COUNCIL MINUTES

The 415th meeting of the Council was held at 9.15am on 26 July 2013 in the R C Mills Room, Chancelry.

Present:
The Chancellor, Professor Gareth Evans AC QC (in the Chair)
The Vice-Chancellor, Professor Ian Young AO
Ms Ilana Atlas
Professor John Close
Dr Vince FitzGerald
Ms Robin Hughes AO
Professor Andrew MacIntyre
Dr Doug McTaggart
Mr David Miles
Mr Arjuna Mohottola
Mr Graeme Samuel AC
Professor Tim Senden
Ms Aleks Sladojevic

Apologies:
An apology was received from Ms Martine Letts.

In attendance:
Head, Governance Office, Ms Jan O'Connor
Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Academic), Professor Marnie Hughes-Warrington
Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Research), Professor Margaret Harding
Pro Vice-Chancellor (Innovation and Advancement), Professor Mick Cardew-Hall
Pro Vice-Chancellor (Student Experience), Professor Richard Baker
Chief Finance Officer, Mr David Sturgiss
Executive Officer to the Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Academic), Ms Felicity Gouldthorp
Governance Office staff, Ms Leslie McDonald

PART 1: PROCEDURAL ITEMS

1. ANNOUNCEMENTS

Late/ Additional papers:

Agenda item 6 – information about the appointment of Pascal Van Hentenryck to a Chair in Data Intensive Computing in the Research School of Computer Science.

The Chancellor welcomed the new postgraduate student member of Council, Mr Arjuna Mohottola, to the meeting. He also advised that the site visit to ANU Enterprise would be brought forward to about 11.00am.

2. LEAVE OF ABSENCE

Mr Matthew King was granted leave of absence for this meeting.

3. DISCLOSURE OF MATERIAL PERSONAL INTEREST

No member disclosed a material personal interest in any matter on the agenda.
4. ARRANGEMENT OF AGENDA

Items 1 to 8, 14, 15, 21 and 22 were starred on the agenda summary sheet. Item 11 was starred at the meeting. Unstarred items were approved without discussion.

5. COUNCIL MINUTES

Council resolved to confirm the Minutes of the meeting held on 24 May 2013 (181/2013).

Council also resolved to confirm the Minutes of the special meeting held on 1 July 2013 (193/2013) with the following amendment:

Insert “Professor Close commented that” at the beginning of the first sentence in the second dot point of item 2.

PART 2: KEY BUSINESS ITEMS

6. VICE-CHANCELLOR’S REPORT

Council noted the report of the Vice-Chancellor.

The following were among the issues raised by the Vice-Chancellor in speaking to the report:

University Budget
On 2 July, about 1500 people attended the meeting held in Llewellyn Hall to hear about the budget strategies approved by Council. The combination of strategies to grow revenue as well as measures for fiscal restraint were generally well received with the possible exception of the increase in parking fees from next year. The implementation process has now begun. All staff 55 years and over have been informed of the Voluntary Early Retirement Scheme and staff of the Human Resources Division have conducted a number of information sessions around the University. To date, 98 professional staff and 30 academic staff have registered their interest and it is anticipated that the numbers will continue to grow. Submissions have been lodged with the Australian Taxation Office to register the schemes for academic staff and professional staff as private rulings which will enable the University to apply preferential tax rates to the incentive payment. About 30 positions have not been filled following the freeze on professional staff appointments. Staff with excess long service leave entitlements have been given notice of the need to take this leave on 15 July 2014 or earlier.

Staff Awards
Professor Philip Pettit has been admitted to the British Academy. Emeritus Professor Rodney Baxter is one of three recipients of the Royal Society’s Royal Medals for his work in mathematical physics. Professor Andrew Roberts has been elected a Fellow of the American Geophysical Union.

Strategic Appointments
Professor Pascal Van Hentenryck has been appointed to a Chair in Data Intensive Computing within the Research School of Computer Science.

Socially Responsible Investing
The Investment Advisory Committee is in the process of developing a policy on socially responsible investing for Council’s consideration. The Vice-Chancellor advised that he has a potential conflict of interest because some of his research is supported by the offshore
oil and gas industry. Consequently, he will separate himself from any development of the policy on socially responsible investing.

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PART 3: STRATEGIC ISSUES

8. INNOVATION ANU

The Pro Vice-Chancellor (Innovation and Advancement), Professor Mick Cardew-Hall, gave a presentation on Innovation ANU.

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Resolved:
that the Pro Vice-Chancellor (Innovation and Advancement) give a further presentation to Council early in 2014, focusing more specifically on the organizational model for innovation and commercialization activities at ANU, strategies for promoting an entrepreneurial culture at ANU and data on the performance of his innovation portfolio.

PART 4: OTHER MATTERS FOR DECISION

9. APPOINTMENTS TO COMMITTEES

Resolved:
that the following appointments to committees be approved:

Appeals Panel
Dr Christine Helliwell to 23.8.15
Ms Sophia Stanley to 22.9.15
Ms Belynda Akello to 25.7.15

Board of Governors of the ANU Endowment for Excellence
Mr Arjuna Mohottola to 30.4.14

10. COUNCIL MEETING DATES 2014

Resolved:
that Council meeting dates for 2014 be approved (207/2013).

11. LEGISLATION

Council considered changes to University legislation. It was noted that the Vice-Chancellorship Statute had been amended following Council’s approval in May of the Vice-Chancellor’s having the authority to make Rules in relation to specified Statutes.

Resolved:
that the following legislation be approved:

ANU College Governance Rules (No. 2) 2013
Assessment Rules (No. 3) 2013
Graduate Coursework Awards Rules (No. 2) 2013
Membership of the Council Rules 2013
Membership of the Council (Heads of Faculties and Research Schools) Rules 2013
Undergraduate Awards Rules (No. 2) 2013
Vice-Chancellorship Statute 2013
Resolved:
that the Australian National University Students’ Association Incorporated Constitution be approved (192/2013).

13. AUSTRALIAN NATIONAL UNIVERSITY LAW STUDENTS’ SOCIETY
CONSTITUTION

Resolved:
that the Australian National University Law Students’ Society Constitution be approved (208/2013).

PART 5: OTHER MATTERS FOR NOTING

14. AUDIT AND RISK MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE – SUMMARY OF MAJOR ITEMS CONSIDERED

Council noted the summary of the major items considered by the Audit and Risk Management Committee at its meeting held on 3 July 2013.

15. FINANCE COMMITTEE – SUMMARY OF MAJOR ITEMS CONSIDERED

Council noted the summary of the major items considered by the Finance Committee at its meeting held on 12 July 2013.

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16. POWER OF ATTORNEY

Council noted the list of transactions over which the Investment Manager exercised the Power of Attorney between 15 May 2013 and 25 June 2013.

17. MEMBERSHIP OF COUNCIL

Council noted that on 31 May 2013, Mr Arjuna Mohottola was elected as the postgraduate student member of Council.

18. ACADEMIC BOARD REPORT

Council noted the report from the meeting of the Academic Board held on 21 June 2013 (802/2013).

19. UNIVERSITY SEAL REPORT

Council noted the documents to which the University Seal had been affixed since the meeting of Council held on 24 May 2013.

20. SIGNIFICANT VISITS AND EVENTS, GRANTS AND CONSULTANCIES

Council noted the report of significant visits and events, grants and consultancies since the last report to Council on 24 May 2013 (206/2013).

PART 6: OTHER BUSINESS
21. QUESTION TIME

There were no matters raised in Question Time.

22. OTHER BUSINESS

There were no matters raised under Other Business.

23. NEXT MEETING

It was noted that the next meeting of Council will be held on 4 October 2013.

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

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