

UNIVERSITY OF TECHNOLOGY SYDNEY

COUNCIL

Meeting 16/5 of the Council of the University of Technology Sydney held at 9.00am on Wednesday, 12 October 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 Marilyn Sleigh, Mr Russell Taylor AM, Mr Tony Tobin, Professor Sally Varnham and Mr Daniel Willis.

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

APOLOGIES:

IN ATTENDANCE: Professor Peter Booth (Provost), Professor Shirley Alexander (Deputy Vice-Chancellor, Education and Students), 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).

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

1 PROCEDURAL MATTERS

1.1 Welcome and Apologies

COU/16-5/90

Council noted there were no apologies received.

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/16-5/91

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

1.3 Starring of Recommendations for Discussion

COU/16-5/92

Council resolved to:

- .1 star items 2.1, 3.1, 3.2, 4.5, 6.3, 6.4 and 6.6; and
- .2 adopt the unstarred recommendations.

2 MINUTES AND ACTIONS FROM PREVIOUS MEETING

*** 2.1 Minutes of Meeting 16/4 (17 August 2016)**

COU/16-5/93

Council resolved that, with the amendments discussed, the minutes of meeting 16/4 (17 August 2016) be confirmed and signed as a true record.

2.2 Actions Arising

COU/16-5/94

Council resolved to note the Actions Arising list.

3 STRATEGIC ITEMS OF BUSINESS

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

COU/16-5/95

Council resolved to:

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***3.2 Strategic Briefing – Corporate Services**

COU/16-5/96

Council resolved to:

Confidential

4 CONFIDENTIAL ITEMS FOR APPROVAL AND NOTING

4.1 Report from Audit and Risk Committee

COU/16-5/97

Council resolved to:

Confidential

4.2 Report from Commercial Activities Committee

COU/16-5/98

Council resolved to:

Confidential

4.3 Report from Finance Committee

COU/16-5/99

Council resolved to:

Confidential

4.4 Report from Physical Infrastructure Committee

COU/16-5/100

Council resolved to:

Confidential

***4.5 Appointment of Chairs and Committee Members**

COU/16-5/101

Council resolved to:

Confidential

5 ITEMS FOR APPROVAL

5.1 Extension of Appointment to Insearch Ltd Board

COU/16-5/102

Council resolved to:

- .1 receive and note the report as detailed in Document 5.1 – *Extension of Insearch Limited Director’s Term*; and
- .2 approve the extension of the end date of term as an Insearch Limited Director of Mr Jon Hutchison AM from 26 November 2016 to 27 November 2017.

6 ITEMS FOR NOTING

6.1 Report from the Chancellor

COU/16-5/103

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

6.2 University Seal and Executive Actions

COU/16-5/104

Council resolved to note:

- .1 the action undertaken to affix the University Seal during the period 13 August 2016 to 5 October 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 13 August 2016 to 5 October 2016 as described in Part B of Schedule 1 of Document 6.2.

***6.3 Election of Deputy Chancellor and Pro-Chancellors**

COU/16-5/105

Council resolved to receive and note the report Document 6.3 - *Notice of Election of Deputy Chancellor and Pro-Chancellors*.

***6.4 Report from Academic Board**

COU/16-5/106

Council resolved to:

- .1 receive and note the report as detailed in Document 6.4 – *Report from Academic Board* and its attachments;
- .2 approve, with a date of effect of 1 November 2016, amendments to Student Rules 5.3.3 and 7.5 as detailed in **Attachment 2**;
- .3 approve the amendments to the UTS Student Charter, as detailed in **Attachment 3**; and
- .4 note the 2015 Annual Report on Student Misconduct Matters, as detailed in **Attachment 4**.

Note for the Record

The Chair, Academic Board, updated Council on the Academic Board review process currently underway, anticipating completion mid to late December 2016, with findings reported to Council in 2017. Feedback and input from Council will be sought later in 2016.

Council was updated on data relating to student misconduct and the way in which cases are defined and managed.

As the election for the Chair of Academic Board is in progress, the Chancellor took the opportunity to thank Associate Professor Joanne Gray for her contribution both to Academic Board and Council.

6.5 Report from Student/Council Liaison Group

COU/16-5/107

Council resolved to receive and note the report as detailed in Document 6.5– *Report from the Student/Council Liaison Group*.

***6.6 Health and Safety Standing Report**

COU/16-5/108

Council resolved to receive and note the report as detailed in Document 6.6 – *Health and Safety Standing Report to Council*.

Note for the Record

The Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Corporate Services) spoke to this item. Data indicates an increase in staff completion of Health and Safety training and increase in reporting of incidents, indicating an overall increase in awareness. Engineering and Science faculties now have dedicated Health and Safety Officers.

7 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)

COU/16-5/109

The Chancellor thanked each of the outgoing Council members, being Mr Michael Sexton SC, Professor Andrew Jakubowicz and Mr Aaron Ngan, for their support, insight and generosity over their terms as members of Council.

Members of the UTS Governance Unit and Council attended the recent National Conference on University Governance.

Mr Bijay Sapkota, incoming elected Undergraduate Student Member of Council, has won the prestigious award of "2016 NSW International Student of the Year". It was also noted that Mr Sapkota is an Alumni of Insearch Ltd.

Council was reminded that the 30 November 2016 meeting of Council will include; a brief report on the Delegations review undertaken by the Governance Support Unit; UTS Budget and Long Term Finance Plan; and at 3pm, the unveiling of the Vicki Sara Building. The incoming Chancellor, Ms. Catherine Livingstone AO, will be in attendance as an observer at the meeting.

The Chancellor thanked Members for their attendance at the Town Hall Meeting, following the 17 August Meeting of Council. Council discussed the meeting itself with a view to continual improvement.

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

The 16/5 meeting of Council was followed by a presentation by the Dean of the UTS Business School, Professor Roy Green and the annual lunch with Directors of Insearch.