

UNIVERSITY OF TECHNOLOGY SYDNEY

COUNCIL

Meeting 15/3 of the Council of the University of Technology Sydney, held at 9.00am on Wednesday, 17 June 2015 in UTS Business School Boardroom, Level 12, Dr Chau Chak Wing Building, Ultimo Rd, Ultimo.

PRESENT: Professor Vicki Sara AO (Chancellor), Mr Peter Bennett, Ms Michelene Collopy, Associate Professor Joanne Gray, Professor Andrew Jakubowicz, Mr Robert Kelly, Mr Abhishek Loumish, Mr Michael Sexton SC (from Item 3.1), Dr Ron Sandland AM, Dr Merilyn Sleigh, Mr Tony Tobin (to Item 6.5), Professor Sally Varnham, Mr Daniel Willis, and Mr Brian Wilson.

Mr William Paterson (University Secretary) and Ms Philippa Scott (Executive Officer to the UTS Council).

APOLOGIES: Professor Attila Brungs (Vice-Chancellor), Mr Aaron Ngan, and Mr Russell Taylor AM.

IN ATTENDANCE: Professor Shirley Alexander (Deputy Vice-Chancellor, Education and Students), Professor Peter Booth (Provost), Ms Anne Dwyer (Deputy Vice-Chancellor, Corporate Services), Professor William Purcell (Deputy Vice-Chancellor, International and Advancement), 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) (to Item 4.4).

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

1 PROCEDURAL MATTERS

1.1 Welcome and Apologies

COU/15-3/43

Council noted the apologies received from Professor Attila Brungs (Vice-Chancellor), Mr Aaron Ngan, and Mr Russell Taylor AM, and resolved that they be excused for their absence.

Note for the record

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

The Chancellor offered Council's sincere congratulations to Emeritus Professor Ross Milbourne, who was made an Officer (AO) in the General Division of the Order of Australia, for distinguished service to higher education, to academic leadership and administration, to the promotion of excellence in teaching and research, as an economist, and to professional tertiary learning associations, in the recent Queen's Birthday Honours. The Chancellor also offered Council's congratulations to Mr Russell Taylor, who was made a Member (AM) in the General Division of the Order Of Australia, for significant service to the community as a cultural leader and public sector executive in the field of Indigenous affairs.

1.2 Declaration/Recording of Any Relevant Material Interests

COU/15-3/44

Council resolved to note that no new declarations were recorded for items on the agenda.

1.3 Starring of Recommendations for Discussion

COU/15-3/45

Council resolved to:

- .1 star items 3.1, 3.2, 4.1, 4.2, 4.4, 4.5, 5.1, 6.4, 6.5 and 6.7; and
- .2 adopt the unstarred recommendations.

2 MINUTES AND ACTIONS FROM PREVIOUS MEETING

2.1 Minutes of Meeting 15/2 (15 April 2015)

COU/15-3/46

Council resolved that the minutes of meeting 15/1 (18 February 2015) be confirmed and signed as a true record.

2.2 Actions Arising

COU/15-3/47

Council resolved to receive and note the Actions Arising list.

3 STRATEGIC ITEMS OF BUSINESS

*3.1 Report from the Vice-Chancellor

COU/15-3/48

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

Note for the record

Professor Peter Booth as Acting Vice-Chancellor, spoke to this report. The Acting Vice-Chancellor reiterated the congratulations to Emeritus Professor Ross Milbourne AO and Mr Russell Taylor AM. The Acting Vice-Chancellor particularly expressed congratulations to Emeritus Professor Milbourne on behalf of the staff and students of the University for his leadership as Vice-Chancellor over many years. The Acting Vice-Chancellor noted a number of additional honours in the Queen's Birthday Honours that have been awarded to alumni of the University. A full list of honourees including alumni and staff will be provided to the next meeting of Council.

Further to the report, Council was advised of the completion of a Memorandum of Understanding between the University and Ernst & Young, in relation to a range of collaborative activities regarding data analytics. Council also took note of the recent success of the University's Faculty of World Health Organization (WHO) Collaborating Centre for Nursing, Midwifery and Health Development, in being elected Secretariat of the Global Network of WHO Collaborating Centres. Council offered its congratulations to the Dean of the Faculty of Health, Professor John Daly, who will provide a faculty presentation following the Council meeting.

Council was advised that the University's Senior Management had taken note of a recent discussion paper released by the University of Sydney in relation to its undergraduate educational offerings.

*3.2 Strategic Briefing- Education and Students

COU/15-3/49

Council resolved to receive and note the report, as detailed in Document 3.2- *Strategic Briefing – Education and Students*.

Note for the record

Professor Shirley Alexander, Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Education and Students), spoke to this item, and provided a presentation to Council.

The presentation focussed on the current activities and future directions in the University's teaching and learning programs. Council was advised of the results of recent UTS and Australia-wide surveys of student experiences on campus, detailing

areas where UTS achieves above and below average. The Council was also briefed on strategies in place to improve graduate workplace success in a tight job market, including the continued roll-out of learning.futures, introduction of new transdisciplinary courses, and the plan to introduce an internship experience to all UTS students in the future. Council expressed their support for the future of teaching and learning at UTS as detailed in the report, and thanked the Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Education and Students) for her briefing.

4 CONFIDENTIAL ITEMS FOR APPROVAL AND NOTING

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

COU/15-3/50

Council resolved to:

Confidential.

4.2 Report from Commercial Activities Committee

COU/15-3/51

Council resolved to:

Confidential.

4.3 Report from Finance Committee

COU/15-3/52

Council resolved to:

Confidential.

***4.4 Report from Physical Infrastructure Committee**

COU/15-3/53

Council resolved to:

Confidential

***4.5 Report from Nominations Committee**

COU/15-3/54

Council resolved to:

Confidential.

5 ITEMS FOR APPROVAL

*5.1 Report from Academic Board

COU/15-3/55

Council resolved to:

- .1 receive and note the report of the Academic Board, as detailed in Document 5.1 – *Report from Academic Board*; and
- .2 approve that the award conferred upon [student name and number confidential] – Graduate Certificate in Trade Mark Law and Practice – on 22 March 2011 be rescinded.

Note for the record

The Chair of Academic Board spoke to this report and provided to Council a short presentation on the courses accreditation process. Council thanked the Chair for her helpful briefing on this academic matter.

5.2 Appointment of Student Ombud and Assistant Student Ombuds

COU/15-3/56

Council resolved to

- .1 receive and note the report, as detailed in Document 5.2 – *Appointment of Student Ombud and Assistant Student Ombuds* and its Attachment;
- .2 approve that the following nominee is appointed to the position of Student Ombud:
 - .a Dr Angela Dwyer from the Faculty of Law, for the term 11 January 2016 until 11 January 2018, with a possible one year extension.
- .3 approve that the following nominees are appointed to the position of Assistant Student Ombud:
 - .a Dr Layna Groen from the Faculty of Science, for the term 1 July 2015 until 1 July 2017 with a possible one year extension;
 - .b Ms Mai Hansford from the Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences, for the term 1 January 2016 until 1 January 2018 with a possible one year extension; and

- .c Associate Professor David Eager from the Faculty of Engineering and Information Technology, for the term 11 January 2016 until 11 January 2018 with a possible one year extension.

5.3 Change in Terms of Office of Honorary Awards Committee Members

COU/15-3/57

Council resolved to:

- .1 receive and note the report, as detailed in Document 5.3 – *Change in Terms of Office of Honorary Awards Committee Members*; and
- .2 approve the following Terms of Office for the elected academic staff members of Council on the Honorary Awards Committee:

Professor Andrew Jakubowicz	1 November 2014 to 30 November 2015
Professor Sally Varnham	1 December 2015 to 31 October 2016.

6 ITEMS FOR NOTING

6.1 Report from the Chancellor

COU/15-3/58

Council 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/15-3/59

Council resolved to note:

- .1 the action taken to affix the University Seal during the period 8 April 2015 to 10 June 2015 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 15 April to 10 June 2015 as described in Part A of Schedule 1 of Document 6.2.

6.3 Work Health and Safety Standing Report

COU/15-3/60

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

*6.4 Annual Work Health and Safety Report

COU/15-3/61

Council resolved to receive and note the report as detailed in Document 6.4 *Health and Safety Annual Report 2014* and its attachment.

Note for the record

The Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Corporate Services) spoke to this report. Council noted the highlights contained therein, including that the University experienced no incidents of serious harm and no WorkCover matters in 2014. Council also noted that while incident reporting has increased over the last year, injuries have decreased, which is an indication that training on both safe practices and incident reporting is having the desired effect. Council thanked the Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Corporate Services) for this annual briefing, and congratulated her for the results in 2014.

*6.5 Report from Social Justice Committee

COU/15-3/62

Council resolved to:

- .1 receive and note the report, as detailed in Document 6.5 – *Report from Social Justice Committee* and its Attachment; and
- .2 receive and note the *2014 UTS Social Justice Report*, as detailed in Attachment 2

Note for the record

The Chair of Social Justice Committee spoke to this report, noting the wide range of activities related to social justice that occur across the University. The Chair noted that the Equity and Diversity Unit is to be congratulated for its efforts particularly in matters such as recruitment of Indigenous students and staff. Further to this topic, Council requested that the Director of the Jumbunna Indigenous House of Learning provide a briefing to Council on activities in this area. The Chair thanked the Provost and the Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Education and Students), who shared responsibility for this portfolio area over 2014, for developing this report for Council.

6.6 Report from Student/Council Liaison Group

COU/15-3/63

Council resolved to receive and note the report from Student/Council Liaison Group, as detailed in Document 6.6 - *Student/Council Liaison Group*.

***6.7 Auditor General's 2015 Report to Parliament**

COU/15-3/64

Council resolved to receive and note the report, as detailed in Attachment 1 of Document 6.7 – *Auditor General's 2015 Report to Parliament*.

Note for the record

The Chair of the Audit and Risk Committee spoke to this report, and drew Council's attention to the usefulness of this document in situating the University's activities in the context of the sector as a whole.

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 12.15am

The 15/3 meeting of Council was followed by a presentation by Professor John Daly, Dean of the Faculty of Health.

SIGNED AS A TRUE RECORD

CHAIR

DATE