

UNIVERSITY OF TECHNOLOGY SYDNEY

COUNCIL

Meeting 15/6 of the Council of the University of Technology Sydney held at 8.30am on Wednesday, 25 November 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, Ms Michelene Collopy, Associate Professor Joanne Gray, Professor Andrew Jakubowicz, Mr Robert Kelly, Mr Abhishek Loumish, Mr Aaron Ngan, Dr Ron Sandland AM, Mr Michael Sexton SC, Dr Marilyn Sleigh, Mr Tony Tobin, Mr Daniel Willis, and Mr Brian Wilson.

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

APOLOGIES: Dr John Laker AO, Mr Russell Taylor AM and Professor Sally Varnham.

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) and Mr Richard Birrell (Manager, Policy and Secretariat, Governance Support Unit)

- For items to 3.5 - Ms Michelle Callen (Executive Manager, Strategy and Communications, Office of the Vice-Chancellor)
 - For Items 3.4 and 3.5 Ms Sharon Allen (Manager, Strategic Finance, Financial Services Unit)
 - For Item 3.9 Mr Martin Hanlon (Director, 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/15-6/108

Council noted the apologies received from Mr John Laker AO, Mr Russell Taylor AM and Professor Sally Varnham, 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 – Pathways Options update
- 4.7 – Chancellor Succession

1.2 Declaration/Recording of Any Relevant Material Interests

COU/15-6/109

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

1.3 Starring of Recommendations for Discussion

COU/15-6/110

Council resolved to:

- .1 star items 3.1, 3.1.1, 3.1.2, 3.2, 3.3, 3.4, 3.5, 3.6, 3.7, 3.8, 3.9, 4.2, 4.3, 4.4, 4.6 and 4.7; and
- .2 adopt the unstarred recommendations.

2 MINUTES AND ACTIONS FROM PREVIOUS MEETING

2.1 Minutes of Meeting 15/5 (14 October 2015)

COU/15-6/111

Council resolved that the minutes of meeting 15/5 (14 October 2015) be confirmed and signed as a true record.

2.2 Actions Arising

COU/15-6/112

Council resolved to receive and note the Actions Arising list.

3 STRATEGIC ITEMS OF BUSINESS

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

COU/15-6/113

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 University's outstanding performance in the QS World University Rankings where UTS moved from 21st to 14th place globally for Universities under 50 years old.

Council was advised that following completion of the three major buildings in 2015, UTS has won a number of awards across each for construction, architecture and sustainability.

Council was further advised of the appointments of Professors Elizabeth Sullivan and Greg Skilbeck each to the position of Assistant Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Research), where they will play a vital role in implementing the UTS 2015-2020 Research Strategy.

***3.1.1 Pathway Options update**

COU/15-6/114

Council resolved to:

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***3.1.2 Strategy update – scene setter for items 3.2, 3.3 & 3.4**

COU/15-6/115

Council resolved to:

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***3.2 Academic Growth**

COU/15-6/116

Council resolved to:

Confidential

***3.3 Campus Master Plan**

COU/15-6/117

Council resolved to:

Confidential

***3.4 Long Term Finance Plan**

COU/15-6/118

Council resolved to:

Confidential

***3.5 2016 Budget**

COU/15-6/119

Council resolved to:

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***3.6 Strategic Briefing – DVC (International and Advancement)**

COU/15-6/120

Council to receive and note the report as detailed in Document 3.6 - *Strategic Briefing-DVC (International and Advancement)*

Note for the record

Professor William Purcell, Deputy Vice-Chancellor (International and Advancement), spoke to this item, focussing on the major responsibilities, achievements and challenges in the UTS International and Advancement portfolio. He advised that all of the International and Advancement KPIs had been met with record revenue, enrolment and commencement numbers for International students in 2015.

Professor Purcell highlighted the newly established UTS Corporate Relations Centre, which will be a one-stop-shop for managing and providing support for UTS Strategic Corporate Partnerships. He also drew Council's attention to the continued success of 2SER and that it is the largest provider of internships at UTS.

The Chancellor, on behalf of Council, thanked the Deputy Vice-Chancellor (International and Advancement) for his report and presentation and congratulated him and his team on their achievements.

***3.7 UTS Student Load Report for 2015, as at 1 September 2015**

COU/15-6/121

Council resolved to

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***3.8 Preliminary Report on 2016 Student Applications, as at end of October 2015**

COU/15-6/122

Council resolved to:

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***3.9 Preliminary Performance Report for 2016**

COU/15-6/123

Council resolved to:

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4 CONFIDENTIAL ITEMS FOR APPROVAL AND NOTING

4.1 Report from Audit and Risk Committee

COU/15-6/124

Council resolved to:

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***4.2 Report from Commercial Activities Committee**

COU/15-6/125

Council resolved to:

Confidential

***4.3 Report from Finance Committee**

COU/15-6/126

Council resolved to:

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***4.4 Report from Governance Committee**

COU/15-6/127

Council resolved to:

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4.5 Report from Physical Infrastructure Committee

COU/15-6/128

Council resolved to:

Confidential

***4.6 Report from Honorary Awards Committee**

COU/15-6/129

Council resolved to:

Confidential

***4.7 Chancellor Succession**

COU/15-6/130

Council resolved to:

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5 ITEMS FOR APPROVAL

5.1 Report from Academic Board

COU/15-6/131

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 rescission of the award Graduate Certificate in Intellectual Property, conferred upon [REDACTED] on 17 March 2015;
- .3 approve the Defence Trade Controls Compliance Policy, as detailed in Attachment 1; and
- .4 note the Report on Late Conferrals and Corrections to Awards Spring session 2015, as detailed in Attachment 2.

6 ITEMS FOR NOTING

6.1 Report from the Chancellor

COU/15-6/132

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/15-6/133

Council resolved to:

- .1 note the action taken to affix the University Seal during the period 7 October 2015 to 18 November 2015 as described in Part A of Schedule 1 of Document 6.2; and
- .2 note the Executive Action undertaken on behalf of Council during the period 7 October 2015 to 18 November 2015 as described in Part A of Schedule 1 of Document 6.2.

6.3 Work Health and Safety Standing Report

COU/15-6/134

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

6.4 Report from Social Justice Committee

COU/15-6/135

Council resolved to receive and note the report, as detailed in Document 6.4 – *Report from Social Justice Committee*.

7 ITEMS OF GENERAL BUSINESS

7.1 Matters for further discussion arising from reports

7.2 Other Business (at Council's discretion)

A matter related to research strengths was raised and Council was advised that as this was a management issue, it would be taken up outside the meeting. Progress would be reported to Council, as appropriate, during 2016.

There being no other business the meeting ended at 1.28pm.

SIGNED AS A TRUE RECORD

CHAIR

DATE