UNIVERSITY OF TECHNOLOGY SYDNEY

COUNCIL

Meeting 15/4 of the Council of the University of Technology Sydney held at 9.00am on Wednesday, 19 August 2015 in UTS Business School Boardroom, Level 12, Dr Chau Chak Wing Building, Ultimo Rd, Ultimo.

PRESENT: Professor Vicki Sara AO (Chancellor), Professor Attila Bruns (Vice-Chancellor), Mr Peter Bennett, Ms Micheline Collopy, Associate Professor Joanne Gray, Professor Andrew Jakubowicz, Mr Robert Kelly, Dr John Laker AO, Mr Aaron Ngan, Mr Michael Sexton SC, Dr Merilyn Sleigh, Mr Russell Taylor AM, Mr Tony Tobin, Professor Sally Varnham, Mr Daniel Willis, and Mr Brian Wilson.

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

APOLOGIES: Mr Abhishek Lounish and Dr Ron Sandland 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) (from Item 3.1.1).

- For Items 3.4 and 3.5: Mr Martin Hanlon (Director, Planning and Quality Unit) and Ms Lynne Blackbourn (Manager, Strategic Planning and Improvement, Planning and Quality Unit)

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

1 PROCEDURAL MATTERS

1.1 Welcome and Apologies

COU/15-4/65

Council noted the apologies received from Mr Abhishek Lounish and Dr Ron Sandland 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 welcomed Dr John Laker, AO, the new external member appointed by Council and Ms Elbreg Zwaan, the new Executive Officer to the UTS Council.

The Chancellor offered Council’s congratulations to Professor Andrew Jakubowicz, who was appointed to the NSW Government’s Multicultural NSW Advisory Board.

The Chancellor advised Council that as a consequence of the Vice-Chancellor having to attend a meeting with staff of the NSW Government in the afternoon of Wednesday 19 August, the Council Town Hall meeting was postponed to Wednesday 14 October 2015.

1.2 Declaration/Recording of Any Relevant Material Interests

COU/15-4/66

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

1.3 Starring of Recommendations for Discussion

COU/15-4/67

Council resolved to:

.1 star items 3.1, 3.1.1, 3.1.2, 3.2, 3.3, 3.4, 3.5, 4.2, 4.3, 4.3.1, 4.3.2, 4.6, 6.1 and 7.2.; and

.2 adopt the unstared recommendations.

2 MINUTES AND ACTIONS FROM PREVIOUS MEETING

2.1 Minutes of Meeting 15/3 (17 June 2015)

COU/15-4/68

Council resolved that the minutes of meeting 15/3 (17 June 2015) be confirmed and signed as a true record.
2.2 Actions Arising

COU/15-4/69

Council resolved to receive and note the Actions Arising list.

3 STRATEGIC ITEMS OF BUSINESS

*3.1 Report from the Vice-Chancellor

COU/15-4/70

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

**Note for the record**
The Vice-Chancellor advised Council that Belinda Robinson, Chief Executive Universities Australia met with the Vice-Chancellors to discuss the development of a Universities Australia paper on higher education and research and the value universities bring to industry and the workforce. Deregulation will not be advocated in the paper. The Group of Eight is pushing for 30 per cent of commonwealth grant scheme money to be redirected to a central competitive pool for research-intensive institutions. It was noted that the proposal moves away from integration of teaching and research, which is the core of university education, and that it does not guarantee funding in the long term.

Council was advised that the Vice-Chancellor participated in an International Education Roundtable, which was part of the process towards finalising Australia’s national strategy for international education. Participants also included Christopher Pyne, Julie Bishop and Ian Macfarlane.

It was further noted that the 2015 Academic Ranking of World Universities was released on 15 August by the Centre for World-Class Universities at Shanghai Jiao Tong University. Compared to last year, UTS remained ranked in the Top 300.

*3.1.1 Pathway Options

COU/15-4/71

Council resolved to:

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*3.1.2 Naming of a Proposed UTS Research Facility

COU/15-4/72

Council resolved to:

Confidential.

*3.2 Strategic Briefing – Research

COU/15-4/73

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

Note for the record
Professor Glenn Wightwick, Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Research), spoke to this item and Item 3.3 below, and provided a presentation to Council for both items.

The presentation focussed on the current research environment and informed Council of the progress towards targets related to publications and research income and research highlights. Council was advised of the Government’s focus on increasing the relevance of research and education to industry. The Council was also briefed on the position of UTS in the sector comparison on publications and research income.

Council thanked the Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Research) for his briefing.

*3.3 Research Strategy

COU/15-4/74

Council resolved to:

Confidential.

*3.4 Amended KPI Framework and Tier I KPIs

COU/15-4/75

Council resolved to:

Confidential.
*3.5 **Strategic Planning and Improvement Framework**

COU/15-4/76

Council resolved to:

Confidential.

4 **CONFIDENTIAL ITEMS FOR APPROVAL AND NOTING**

4.1 **Report from Commercial Activities Committee**

COU/15-4/77

Council resolved to:

Confidential.

*4.2 **Report from Governance Committee**

COU/15-4/78

Council resolved to:

Confidential.

4.3 **Report from Finance Committee**

COU/15-4/79

Council resolved to:

Confidential.

*4.3.1 **Long Term Finance Plan and Aligned 2015 Budget**

COU/15-4/80

Council resolved to:

Confidential.

*4.3.2 **Sydney Cricket Ground Trust Update**

COU/15-4/81
Council resolved to:
Confidential.

4.4 Report from Physical Infrastructure Committee

COU/15-4/82

Council resolved to:
Confidential.

4.5 Committee Membership

COU/15-4/83

Confidential.

*4.6 Report from Remuneration Committee

COU/15-4/84

Council resolved to:
Confidential.

5 ITEMS FOR APPROVAL

5.1 Report from Academic Board

COU/15-4/85

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 note the Statement of Principles for Setting the Academic Year Calendar, as detailed in Attachment 1, with effect from the 2016 Autumn teaching period;

.3 approve the addition to Section 4 of the Standing Delegations of Authority a new delegation regarding approval of academic year calendar principles and associated academic year dates, as detailed in Attachment 2; and

.4 approve the amendment to the UTS Student Rules, to have effect from the 2016 Autumn teaching period, as detailed in Attachment 3.
5.2 Council and Committee Meeting Dates for 2016

COU/15-4/86

Council resolved to:

.1 receive and note the report Council and Committee Meeting Dates for 2016, as detailed in Document 5.2 and Attachment 1;

.2 approve the 2016 UTS Council meetings dates, to be held at 9.00am on Wednesday:
16/1-17 February
16/2-13 April
16/3-15 June
16/4-17 August
16/5-12 October
16/6-30 November
Reserve Meeting 1-18 March
Reserve Meeting 2-21 December;

.3 note the Council members’ briefing (if required), be held on the following dates, commencing at 12.00 midday on:
16/1-12 February
16/2-8 April
16/3-10 June
16/4-12 August
16/5-7 October
16/6-25 November;

Reserve Meeting 1-14 March
Reserve Meeting 2-16 December

.4 note the Council members’ annual dinner function be held on Friday 2 December.

6 ITEMS FOR NOTING

*6.1 Report from the Chancellor

COU/15-4/87

Council to receive and note the report, as detailed in Document 6.1 – Report from the Chancellor.
This item was held in closed session with only Council members present.

The Chancellor advised Council that, after careful consideration, she has decided to resign as Chancellor following the February 2016 meeting. The Chancellor advised Council that she has written to the University Secretary (as Secretary to Council) to formally advise of her decision and requested him to prepare a paper for the October 2015 meeting (15/5) to advise Council on the process to seek and elect a new Chancellor.

The Chancellor advised that following the conclusion of the meeting she would meet with the Senior Executive to inform them of her decision. Following that, the University community, and other appropriate stakeholders, would be advised.

Council acknowledged the Chancellor’s outstanding contribution, and noted that there would be future opportunities for her contribution to be appropriately recognised and celebrated. Council expressed appreciation through acclamation.

6.2 Use of University Seal and Executive Action

COU/15-4/88

Council resolved to note:

.1 the action taken to affix the University Seal during the period 10 June 2015 to 12 August 2015 as described in Part A of Schedule 1 of Document 6.2; and

.2 the Executive Actions undertaken on behalf of Council during the period 17 June 2015 to 12 August 2015 as described in Part B of Schedule 1 of Document 6.2.

6.3 Work Health and Safety Standing Report

COU/15-4/89


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 1.10pm
SIGNED AS A TRUE RECORD

CHAIR

DATE