

UNIVERSITY OF TECHNOLOGY SYDNEY

COUNCIL

Meeting 16/4 of the Council of the University of Technology Sydney held at 9.00am on Wednesday, 17 August 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 Sleight, Mr Tony Tobin, Professor Sally Varnham and Mr Daniel Willis.

Mr William Paterson (University Secretary) and Ms Deborah Crook (Governance Support Unit).

APOLOGIES: Mr Russell Taylor AM.

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).

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

1 PROCEDURAL MATTERS

1.1 Welcome and Apologies

COU/16-4/68

Council noted the apologies received from Mr Russell Taylor AM and resolved that he be excused for his absence.

Note for the record

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

1.2 Declaration/Recording of Any Relevant Material Interests

COU/16-4/69

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

1.3 Starring of Recommendations for Discussion

COU/16-4/70

Council resolved to:

- .1 star items 2.2, 3.1, 3.1.1 (Tabled) 3.2, 3.3, 4.2, 4.5 (Tabled), 4.6 (Tabled) and 6.6;
and
- .2 adopt the unstarred recommendations.

2 MINUTES AND ACTIONS FROM PREVIOUS MEETING

2.1 Minutes of Meeting 16/3 (15 June 2016)

COU/16-4/71

Council resolved that the minutes of meeting 16/3 (15 June 2016) be confirmed and signed as a true record.

2.2 Actions Arising

COU/16-4/72

Council resolved to note the Actions Arising list.

Note for the record

DVC Resources provided a short presentation regarding the proposal of Greenhouse Gas Emission (GHGE) metrics. GHGE targets are measured in tonnes with UTS planning to reduce these by 30% by 2020. This measurement does not reflect growth in student numbers or footprint of expansion. Whilst UTS will still continue to use the gross measurement to track emissions, a more useful metric incorporating intensity is GHGE/m². It is proposed that this measure will also be reported upon.

3 STRATEGIC ITEMS OF BUSINESS

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

COU/16-4/73

Council resolved to:

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*** 3.1.1 Supplementary Report from Vice-Chancellor**

COU/16-4/74

Council resolved to:

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***3.2 Strategic Briefing – Research**

COU/16-4/75

Council resolved to:

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***3.3 New Faculty**

COU/16-4/76

Council resolved to:

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4 CONFIDENTIAL ITEMS FOR APPROVAL AND NOTING

4.1 Report from Commercial Activities Committee

COU/16-4/77

Council resolved to:

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4.2 Report from Governance Committee

COU/16-4/78

Council resolved to:

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4.3 Report from Finance Committee

COU/16-4/79

Council resolved to:

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4.4 Report from Physical Infrastructure Committee

COU/16-4/80

Council resolved to:

Confidential

***4.5 Report from Nominations Committee**

COU/16-4/81

Council resolved to:

Confidential

***4.6 Report of Remuneration Committee**

COU/16-4/82

Council resolved to:

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5 ITEMS FOR APPROVAL

5.1 Appointment to ActivateUTS Board and Insearch Ltd Board

COU/16-4/83

Council resolved to:

- .1 receive and note Document 5.1 - *Appointments to ActivateUTS Board and Insearch Ltd Board*;
- .2 approve the appointment of Mr Peter Bennett to the Insearch Limited Board, for a 2 year period, with effect from 1 November 2016 to 31 October 2018;
- .3 note that in accordance with the “ActivateUTS – Decision Making Outline” approved by Council in February 2016 (COU/16-1/13.4) Professor Shirley Alexander has recommended the reappointment of Associate Professor Prabhu Sivabalan as Treasurer to the ActivateUTS Board;
- .4 approve in accordance with the “ActivateUTS – Decision Making Outline” and clause 16.3 of the ActivateUTS Constitution, the appointment of Associate Professor Prabhu Sivabalan to the ActivateUTS Board as Treasurer, for a 2 year period, with effect from 1 August 2016 to 31 July 2018;
- .5 note that although the “ActivateUTS – Decision Making Outline” provides authority to the University Secretary to approve appointment of Staff Directors

to the ActivateUTS Board, the University Secretary is already serving as a Staff Director which creates a potential conflict of interest in appointing another Staff Director, and therefore Council is to be requested to approve a Staff Director appointment; and

- .6 approve the appointment of Ms Jacqui Wise to the ActivateUTS Board as Staff Director, in accordance with clause 8.2.1 of the ActivateUTS constitution, for a 2 year period, with effect from 7 October 2016 to 6 October 2018.

Note for the record

Mr Peter Bennett was not in attendance for this Item.

6 ITEMS FOR NOTING

6.1 Report from the Chancellor

COU/16-4/84

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

6.2 University Seal and Executive Actions

COU/16-4/85

Council resolved to note:

- .1 the action undertaken to affix the University Seal during the period 9 June 2016 to 12 August 2016 as described in Part A of Schedule 1 of Document 6.2; and
- .2 the Executive Action undertaken on behalf of Council during the period 9 June 2016 to 12 August 2016 as described in Part B of Schedule 1 of Document 6.2.

6.3 Report from Academic Board

COU/16-4/86

Council resolved to:

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6.4 Report from Student/Council Liaison Group

COU/16-4/87

Council to receive and note the report as detailed in Document 6.4 – *Report from the Student/Council Liaison Group*.

6.5 Health and Safety Standing Report

COU/16-4/88

Council resolved to receive and note the report as detailed in Document 6.5 – *Health and Safety Standing Report to Council*.

***6.6 Student Participation in University Decision Making**

COU/16-4/89

Council resolved to receive and note the presentation provided by Professor Sally Varnham regarding Student Participation in University Decision Making.

Note for the record

Professor Sally Varnham has been awarded an Office for Learning and Teaching Senior National Teaching Fellowship to undertake a sector-wide collaboration aimed at developing principles and a national framework for student engagement in Australian universities. Council was updated on the content and progress of the project.

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ITEMS OF GENERAL BUSINESS

7.1 Matters for further discussion arising from reports

There were no matters for further discussion.

7.2 Other Business (at Council's discretion)

There being no other business the meeting ended at 12 pm.

The 16/4 meeting of Council was followed by the Annual Town Hall Meeting.