (Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Corporate Services)), Professor William Purcell (Deputy Vice-Chancellor (International and Development)), Professor Glenn Wightwick (Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Research)), Mr Patrick Woods (Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Resources)), and Ms Michelle Callen (Executive Manager, Strategy and Communications, Office of the Vice-Chancellor).

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

**1 PROCEDURAL MATTERS**

**1.1 Welcome and Apologies**

**COU/14-4/79**

Council resolved to receive and note the apology from Mr Tony Tobin, 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 is the first meeting as Vice-Chancellor for Professor Attila Brungs. On behalf of Council, the Chancellor congratulated Professor Brungs on his appointment, and expressed Council's support for his leadership towards achieving the vision of UTS being a world-leading university of technology.

Council also noted that this is the first meeting as Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Research) for Professor Glenn Wightwick. The Chancellor congratulated Professor Wightwick and noted that Council looks forward to working with him to increase the impact and excellence of research at UTS.

As it is the last meeting for two Council members, Mrs Megan Cornelius and Mr Su-Ming Wong, on behalf Council, the Chancellor thanked these members for their service and commitment to UTS. Council noted that Mr Wong has been a member of Council and the Commercial Activities Committee since 2010, and thanked him for his strategic commercial input. Council noted that Mrs Cornelius has been a member of Council since 2003. She is currently Deputy Chair of the Student/Council Liaison Group and a member of Commercial Activities Committee. She has served as a past member of Audit and Risk Committee, Finance Committee, and the Joint Subcommittee of Audit and Risk and Finance. The Chancellor thanked Mrs Cornelius for her outstanding contribution to a wide range of Council roles, and for providing a source of wise advice to the University over many years.

Council was also advised that this is the last meeting of Council for the Registrar and Secretary to Council, Mr John Hartigan. Mr Hartigan has been the Registrar and Secretary to Council since 2009, and was University Solicitor and Director, Legal Services from 2004. On behalf of Council, the Chancellor thanked Mr Hartigan noting, that he has been a source of knowledge and counsel to the University and to Council for many years.

Council was advised that Items 3.1.1 and 3.1.2, as represented on the agenda, would be combined into one paper, which will be tabled and collected.

The 14/4 Council Meeting will be followed by a Special Presentation by Professor Charlie Benrimoj, Head of the Graduate School of Health. Following the presentation, a special farewell lunch for the Registrar and Secretary to Council has been organised.

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

**COU/14-4/80**

No new declarations were recorded.

### 1.3 Starring of Recommendations for Discussion

COU/14-4/81

Council to:

- .1 star items 3.1, 3.1.1, 3.2, 3.3, 4.4, and 6.1.
- .2 adopt the unstarred recommendations.

## 2 MINUTES AND ACTIONS FROM PREVIOUS MEETING

### 2.1 Minutes of meeting 14/3 (18 June 2014)

COU/14-4/82

Council resolved that the 14/3 (Council Minutes of meeting 18 June 2014 be confirmed and signed as a true record.

### 2.2 Actions Arising

COU/14-4/83

Council resolved to receive and note the Actions Arising list.

## 3 STRATEGIC ITEMS OF BUSINESS

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

COU/14-4/84

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. Council took note of the recent successes of the University in 2014 Australian Research Council (ARC) Linkage and Future Fellowship programs. Council noted the particular achievements of several Chancellor's Postdoctoral Fellows in this respect.

Council noted the resignation of the CEO of the Australian Technology Network, and was advised that recruitment is in progress for a replacement.

The Vice-Chancellor updated Council in relation to two recent emergency evacuations, and thanked the Deputy Vice-Chancellors Corporate Services and Resources for their leadership during the events.

**\*3.1.1 Strategic Landscape**

**COU/14-4/85**

Council resolved to:

Confidential.

**\*3.2 Update on KPI Framework**

**COU/14-4/86**

Council resolved to:

Confidential.

**\*3.3 Strategic Briefing- Teaching, Learning and Equity**

**COU/14-4/87**

Council to receive and note the report as detailed in Document 3.3 - *Strategic Briefing – Teaching, Learning and Equity*

**Note for the record**

The Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Teaching, Learning and Equity) spoke to this item and provided a visual presentation for Council.

This Strategic Briefing focussed on the future of learning at UTS, and performance against teaching and learning KPIs. With regard to the future of learning, Council noted the University's significant innovation in learning strategies, including the role of online learning and trans-disciplinary courses; and developments in physical facilities and administration to support innovative learning and teaching. With regard to teaching and learning KPIs, Council particularly noted the results in the area of KPI-LT2 Graduate Workplace Success, and strategies and key initiatives employed to improve the results in this KPI area, including the Graduate Attributes Project and the complete rollout of the Learning2014 project.

Council thanked the Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Teaching, Learning and Equity) for her report and presentation.

#### **4 CONFIDENTIAL ITEMS FOR APPROVAL AND NOTING**

##### **4.1 Report from Commercial Activities Committee**

**COU/14-4/88**

Council resolved to:

Confidential.

##### **4.2 Report from Finance Committee**

**COU/14-4/89**

Council resolved to:

Confidential.

##### **4.3 Report from Physical Infrastructure Committee**

**COU/14-4/90**

Council resolved to:

Confidential.

##### **\*4.4 UTS Sports Central**

**COU/14-4/91**

Council resolved to:

Confidential.

## 5 ITEMS FOR APPROVAL

### 5.1 Council and Committee Meeting Dates for 2015

#### COU/14-4/92

Council to:

- .1 receive and note the report *Council and Committee Meeting Dates for 2015*, as detailed in Document 5.1 and Attachment 1;
- .2 approve the 2015 UTS Council meetings dates, be held at 9.00am on Wednesday:  
15/1- 18 February  
15/2- 15 April  
15/3- 17 June  
15/4- 19 August  
15/5- 14 October  
15/6- 25 November

Two reserve Council meetings have been scheduled for 20 March and 16 December;

- .3 note the date for the 2015 Council Retreat, being 20 and 21 March;
- .4 note the Council members' briefing (if required), be held on the following dates, commencing at 12.00 midday on:
  - 13 February
  - 16 March (Reserve)
  - 15 April
  - 12 June
  - 14 August
  - 9 October
  - 20 November;
  - 11 December (Reserve)
- .5 note the Council members' annual dinner function be held on Friday 4 December.

## **6 ITEMS FOR NOTING**

### **\*6.1 Report from the Chancellor**

**COU/14-4/93**

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

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

Council was updated as to progress in relation to the appointment of Ministerially-Appointed Council members.

### **6.2 Use of University Seal and Executive Action**

**COU/14-4/94**

Council to note:

- .1 the action taken by the Chancellor and Registrar to affix the University Seal during the period 11 June 2014 to 6 August 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 18 June 2014 to 6 August 2014.

### **6.3 Work Health and Safety Standing Report**

**COU/14-4/95**

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

## **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 14/4 meeting of Council was followed by a presentation by the Head of the Graduate School of Health, Professor Charlie Benrimoj.*



**SIGNED AS A TRUE RECORD**

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**CHAIR**

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**DATE**