

UNIVERSITY OF TECHNOLOGY SYDNEY

COUNCIL

Meeting 16/2 of the Council of the University of Technology Sydney held at 9.00am on Wednesday, 13 April 2016 in UTS Business School Boardroom, Level 12, Dr Chau Chak Wing Building, Ultimo Rd, Ultimo.

PRESENT: Mr Brian Wilson (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, Mr Michael Sexton SC, Dr Merylyn Sleigh, Mr Russell Taylor AM, Mr Tony Tobin, Professor Sally Varnham and Mr Daniel Willis.

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

APOLOGIES: Nil

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).

- For items 3.2 to 3.5 - Mr Martin Hanlon (Director, Planning and Quality Unit)
- For Item 4.2 – Mr Nigel Oliver (Director, Program Management Office) and Mr Richard Francis-Jones, (Francis-Jones, Morehen Thorp)

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

1 PROCEDURAL MATTERS

1.1 Welcome and Apologies

COU/16-2/21

Council noted that there were no apologies.

Note for the record

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

Council was advised that several options had been explored to locate a postgraduate student representative for Council Membership. However, none of the candidates were eligible for the position. Given the time it would take to fill the position and remaining

council meeting dates before the next scheduled election date, it was agreed to hold the vacancy open until the October election.

1.2 Declaration/Recording of Any Relevant Material Interests

COU/16-2/22

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

1.3 Starring of Recommendations for Discussion

COU/16-2/23

Council resolved to:

- .1 star items 3.1, 3.2, 3.3, 3.4, 3.5, 3.6, 4.1, 4.2, 4.4, 4.5, and 6.5.
- .2 adopt the unstarred recommendations.

Note for the record

The Chancellor advised Council on the new approach to council papers. Where Council is asked to make a decision, all papers that went to the Committee would be provided, however, where Council is asked to receive and note matters, a summary report without attachments may suffice. Draft Committee Meeting minutes will no longer be provided, however, any documents or information not provided would be available to Members upon request. The University Secretary undertook to investigate options for making this additional documentation available online as part of the current project considering new software in the provision of electronic papers.

2 MINUTES AND ACTIONS FROM PREVIOUS MEETINGS

2.1 Minutes of Meeting 16/1 (17 February 2016)

COU/16-2/24

Council resolved that the minutes of meeting 16/1 (17 February 2016) be confirmed and signed as a true record.

2.1.1 Additional Minute of Meeting 15/5 (14 October 2015)

COU/16-2/25

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

2.2 Actions Arising

COU/16-2/26

Council resolved to receive and note the Actions Arising list.

3 STRATEGIC ITEMS OF BUSINESS

*3.1 Report from the Vice-Chancellor

COU/16-2/27

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 appointment of the new Dean of Design, Architecture and Building, Professor Elizabeth Mossop; awards and recognition gained by UTS students and graduates and the launch of the University's new and innovative MBA in Entrepreneurship. The Vice-Chancellor also advised Council that the social science research theme across the Faculty of Arts and Social Science (FASS) and UTS would be included in the presentation by the Dean of FASS following the Council meeting.

Council was advised that UTS had joined a large Universities Australia campaign (*Respect. Now. Always*) to ensure that students and staff are safe from sexual assault and sexual harassment.

Council was also informed of the Vice-Chancellor's meeting with the Hon. Simon Birmingham, Minister for Education and Training and the recent Universities Australia Conference.

*3.2 Final UTS Performance Report for 2015

COU/16-2/28

Council resolved to:

Confidential

*3.3 Update on Student Load for 2016

COU/16-2/29

Council resolved to:

Confidential

***3.4 Report on 2016 HDR Applications and Enrolments**

COU/16-2/30

Council resolved to:

Confidential

***3.5 Proposed UTS Tier I KPI Targets for 2016**

COU/16-2/31

Council resolved to:

Confidential

***3.6 UTS Sports Precinct**

COU/16-2/32

Council resolved to:

Confidential

4 CONFIDENTIAL ITEMS FOR APPROVAL AND NOTING

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

COU/16-2/33

Council resolved to:

Confidential

***4.2 Report from Physical Infrastructure Committee**

COU/16-2/34

Council resolved to:

Confidential

4.3 Report from Commercial Activities Committee

COU/16-2/35

Council resolved to:

Confidential

***4.4 Report from Governance Committee**

COU/16-2/36

Council resolved to:

Confidential

***4.5 Report from Finance Committee**

COU/16-2/37

Council resolved to:

Confidential

4.6 Committee Composition

COU/16-2/38

Council resolved to:

Confidential

5 ITEMS FOR APPROVAL

Nil

6 ITEMS FOR NOTING

6.1 Report from the Chancellor

COU/16-2/39

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

6.2 Report from Academic Board

COU/16-2/40

Council resolved to:

- .1 receive and note the report as detailed in Document 6.2 – *Report from Academic Board* and its attachments, and
- .2 approve amendments to Student Rule 9.3, as detailed in Attachment 1 to Document 6.2 – *Report from Academic Board*.

6.3 Use of University Seal and Executive Action

COU/16-2/41

Council resolved to:

- .1 note the action taken to affix the University Seal during the period 10 February 2016 to 6 April 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 10 February 2016 to 6 April 2016 as described in Part B of Schedule 1 of Document 6.3.

6.4 Health and Safety Standing Report

COU/16-2/42

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

*6.5 Safety and Wellbeing Annual Report 2015

COU/16-2/43

Council to receive and note the report, as detailed in Document 6.5 – *Safety and Wellbeing Annual Report 2015*

Note for Record

The Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Corporate Services) spoke to this report.

The Chancellor advised of his request that in addition to the Annual Report, at least one other Health and Safety standing report item would be starred during the year. Council noted that there had been good outcomes following changes to the University's workers compensation arrangements. Premiums had been reduced and if UTS continues to demonstrate strong management and performance, there will be significant savings.

Council was further advised that trends and training were good and showed considerable improvements. The Health and Safety due diligence framework will

include a focus on safety of people offshore, mental health and the development of more training

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 11.57am.

The 16/2 meeting of Council was followed by a presentation by the Dean, Faculty of Arts and Social Science, Professor Mary Spongberg.

Following the presentation, Council Members were invited to tour the new FASS research facilities.