

UNIVERSITY OF TECHNOLOGY SYDNEY

COUNCIL

Meeting 17/1 of the Council of the University of Technology Sydney held at 9.00am on Wednesday, 15 February 2017 in UTS Business School Boardroom, Level 12, Dr Chau Chak Wing Building, Ultimo Rd, Ultimo.

PRESENT: Ms Catherine Livingstone AO (Chancellor), Professor Attila Brungs (Vice-Chancellor), Mr Brian Wilson, Mr Peter Bennett, Ms Michelene Collopy, Associate Professor Joanne Gray, Mr Robert Kelly, Dr John Laker AO, Dr Ron Sandland AM, Dr Merylyn Sleight, Mr Russell Taylor AM, Mr Tony Tobin, Mr Bijay Sapkota, Mr Michael Rosser, Mr Daniel Willis, Professor Sally Varnham and Professor Anthony Dooley.

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

APOLOGIES:

IN ATTENDANCE: Professor Andrew Parfitt (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) and 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/17-1/1

Council noted that no apologies were received.

Note for the record

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

The Chancellor welcomed Professor Andrew Parfitt, officially attending the meeting as Provost.

Council noted that the Council Retreat will be held on 17th and 18th March. This year the Retreat will be held at Parklands Country Gardens and Lodges, Blackheath (the same venue as the 2015 Council Retreat).

1.2 Declaration/Recording of Any Relevant Material Interests

COU/17/1/2

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

1.3 Starring of Recommendations for Discussion

COU/17-1/3

Council resolved to:

- .1 star items 3.1, 3.1.1, 3.1.2, 3.2, 3.3, 3.4, 3.5, 4.1, 4.2, 6.2 and 6.4.
- .2 adopt the unstarred recommendations.

2 MINUTES AND ACTIONS FROM PREVIOUS MEETING

2.1 Minutes of Meeting 16/6 (30 November 2016)

COU/17-1/4

Council resolved that, with the amendments as stated below, the 16/6 Council Minutes of meeting 30 November 2016 be confirmed and signed as a true record.

“Item 4.1 Report from Audit and Risk Committee

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Note for the record

Council discussed the Health and Safety Internal Audit Report and the risk appetite, particularly for the Health and Safety of students and staff in placements and internships as part of the learning experience. The challenges and mitigation strategies for managing the safety of students and staff in other workplaces both domestic and internationally were brought to Council’s attention. **The Vice-Chancellor and Council recommended that when exercising any judgement in this regard, the health and safety of students and staff is paramount.**”

“Item 4.4 Report from Physical Infrastructure Committee

Council to:

...

.14 note the projects in recommendation ~~2~~ **.13** are to be completed during 2017; and ...”

2.2 Actions Arising

COU/17-1/5

Council resolved to note the Actions Arising list.

3 STRATEGIC ITEMS OF BUSINESS

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

COU/17-1/6

Council resolved to:

Confidential

***3.1.1 Strategic Priorities for 2017**

COU17-1/7

Council resolved to:

Confidential

***3.1.2 Strategic Briefing – Health@UTS**

COU17-1/8

Council resolved to:

Confidential

***3.2 Interim Report on 2017 Student Admission**

COU17-1/9

Council resolved to:

Confidential

***3.3 UTS Long Term Financial Plan (2016)**

COU17-1/10

Council resolved to:

Confidential

***3.4 Debt Funding Strategy**

COU17-1/11

Council resolved to:

Confidential

***3.5 Refresh of UTS Logo and Emblem**

COU17-1/12

Council resolved to:

Confidential

4 CONFIDENTIAL ITEMS FOR APPROVAL AND NOTING

***4.1 Report from Finance Committee**

COU/17-1/13

Council resolved to:

Confidential

***4.2 Report from Honorary Awards Committee**

COU17-1/14

Council resolved to:

Confidential

5 ITEMS FOR APPROVAL

5.1 Appointments to Insearch Ltd. Board

COU17-1/14

Council resolved to:

Confidential

5.2 UTS Nomination to the NSW Architects Registration Board

COU17-1/15

Council resolved to:

Confidential

6 ITEMS FOR NOTING

6.1 Report from the Chancellor

COU/17-1/16

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

***6.2 Academic Board 2016 Annual Report**

COU17-1/17

Council resolved to receive and note the report as detailed in Document 6.2 – *Academic Board 2016 Annual Report*.

Note for the Record

Council discussed student misconduct data, exploring trends and clarifying what constitutes student misconduct.

Council noted the Academic Board priorities, emphasising academic quality and academic quality assurance.

Council requested that, the next time Academic Board reports to Council, more information be provided regarding how the data regarding overall performance of courses is derived, in particular those rating as ‘of concern’, in order to provide enhanced clarity.

Council also indicated its support for considering opportunities to enhance the engagement of Council with Academic Board.

6.3 University Seal and Executive Actions

COU17-1/18

Council resolved to note:

- .1 that action was taken to affix the University Seal during the period 24 November 2016 to 8 February 2017 as described in Part A of Schedule 1 of Document 6.3; and

- .2 the Executive Action undertaken on behalf of Council during the period 24 November 2016 to 8 February 2017 as described in Part B of Schedule 1 of Document 6.3

***6.4 Health and Safety Standing Report**

COU17-1/19

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

Note for the Record

Council discussed the issue of Health and Safety training, noting that adherence to training requirements is non-negotiable and asked the Vice-Chancellor to convey this message to staff.

6.5 Annual Report on 2017 Declarations of Interest Procedure

COU17-1/20

Council resolved to:

- .1 receive and note the report, as detailed in Document 6.5 – *Declarations of Interest*; and
- .2 note that the process for obtaining Declarations of Interest for Council and Committee members has been followed and is complete.

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)

There being no further business the meeting ended at 11.30am.