

## UNIVERSITY OF TECHNOLOGY SYDNEY

### COUNCIL

Meeting 16/1 of the Council of the University of Technology Sydney held at 9.00am on Wednesday, 17 February 2016 in UTS Business School Boardroom, Level 12, Dr Chau Chak Wing Building, Ultimo Rd, Ultimo.

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**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, Dr John Laker AO, Mr Aaron Ngan, Dr Ron Sandland AM, Dr Marilyn Sleigh, Mr Russell Taylor AM, 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:** Mr Michael Sexton SC 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), Mr Patrick Woods (Deputy Vice-Chancellor, Resources)

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

## 1 PROCEDURAL MATTERS

### 1.1 Welcome and Apologies

#### COU/16-1/1

Council noted the apologies received from Mr Michael Sexton SC 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.

Council was advised that as Mr Abhishek Loumish had successfully completed his studies he was no longer eligible for Council membership and that the University Secretary was investigating options for another postgraduate student representative.

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

4.5 – Report from Remuneration Committee

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

**COU/16-1/2**

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

**1.3 Starring of Recommendations for Discussion**

**COU/16-1/3**

Council resolved to:

- .1 star items 3.1, 3.1.1, 3.2, 3.2.1, 4.2, 4.5; and 6.2.
- .2 adopt the unstarred recommendations.

**2 MINUTES AND ACTIONS FROM PREVIOUS MEETING**

**2.1 Minutes of Meeting 15/6 (25 November 2015)**

**COU/16-1/4**

Council resolved that the minutes of meeting 15/6 (25 November 2015) be confirmed and signed as a true record.

**2.2 Actions Arising**

**COU/16-1/5**

Council resolved to receive and note the Actions Arising list.

**3 STRATEGIC ITEMS OF BUSINESS**

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

**COU/16-1/6**

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 details of the Watt Review of Research Policy and Funding Arrangements which contains recommendations for radical changes to Australia's research infrastructure support system.

Council was advised that a revised approach to research block grants had been announced as part of the National Innovation and Science Agenda.

Council was further advised of recent discussions concerning the White Bay Precinct and Powerhouse options and that current media reports about ATAR admissions would be addressed by the Provost in item 3.2.1 of the agenda.

**\*3.1.1 Strategic Priorities for 2016**

**COU/16-1/7**

Council resolved to:

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**\*3.2 Interim Report on Student Admission**

**COU/16-1/8**

Council resolved to:

Confidential

**\*3.2.1 Report on ATAR Basis for Admission**

**COU/16-1/9**

Council resolved to:

Confidential

**4 CONFIDENTIAL ITEMS FOR APPROVAL AND NOTING**

**4.1 Report from Commercial Activities Committee**

**COU/16-1/10**

Council resolved to:

Confidential

**\*4.2 Report from Physical Infrastructure Committee**

**COU/16-1/11**

Council resolved to:

Confidential

#### **4.3 Report from Finance Committee**

**COU/16-1/12**

Council resolved to:

Confidential

#### **4.4 Report from Governance Committee**

**COU/16-1/13**

Council resolved to:

Confidential

#### **\*4.5 Report from Remuneration Committee**

**COU/16-1/14**

Council resolved to:

Confidential

### **5 ITEMS FOR APPROVAL**

**Nil**

### **6 ITEMS FOR NOTING**

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

**COU/16-1/15**

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

#### **\*6.2 Academic Board 2015 Annual Report**

**COU/16-1/16**

Council resolved to receive and note the report, as detailed in Document 6.2 – *Academic Board 2015 Annual Report*.

#### **Note for record**

The Chair, Academic Board presented the report and highlighted key achievements and outcomes for 2015. Council noted the successful forum on work-integrated learning and strong engagement from committees. Council was advised that in 2016 a review of the Academic Board and its committees would include reference to the new TEQSA Threshold Standards.

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

#### **COU/16-1/17**

Council resolved to:

- .1 note the action taken to affix the University Seal during the period 18 November 2015 to 10 February 2016 as described in Part A of Schedule 1 of Document 6.3; and
- .2 note the Executive Action undertaken on behalf of Council during the period 18 November 2015 to 10 February 2016 as described in Part B of Schedule 1 of Document 6.3.

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

#### **COU/16-1/18**

Council resolved to receive and note the report as detailed in Document 6.4 – *Health and Safety Standing Report to Council*.

### **6.5 Annual Report on Declaration of Interest Procedure**

#### **COU/16-1/19**

Council resolved to receive and note the report, as detailed in Document 6.5 – *Annual Report on Declaration of Interest Procedure*.

## **7 ITEMS OF GENERAL BUSINESS**

### **7.1 Matters for further discussion arising from reports**

### **7.2 Other Business (at Council's discretion)**

#### **7.2.1 Acknowledgment of Retiring Chancellor**

##### **COU 16-1/20**

Council resolved to record with acclamation its great appreciation and gratitude to Professor Vicki Sara, AO for her outstanding service as UTS Chancellor. Council acknowledged the enormous contribution made to UTS and to Council by Professor Sara. All members present at the meeting individually paid tribute to Professor Sara's exemplary leadership of Council and the support she has provided to Council members in discharging their responsibilities.

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

Council's decision to approve the conferral of the title of "Emeritus Professor" to Professor Vicki Sara, AO was announced.

*There being no other business the meeting ended at 12.40pm.*

*The 16/1 meeting of Council was followed by a presentation by the Director, Jumbunna Indigenous House of Learning, Professor Michael McDaniel.*