

UNIVERSITY OF TECHNOLOGY SYDNEY

COUNCIL

Meeting 16/6 of the Council of the University of Technology Sydney held at 9.00am on Wednesday, 30 November 2016 in UTS Business School Boardroom, Level 12, Dr Chau Chak Wing Building, Ultimo Rd, Ultimo.

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**PRESENT:** Mr Brian Wilson (Chancellor), Professor Attila Brungs (Vice-Chancellor), Mr Peter Bennett, Ms Michelene Collopy, Associate Professor Joanne Gray, Mr Robert Kelly, Dr John Laker AO, Dr Ron Sandland AM, Dr Merilyn Sleigh, Mr Russell Taylor AM, Mr Tony Tobin, Mr Bijay Sapkota, Mr Michael Rosser and Mr Daniel Willis.

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

**APOLOGIES:** Professor Sally Varnham and Professor Anthony Dooley

**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), Ms Catherine Livingstone AO and Professor Andrew Parfitt.

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

**1 PROCEDURAL MATTERS**

**1.1 Welcome and Apologies**

**COU/16-6/110**

Council noted that apologies were received from Professor Sally Varnham and Professor Anthony Dooley.

**Note for the record**

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

The Chancellor welcomed new Members of Council, Mr Michael Rosser and Mr Bijay Sapkota.

The Chancellor welcomed Ms Catherine Livingstone AO and Professor Andrew Parfitt, attending the meeting.

Council noted that this was the final meeting where Professor Peter Booth will be in attendance as Provost, the Chancellor thanked Peter on behalf of Council for his outstanding contribution to both UTS and Council.

Council noted that the reserve meeting of Council (21 December 2016) will not be held.

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

### **COU/16-6/111**

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

## **1.3 Starring of Recommendations for Discussion**

### **COU/16-6/112**

Council resolved to:

- .1 star items 3.1, 3.2, 3.3, 3.4, 3.5, 3.6, 3.7, 4.1, 4.3, 4.4, 4.5, and 5.2.
- .2 adopt the unstarred recommendations.

## **2 MINUTES AND ACTIONS FROM PREVIOUS MEETING**

### **\* 2.1 Minutes of Meeting 16/5 (12 October 2016)**

#### **COU/16-6/113**

Council resolved that the 16/5 Council Minutes of meeting 12 October 2016 be confirmed and signed as a true record.

### **2.2 Actions Arising**

#### **COU/16-6/114**

Council resolved to note the Actions Arising list.

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

Action Item with Resolution Number COU/14-3/78 (Report from Finance Committee) - DVC (Resources), Mr Patrick Woods, will give an update on investment options and project status as part of agenda item 4.3 Report from Finance Committee.

### **3 STRATEGIC ITEMS OF BUSINESS**

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

**COU/16-6/115**

Council resolved to:

Confidential

#### **\*3.2 Preliminary Performance Report for 2016**

**COU/16-6/116**

Council resolved to:

Confidential

#### **\*3.3 Final Student Load Report for 2016**

**COU/16-6/117**

Council resolved to:

Confidential

#### **\*3.4 Preliminary Report on 2017 Student Applications**

**COU/16-6/118**

Council resolved to:

Confidential

#### **\*3.5 Long Term Finance Plan**

**COU/16-6/119**

Council resolved to:

Confidential

#### **\*3.6 2017 Budget**

**COU/16-6/120**

Council resolved to:

Confidential

**\*3.7 Strategic Briefing – International & Advancement**

**COU/16-6/121**

Council resolved to:

Confidential

**\*3.8 Standing Delegations**

**COU/16-6/122**

Council resolved to:

Confidential

**4 CONFIDENTIAL ITEMS FOR APPROVAL AND NOTING**

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

**COU/16-6/123**

Council resolved to:

Confidential

**4.2 Report from Governance Committee**

**COU/16-6/124**

Council resolved to:

Confidential

**\*4.3 Report from Finance Committee**

**COU/16-6/125**

Council resolved to:

Confidential

**\*4.4 Report from Physical Infrastructure Committee**

**COU/16-6/126**

Council resolved to:

Confidential

**\*4.5 Report from Honorary Awards Committee**

**COU/16-6/127**

Council resolved to:

Confidential

**\*4.5.1 Report from Honorary Awards Committee- Out of Session – HAOOS1**

**COU/16-6/128**

Council resolved to:

Confidential

**4.6 Report from Commercial Activities Committee**

**COU/16-6/129**

Council resolved to:

Confidential

**5 ITEMS FOR APPROVAL**

**5.1 Assistant Student Ombud Appointment**

**COU/16-6/130**

Council resolved to:

- .1 receive and note the report, as detailed in Document 5.1 – *Appointment of Student Ombud and Assistant Student Ombuds* and its Attachment;
- .2 approve that the following nominee is appointed to the position of Assistant Student Ombud:
  - .a Ms Elizabeth Humphrys, for the term 1 January 2017 until 31 December 2019.

**\*5.2 ActivateUTS Board Appointment**

**COU/16-6/131**

Council resolved to:

- .1 receive and note the report as detailed in Document 5.2 – *Council Appointments to the Board of ActivateUTS*;

- .2 note the proposed resignation of Professor Rob Lynch as Chair of the Board of ActivateUTS, with effect from 11 November 2016;
- .3 on the recommendation of the Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Education and Students), approve the appointment of Professor Peter Booth as a Director of ActivateUTS to hold the position of the Chair of the Board of ActivateUTS (in accordance with clause 16.2 of the Constitution of ActivateUTS and the associated Decision Making Outline) for a three year term commencing on 1 February 2017;
- .4 note that the term of Mr William Paterson as a Council appointed “Other Outside Director” on the ActivateUTS Board ends on 31 December 2016;
- .5 on the recommendation of the Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Education and Students), approve the appointment of Professor Anita Stuhmcke as a Council appointed “Other Outside Director” on the ActivateUTS Board (in accordance with clause 16.4 of the Constitution of ActivateUTS and the associated Decision Making Outline) for a two year term commencing 1 January 2017;
- .6 note the resignation of Professor Julia Connell as a Staff Director on the ActivateUTS Board effective 31 December 2016; and
- .7 approve the appointment of Ms Fiona Thomas as a Staff Director on the ActivateUTS Board (in accordance with clause 16.5 of the Constitution of ActivateUTS and the associated Decision Making Outline) for a term commencing 1 January 2017 to 6 October 2017.

#### **Note for the Record**

Professor Peter Booth left the room for the duration of the discussion.

Council discussed the growth of responsibilities in the role of Chair of ActivateUTS and the skills required for the position as recommended in the report from the Independent Review of the board. The Vice-Chancellor advised Council that the new Chair of ActivateUTS will receive an honorarium paid for by the University.

The Chancellor thanked Mr Bill Paterson, on behalf of Council, for the 8 years he has served as the Council Appointee to the ActivateUTS Board.

### **5.3 Appointment to Insearch Ltd Board**

#### **COU/16-6/132**

Council resolved to:

- .1 receive and note Document 5.3 - *Appointment to Insearch Ltd Board*;
- .2 note the appointment of Mr Guy Freeland to the Insearch Limited Board, for a 2 year period, with effect from 28 March 2017 to 27 March 2019.

## **6 ITEMS FOR NOTING**

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

**COU/16-6/133**

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/16-6/134**

Council resolved to note:

- .1 that no action was taken to affix the University Seal during the period 6 October 2016 to 23 November 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 6 October 2016 to 23 November 2016 as described in Part B of Schedule 1 of Document 6.2.

### **6.3 Report from Academic Board**

**COU/16-6/134**

Council resolved to:

- .1 receive and note the report as detailed in Document 6.3 – *Report from Academic Board* and its attachments; and
- .2 approve the amendments to the Student Rule 16.12.6, as detailed in this report.

### **6.4 Deputy and Pro Chancellor Election Outcomes**

**COU/16-6/135**

Council resolved to receive and note the report *Document 6.4 - Deputy Chancellor and Pro-Chancellors' Election*.

### **6.5 Report from Social Justice Committee**

**COU/16-6/136**

Council resolved to receive and note the report as detailed in Document 6.5– *Report from Social Justice Committee*.

## **6.6 Final 2017 Meeting Dates**

**COU/16-6/137**

Council to note the *Final Council Meeting Dates for 2017*, as detailed in Document 6.6 and Attachment 1.

## **6.7 Health and Safety Standing Report**

**COU/16-6/138**

Council resolved to receive and note the report as detailed in Document 6.7 – *Health and Safety Standing Report to Council*.

## **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/16-6/139**

Council noted that there will be no meeting of Council in December (reserve meeting 21 December 2016).

The Chancellor thanked Council for entrusting the role of Chancellor to him during 2016. Council noted the Chancellor's confidence in UTS Management and the guidance of Council.

The Chancellor was thanked for his significant contribution in the role. In addition, Ms Livingstone conveyed her thanks to Mr Wilson for his contribution as Chancellor, and in particular, thanked him for his generosity in keeping her informed of Council matters in preparation for her assuming the role of Chancellor on 1 December 2016.

There being no further business the meeting ended at 12.30pm.