The 449th meeting of the Council was held at 9:15am on Friday 7 December 2018, in the R.C. Mills Room, Chancelry.

Present:
The Chancellor, Professor Gareth Evans AC QC (in the Chair)
The Vice-Chancellor, Professor Brian P. Schmidt AC
The Pro-Chancellor, Ms Naomi Flutter
Ms Anne-Marie Schwirtlich AM
Professor Suzanne Cory AC
Mr Graeme Samuel AC
Mr Peter Yu
Professor Matthew Colless
Associate Professor Ben Corry
Dr Ceridwen (Crid) Fraser
Mrs Claire Shrewsbury
Mr Zyl Hovenga-Wauchope
Ms Eden Lim

Apologies:
Dr Doug McTaggart
Ms Natasha Stott-Despoja AM

In attendance:
Provost – Professor Mike Calford
Pro-Vice Chancellor (University Experience) – Professor Richard Baker
Acting Pro-Vice Chancellor (Innovation) – Dr Keats Nelms
Chief Financial Officer – Mr Adam Black
Vice-President (Engagement and Corporate Affairs) – Ms Jane O’Dwyer
Vice-President (Advancement) – Ms Barbara Miles
Chair, Academic Board – Professor Jaqueline Lo
Interim Financial Controller – Mr Paul Curtis (Agenda Items 7, 8 and 9)
Dean, College Engineering and Computer Science – Professor Elanor Huntington (Agenda item 10)
Director Major Projects – Mr Robert Hitchcock (Agenda item 11)
Director Service Improvement Group – Ms Lakshmi West (Agenda item 35)
Director, Human Resources – Dr Nadine White (Agenda items 32, 33, 38)

Chancelery staff:
Council Secretary and Director, Corporate Governance and Risk Office – Mr Chris Reid
Director, Office of the Vice-Chancellor – Mr Chris Price
Associate Director, Corporate Governance and Risk Office – Ms Megan Easton
Senior Governance Officer, Corporate Governance and Risk Office – Ms Leslie McDonald

PART 1: PROCEDURAL ITEMS

1. ANNOUNCEMENTS AND APOLOGIES

Council formally welcomed Ms Eden Lim to her first meeting as the undergraduate student representative. She began her 12 month term on 1 December 2018.

Dr Doug McTaggart conveyed his apologies for this meeting on account of an interstate business commitment.

Ms Natasha Stott-Despoja conveyed her apologies on account of illness precluding her from travelling for the meeting.
Council acknowledged this to be the last meeting for Dr Ceridwen (Crid) Fraser who has accepted an academic appointment in New Zealand. Her final day as a Council member will be 28 January 2019, the day that election results and the appointment of Dr Fraser’s successor will be determined. Council expressed its gratitude for her service and conveyed to her every best wish for the future.

Council acknowledged the outstanding contribution made since 2012 by Professor Marnie Hughes-Warrington, whose departure from the Deputy Vice-Chancellor role in December 2018 was shared with Council on 15 October. Among her many other achievements, Professor Hughes-Warrington was instrumental in the reintroduction of Academic Board, the flexible double degrees, the Tuckwell Scholarships, the Distinguished Educators and Educational Fellowships Schemes, academic promotions reforms, the rejuvenation of University House, the Admissions, Scholarships and Accommodation (ASA) project, national admissions transparency reforms, and more recently, the Kambri development. Council wished Professor Hughes-Warrington every success and happiness in the future, including when she joins the College of Arts and Social Sciences in 2019 as a Professor of History.

Council also noted that, on 2 November 2018, Council and the University community was notified that Professor Shirley Leitch, Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Global Engagement), had taken leave for family reasons, and will not return to her senior leadership role with the University. She will, however, return to ANU in 2019 as a Professorial Fellow with the Australian Studies Centre, where she will pursue her research with an immediate focus on an ARC project and her second book on the subject of social media. Council congratulated Professor Leitch for her years of effective leadership as a Dean and an Executive member, and wished her well during this time and upon her return to the University in 2019.

2. LEAVE OF ABSENCE
Council noted that Ms Stott Despoja had already been granted leave for the next meeting, on 14 February 2019, in Melbourne.
No other Council member sought leave of absence for a future meeting.

3. DISCLOSURE OF MATERIAL PERSONAL INTEREST
No member disclosed any material personal interest.

4. ARRANGEMENT OF AGENDA
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Resolved
On the motion of the Vice-Chancellor, Council approved all unstarred items being dealt with as proposed in the agenda.

5. MINUTES
Council requested that an amendment be made as follows:
Item 10 – University Experience – Presentation
Add the following words:
➢ The ongoing challenge of achieving professional gender equity for academic staff across the University and the Australian tertiary sector more broadly.

Resolved
Council confirmed the minutes of the meeting held on 5 October 2018 (188/2018), as amended, to be a true and accurate record.

PART 2: KEY BUSINESS ITEMS
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6.1 VICE-CHANCELLOR’S REPORT
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Resolved
Council:
Noted the Vice-Chancellor’s report *****

7. 2018 CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL PROJECTIONS AND KPIs – UPDATE
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Resolved
Council noted the University’s 2018 financial projection and the year-to-date results.

8. UNIVERSITY SUBSIDIARY BUDGETS FOR 2019
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Resolved
Council approved the University subsidiary entity budgets for 2019.

9. STRATEGIC FINANCIAL FORECAST AND SCENARIO MODEL
*****

Resolved
Council noted the update.

10. CECS RE-IMAGINE
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Resolved
Council:
1. Approved the Project; *****

11. STUDENT ACCOMMODATION 8 (STAGE 1)
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Resolved
Council approved Stage 1 of the Beyond Burgmann site for Student Accommodation (SA8), including:
- The design for SA8 as presented to the Campus Planning Committee by Bates Smart on 19 November; and
- The development financials.

12. PHILANTHROPIC PRESENTATION

The Vice-President (Advancement) introduced the philanthropic theme, reminding Council members that their feedback is sought to ensure that each presentation is a compelling case for potential donors.

Dr Riccardo Natoli presented an overview of the Clear Vision research program. This included:
- The search to find the cause of retinal degeneration.
- The need to fund world class research and researchers, and the importance of philanthropy in supporting such initiatives, especially to develop PhD students into the next generation of medical researchers.
Resolved
Council noted the presentation and congratulated Dr Natoli.

PART 3: OTHER MATTERS FOR DECISION

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15. ANU FOUNDATION – BOARD MEMBERSHIP

Resolved
Council approved:
1. The appointment of Alison Kitchen to the ANU Foundation Board, from 1 January 2019 to 1 January 2023; and
2. The renewal of Robyn Watts’s term as a member of ANU Foundation Board from 21 February 2019 until 31 December 2021.

16. ANU FOUNDATION – STATUTE

Following a brief discussion regarding student and staff representation on the ANU Foundation Board, Council resolved to approve the Statute as presented.

Resolved
Council approved:
1. The Australian National University (ANU Foundation) Statute 2018; and
2. Noted the actions for transition of the Foundations of the Endowment.

17. NAMING PROPOSALS - KAMBRI

In discussing the Kambri naming proposals, Council amended the proposed ‘Diana Riddell Student Centre’ to the ‘Di Riddell Student Centre’, at Ms Riddell’s request.

Council also considered a late paper (endorsed out-of-session on 5 December 2018 by the Campus Planning Committee) concerning a proposal to name the 500-seat theatre in the Kambri Cultural Centre ‘Manning Clark Theatre’. During discussion, Council amended the proposal to ‘Manning Clark Hall’.

Resolved
Council approved the naming of:
1. North Loop Road as ‘Caroline Lane Walk’
2. The Student Centre Building as the ‘Di Riddell Student Centre’.
3. The theatre in the Kambri Cultural Centre as ‘Manning Clark Hall’.

Council also noted the revised spelling of the Indigenous name for SA5: ‘Wamburun’.

18. ANU COLLEGE OF ENGINEERING AND COMPUTER SCIENCE – RENAMING AND ESTABLISHING RESEARCH SCHOOLS

Resolved
As a consequence of Council approving the CECS Reimagine Project (Item 10), the following was also approved:
1. A name change in CECS: from the Research School of Engineering to the Research School of Electrical, Energy and Materials Engineering (RSEEME); and
2. The establishment of two new Research Schools in CECS:
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- The Research School of Aerospace, Mechanical and Environmental Engineering (RSAMEE); and
- The Research School of Design Engineering (RSDE).

19. UNIVERSITY HOUSE - CHARTER

Resolved
Council approved the University House Charter and the repeal of:
- University House Statute 1992; and
- University House Rules 2012.

PART 4: OTHER MATTERS FOR NOTING

22. COUNCIL GOVERNANCE CONFORMANCE STATEMENT 2018

Resolved
Council, for the 2018 calendar year, confirmed the University’s conformance with the:
- Australian National University Act 1991;
- Public Governance, Performance and Accountability Act 2013;
- Higher Education Standards Framework (Threshold Standards) 2015: Part 6 Governance and Accountability; and
- Voluntary Code of Best Practice for the Governance of Australian Universities (Revised 15 May 2018).

23. COUNCIL COMMITTEES – ARMC – SELF-ASSESSMENT 2018

Resolved
Council noted the results of the ARMC self-assessment for 2018.

24. COUNCIL COMMITTEES – FINANCE COMMITTEE – SELF-ASSESSMENT 2018

Resolved
Council noted the results of the Finance Committee self-assessment for 2018.

25. ACADEMIC BOARD – SELF-ASSESSMENT 2018

Resolved
Council noted the results of the Academic Board self-assessment for 2018.

26. COUNCIL MEETING DATES 2019 - REVISED

Resolved
Council noted the change to the May meeting date as agreed out-of-session on 16 October 2018, as follows:
Delete: Friday 31 May 2019
Replace with: Friday 24 May 2019.

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28. KAMBRI UPDATE
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The official Kambri opening has been scheduled for Monday 11 February 2019.
Resolved
Council noted the update.

29. RECONCILIATION ACTION PLAN IMPLEMENTATION – PROGRESS REPORT
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Resolved
Council noted the progress report.

30. INVESTMENT OFFICE PERFORMANCE REPORT
Resolved
Council noted the Investment Office Performance Report.

31. CAP/CASS GOVERNANCE PROJECT – CLOSING REPORT
Council received the closing report and especially acknowledged the leadership of the Dean of the College of Asia and the Pacific, Professor Michael Wesley, and the Dean of the College of Arts and Social Sciences, Professor Rae Frances.
Resolved
Council noted the CAP/CASS Governance Project Closing Report.

32. VOICE STAFF ENGAGEMENT SURVEY 2018 - RESULTS
*****
Resolved
Council noted the results of the Voice Staff Engagement Survey 2018.

33. ACADEMIC MANAGEMENT AND LEADERSHIP - UPDATE
*****
Resolved
Council noted the progress made towards the development of the Academic Leadership Program.

34. ANU COUNSELLING SERVICES – AUDIT REPORT AND MANAGEMENT RESPONSES
*****
Resolved
Council noted the audit report of counselling services and the management responses.

35. ADMINISTRATIVE REFORM - UPDATE
*****
Resolved
Council noted the progress report on administrative reform at ANU.
36. AHRC REPORT ON SEXUAL ASSAULT AND HARASSMENT – ANU RESPONSE - UPDATE

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Resolved
Council noted the University’s progress in implementing the recommendations of the Australian Human Rights Commission report: Change the course: National report on sexual assault and sexual harassment at Australian universities.

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39. FINANCE COMMITTEE – EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Resolved
Council noted the summary of major items considered by the Finance Committee at its meeting held on 23 November 2018.

40. AUDIT AND RISK MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE – EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Resolved
Council noted the summary of major items considered by the Audit & Risk Management Committee at its meeting held on 21 November 2018.

41. CAMPUS PLANNING COMMITTEE – EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Resolved
Council noted the summary of major items considered by the Campus Planning Committee at its meeting of 19 November 2018.

42. ACADEMIC BOARD – EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Resolved
Council noted the summary of major items considered by the Academic Board at its meeting held on 23 October 2018.

43. PRIVACY REPORT 2018

Resolved
Council noted the Privacy Report for 2018.

44. PUBLIC INTEREST DISCLOSURE REPORT 2017/18

Resolved
Council noted the Public Interest Disclosure Report 2017/18.

45. FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REPORT 2018

Resolved
46. SIGNIFICANT VISITS AND EVENTS, GRANTS AND CONSULTANCIES
Resolved
Council noted the report of significant visits and events, grants and consultancies.

47. POWER OF ATTORNEY
Resolved
Council noted that no transactions over which the Investment Manager exercised Power of Attorney had occurred since the last Council meeting, on 5 October 2018.

48. LEGISLATION
Resolved
Council noted that no legislation had been made since the last meeting of Council on 5 October 2018.

49. UNIVERSITY SEAL
Resolved
Council noted documents to which the University Seal has been affixed since the meeting of Council held on 5 October 2018.
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PART 5: OTHER BUSINESS
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52. NEXT MEETING
Council noted that its next meeting will be held on Thursday 14 February 2019.

The meeting closed at 1:07 p.m.

_________________________________ Date:______________________

Professor the Hon Gareth Evans AC QC
Chancellor
The Australian National University

(**** indicates a removed item which is confidential to Council Members)