

UNIVERSITY OF TECHNOLOGY SYDNEY

COUNCIL

Meeting 15/5 of the Council of the University of Technology Sydney held at 9.00am on Wednesday, 14 October 2015 in UTS Business School Boardroom, Level 12, Dr Chau Chak Wing Building, Ultimo Rd, Ultimo.

PRESENT: Professor Vicki Sara AO (Chancellor), Professor Attila Brungs (Vice-Chancellor), Mr Peter Bennett, Associate Professor Joanne Gray, Professor Andrew Jakubowicz, Mr Robert Kelly, Dr John Laker AO, Mr Abhishek Loumish, Mr Aaron Ngan, Dr Ron Sandland AM, Mr Michael Sexton SC, Dr Merylyn Sleigh, 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: Ms Michelene Collopy, Mr Russell Taylor AM and Mr Tony Tobin.

IN ATTENDANCE: 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), Ms Michelle Callen (Executive Manager, Strategy and Communications, Office of the Vice-Chancellor) and Ms Robin Szabo (Senior Governance Support Officer)

- For Item 3.2: Mr Martin Hanlon (Director, Planning and Quality Unit) and Ms Lynne Blackburn (Manager, Strategic Planning and Improvement, Planning and Quality Unit)
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Items are recorded in the order they appear on the agenda.

1 PROCEDURAL MATTERS

1.1 Welcome and Apologies

COU/15-5/90

Council noted the apologies received from Ms Michelene Collopy, Mr Russell Taylor AM and Mr Tony Tobin, and resolved that they be excused for their absence.

Note for the record

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

It was noted that the following papers were tabled and starred for discussion:

- 3.1.1 – Naming of a Proposed Animation Educational Program
- 4.5 – Chancellor Succession

1.2 Declaration/Recording of Any Relevant Material Interests

COU/15-5/91

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

1.3 Starring of Recommendations for Discussion

COU/15-5/92

Council resolved to:

- .1 star items 3.1, 3.1.1, 3.2, 3.3, 4.4, 4.5 and 5.1; and
- .2 adopt the unstarred recommendations.

2 MINUTES AND ACTIONS FROM PREVIOUS MEETING

2.1 Minutes of Meeting 15/4 (19 August 2015)

COU/15-5/93

Council resolved that the minutes of meeting 15/4 (19 August 2015) be confirmed and signed as a true record.

2.2 Actions Arising

COU/15-5/94

Council resolved to receive and note the Actions Arising list.

3 STRATEGIC ITEMS OF BUSINESS

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

COU/15-5/95

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 highlighted aspects of his report, including the positive aspects of recent developments in both Federal and State Government and the focus on innovation.

Council was advised of the continued improvement by UTS in the QS World and Times Higher Education World University Rankings, in which UTS is nearing the top 200.

The Vice-Chancellor highlighted the extensive work undertaken by UTS to support its holistic approach and commitment to environmental sustainability through the alignment of its policies, buildings, teaching and research. Council was advised that progress was being made with the development of a responsible investment policy and that both staff and students were being consulted as part of the process. The Finance Committee will receive an update on its development at its November meeting.

The Vice-Chancellor also advised Council that Professor Mary-Anne Williams (FEIT) had been made a Fellow of the Australian Academy of Technological Sciences and Engineering and noted the ability of UTS to effect change via its brilliant academics.

***3.1.1 Naming of a Proposed Animation Educational Program**

COU/15-5/96

Council resolved to:

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***3.2 Amended KPI Framework and Tier I KPIs – Part 2**

COU/15-5/97

Council resolved to:

Confidential

***3.3 Strategic Briefing – Corporate Services**

COU/15-5/98

Council resolved to receive and note the report, as detailed in Document 3.3 – *Strategic Briefing – Corporate Services*.

Note for the record

Ms Anne Dwyer, Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Corporate Services), spoke to this item, and provided a presentation to Council.

The presentation focussed on the foundations established and achievements made against strategic objectives, including the development of leadership skills and

management for performance. Issues including workforce sustainability, staff retention, marketing transformation and brand strategy were highlighted. Council was advised of the success of the recent UTS Open Day with 22,000 attendees, a significant increase from the previous year's figure of 18,000.

Future initiatives and challenges such as IT security, complexity of the corporate services environment and aging of some IT systems were also discussed.

Council thanked the Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Corporate Services) for her briefing.

4 CONFIDENTIAL ITEMS FOR APPROVAL AND NOTING

4.1 Report from Audit and Risk Committee

COU/15-5/99

Council resolved to:

Confidential

4.2 Report from Commercial Activities Committee

COU/15-5/100

Council resolved to:

Confidential

4.3 Report from Finance Committee

COU/15-5/101

Council resolved to:

Confidential

***4.4 Report from Physical Infrastructure Committee**

COU/15-5/102

Council resolved to:

Confidential

***4.5 Chancellor Succession**

COU/15-5/103

Council resolved to:

Confidential

5 ITEMS FOR APPROVAL

***5.1 Report from Academic Board**

COU/15-5/104

Council resolved to:

- .1 receive and note the report as detailed in Document 5.1 – *Report from Academic Board* and its attachments;
- .2 approve the amendments to the UTS Student Rules, as detailed in **Attachment 1**;
- .3 note the Vice-Chancellor’s 2014 Annual Report on Student Misconduct Matters, as detailed in **Attachment 2**.
- .4 note the Vice-Chancellor’s 2013 Annual Report on Student Misconduct Matters, as detailed in **Attachment 3**.

Note for the record

The Chair, Academic Board presented the report and highlighted the positive developments in the UTS Governance Instruments Review. Council was advised of the Annual Academic Board Forum to be held on 21 October 2015, which will focus on work-integrated learning and provide an excellent opportunity for discussion.

6 ITEMS FOR NOTING

6.1 Report from the Chancellor

COU/15-5/105

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/15-5/106

Council resolved to:

- .1 note that no action was taken to affix the University Seal during the period 12 August 2015 to 7 October 2015 as described in Part A of Schedule 1 of Document 6.2; and
- .2 note the Executive Actions undertaken on behalf of Council during the period 12 August 2015 to 7 October 2015 as described in Part B of Schedule 1 of Document 6.2.

6.3 Work Health and Safety Standing Report

COU/15-5/107

Council resolved to receive and note the report as detailed in Document 6.3 – *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 12.45pm.

The 15/5 meeting of Council was followed by a presentation by Professor Desley Luscombe, Dean of the Faculty of Design, Architecture and Building.

The Annual Council Town Hall Meeting followed the presentation.

SIGNED AS A TRUE RECORD

CHAIR

DATE