

UNIVERSITY OF TECHNOLOGY SYDNEY**COUNCIL**

Meeting 17/6 of the Council of the University of Technology Sydney held at 9.00am on Wednesday, 29 November 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 AO, Mr Robert Kelly, Dr Ron Sandland AM, Mr Peter Bennett, Mr Brett Clegg, Ms Michelene Collopy, Professor Anthony Dooley, Associate Professor Joanne Gray, Dr John Laker AO, Mr Michael Rosser, Dr Merylyn Sleight, Mr Russel Taylor AM, Mr Tony Tobin and Mr Daniel Willis.

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

In attendance: Professor Andrew Parfitt (Provost), Professor Shirley Alexander (DVC (Education and Students)), Ms Anne Dwyer (DVC (Corporate Services)), Professor William Purcell (DVC (International and Advancement)), Professor Charles Rice (A/DVC (Research)), Mr Patrick Woods (DVC (Resources)) and Professor Glenn Wightwick (DVC (Innovation & Enterprise)).

Apologies: Mr Bijay Sapkota, Professor Sally Varnham.

The minutes of this meeting are recorded in the order of the agenda. The title of Deputy Vice-Chancellor is represented by DVC.

1. PROCEDURAL MATTERS**1.1 Welcome and Apologies****COU 17-6/108**

Council to note that apologies have been received from Mr Bijay Sapkota and Professor Sally Varnham.

1.2 Declaration/Recording of Any Relevant Material Interests**COU 17-6/109**

Council resolved to note that Members had provided annual declarations of interest and no other declarations were recorded for items on the agenda.

1.3 Starring of Recommendations for Discussion

COU 17-6/110

Council resolved to:

- .1 star items 3.1, 3.2, 3.3, 3.4, 4.1, 4.4, 4.5, 5.2, 5.6, 5.7 and 5.8.
- .2 adopt the unstarred recommendations.

2. MINUTES AND ACTIONS FROM PREVIOUS MEETING

2.1 Minutes of Meeting 17/5 (11 October 2017)

COU 17-6/111

Council resolved that the 17/5 Council Minutes of meeting 11 October 2017 be confirmed and signed as a true record.

2.2 Update on Action Items

COU 17-6/112

Council resolved to receive and note the Actions Arising list.

Note for the record

The DVC Resources updated Council on progress regarding pedestrian safety.

The Pedestrian Safety Working Group was formed in October 2017, with the objective of identifying short and long term concepts for improving pedestrian safety around the UTS city campus, focussing on prevention and awareness. An audit report from the NSW Government agency, Roads and Maritime Services, has been requested. A joint meeting with representatives from the State and the City of Sydney is also being planned, prior to a potential meeting between the Chancellor and the Minister, should it be required.

3. STRATEGIC ITEMS OF BUSINESS

***3.1 Strategic Briefing – International and Advancement**

COU 17-6/113

Council resolved to receive and note the report as detailed in Document 3.1 – *Strategic Briefing – International and Advancement*.

***3.2 2018 Corporate Plan (incorporating 2017 performance forecast)**

COU 17-6/114

Council resolved to:

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***3.3 UTS Budget 2018**

COU 17-6/115

Council resolved to:

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***3.4 UTS Long Term Finance Plan**

COU 17-6/116

Council resolved to:

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4. OPERATIONS AND PERFORMANCE

***4.1 Report from Vice-Chancellor**

COU 17-6/117

Council resolved to receive and note the report, as detailed in Document 4.1 - *Report from Vice-Chancellor*.

Note for the record

Vice-Chancellor highlighted areas of his report including: the release of attrition rates and the positive results for both UTS and the sector as a whole; the recent Australian Research Council funding outcomes; and UTS taking the lead role in the Defense Innovation Network.

4.2 Work Health and Safety Standing Report

COU 17-6/118

Council resolved to receive and note the report, as detailed in Document 4.2 – *Work Health and Safety Standing Report*.

4.3 Student Load Report (Final 2017)

COU 17-6/119

Council resolved to receive and note the report as detailed in Document 4.3 – *UTS Student Load Forecast for 2017* and its attachment.

Note for the record

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***4.4 Preliminary Report on Student Applications**

COU 17-6/120

Council resolved to receive and note the report as detailed in Document 4.4 – *Preliminary report on Student Applications as at End of October 2017*

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***4.5 Respect Now Always update**

COU 17-6/121

Council resolved to receive and note the report as detailed in Document 4.5 – *Respect.Now.Always. Update.*

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5. REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES

5.1 Report from Finance Committee

COU 17-6/122

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***5.2 Report from Audit and Risk Committee**

COU 17-6/123

Council resolved to:

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5.3 Report from Physical Infrastructure Committee**COU 17-6/124**

Council resolved to:

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5.4 Report from Academic Board**COU 17-6/125**

Council resolved to:

1. receive and note the report as detailed in Document 5.4 – *Report from Academic Board* and its attachments;
2. approve the amendments to the Student Misconduct and Appeals Rules and *Guidelines* as detailed in **Part A** of **Attachment 1** to Document 5.4;
3. approve the amendments to General Rule G3, Division 5, 18 in relation to casual vacancies on Academic Board and its committees, as detailed in **Attachment 2** to Document 5.4;
4. approve the amendments to Student Rule 13.10.1 in relation to Academic Dress, as detailed in **Attachment 2** to Document 5.4;
5. approve the amendments to Schedule 1 – Definitions in the Student Rules in relation to the implementation of My eEquals, as detailed in **Attachment 2** to Document 5.4;
6. note the Report on Late Conferrals and Corrections to Awards in Spring 2017, as detailed in **Attachment 3** to Document 5.4.

5.5 Report from Commercial Activities Committee**COU 17-6/126**

Council resolved to:

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5.6 Report from Social Justice Committee*COU 17-6/127**Council resolved to receive and note the report, as detailed in Document 5.6 - *Report from Social Justice Committee* and its attachment.

5.7 Report from Honorary Awards Committee*COU 17-6/128**

Council resolved to:

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5.8 Streamlining Council and Committee Reports*COU 17-6/129**

Council resolved to receive and note the report as detailed in Document 5.8 – *Streamlining Council and Committee Reports*.

Note for the record

The University Secretary spoke to this item noting that a number of areas had been identified in which to streamline reports coming through to Council, reduce unnecessary duplication of matters being considered by Council committees and improve sequencing of reports from committees to Council.

6. OTHER BUSINESS**6.1 New composition of Academic Board: Transitional Arrangements****COU 17-6/130**

Council resolved to:

- .1 receive and note the report as detailed in Document 6.1 – *New composition of Academic Board: Transitional Arrangements* and its attachments;
- .2 approve, as a one-off transitional measure to ensure continuity of business of Academic Board, that the current Academic Board Chair continue in the role as Chair of Academic Board till the remaining term finishes on 31 December 2018; and
- .3 approve, as a one-off transitional measure to ensure continuity of business of Academic Board, that the current Academic Board Deputy Chair continue in the role as Deputy Chair of Academic Board till the remaining term finishes on 31 December 2018.

7 ITEMS FOR NOTING**7.1 Report from the Chancellor****COU 17-6/131**

Council resolved to receive and note the report, as detailed in Document 7.1 – *Report from the Chancellor*.

7.2 University Seal and Executive Actions**COU 17-6/132**

Council resolved to note:

- .1 the action undertaken to affix the University Seal during the period 5 October 2017 to 22 November 2017 as described in Part A of Schedule 1 of Document 7.2 and
- .2 the Executive Action undertaken on behalf of Council during the period 5 October 2017 to 22 November 2017 as described in Part B of Schedule 1 of Document 7.2.

7.3 Final Meeting Dates for 2018**COU 17-6/133**

Council resolved to note the *Final Council Meeting Dates for 2018*, as detailed in Document 7.3 and Attachment 1.

8 ITEMS OF GENERAL BUSINESS**8.1 Matters for further discussion arising from reports****8.2 Other Business (at Council's discretion)****COU 17-6/134**

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There being no other business the meeting ended at 11.55pm.

SIGNED AS A TRUE RECORD

CHAIR

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