

## CHANCELLOR OF UTS ROLE STATEMENT AND QUALITIES AND SKILLS STATEMENT

### A. Role Statement

1. The Chancellor is the Chair of the governing body of the University — the University Council. The position is honorary and is traditionally filled by a person who is not an employee of the University. It is customarily filled by a person who has a high level of public esteem and who is thus well placed to represent the University in public, governmental and civic occasions.
2. The Chancellor has a key role in ensuring that the Council of UTS works effectively to fulfil its responsibilities under the UTS Act as the governing body of the University. This entails:
  - Ensuring that a strategic and effective approach is taken to the development of agendas for Council meetings, and that Council’s decisions are based on soundly prepared and effectively presented information and analysis.
  - Effective Chairing of Council meetings (and Council sub-committees as determined by the Chancellor).
  - A very strong commitment to encouraging and assisting Council, its Committees, and the Vice-Chancellor and senior executives of the University to work fairly, with integrity, respecting confidentiality within transparent process and in an atmosphere of mutual trust and respect in an informed fashion; in particular, ensuring that Council functions as a cohesive, accessible, effective, enquiring and informed body with a paramount fiduciary duty of loyalty to act in the best interests of the University.
3. The Chancellor works co-operatively with the Vice-Chancellor and the Senior Executives of the University, providing counsel and strategic advice, encouraging free, trusting and frank communication on all issues concerning the well-being of the University, and promoting the aims, ethos, independence, morale and spirit of the University, and encouraging high standards.
4. In consultation with the Vice-Chancellor, the Chancellor provides a high level bridge to governments, the business community, the professions and the wider community, promoting the aims of the University and guiding the University to respond to the interests and concerns of society.
5. The Chancellor presides on important ceremonial occasions such as graduation ceremonies, public lectures or seminars, sharing that responsibility as the Chancellor judges appropriate, and facilitating the visibility and accessibility of the Council within the University community and in particular to staff, students and graduates of the University.
6. On appropriate occasions, the Chancellor expresses the values of the University.

## **B. Qualities and Skills Statement**

An effective Chancellor of UTS:

- Understands and appreciates the importance of University teaching and learning, research and scholarship and social responsibilities, and has a strong sense of the distinctive attributes and potential of UTS;
- Understands and is committed to the unique responsibilities of universities as ongoing public institutions including aspects such as academic freedom and its role in public discourse;
- Appreciates the principles and practices of good corporate governance, and, in particular, the respective and mutually dependent roles of governance and management, and possesses the qualities and skills to work effectively with Council and the Vice-Chancellor;
- Understands the external environment in which universities operate, including their interactions with government, the public sector, the professions and industry;
- Supports and champions the development and achievement of the University's strategic objectives as determined by the Council, and is strongly committed to social justice;
- Acts with integrity, impartiality and objectivity;
- Has a high standing in the community with an appropriate range of connections and networks, that can be leveraged to the benefit of the University;
- Knows how to Chair and manage the work of a Board effectively and fairly, assisting and encouraging all members to contribute fully and to fulfil their fiduciary responsibilities to the full extent of their respective abilities;
- Demonstrates strong leadership and collegiate skills and has the capacity to push hard for key decisions to be made in a timely manner; and
- Has sufficient time, energy, and commitment to effectively perform the role of Chancellor.