



## THE AUSTRALIAN NATIONAL UNIVERSITY

### COUNCIL MINUTES

The 444<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Council was held at 10:30am on Thursday 1 February 2018, in the Board Room, ANU House, Level 11, 52 Collins Street, Melbourne.

#### **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  
Professor Suzanne Cory AC  
Mr Graeme Samuel AC  
Dr Doug McTaggart  
Ms Natasha Stott Despoja AM  
Mr Peter Yu  
Ms Anne-Marie Schwirtlich AM  
Professor Catherine Waldby  
Professor Tim Senden  
Professor Jan Provis  
Ms Deborah Veness  
Ms Alyssa Shaw  
Ms Eleanor Kay

#### **Apologies:**

Nil

#### **In attendance:**

Provost (from March 2018) – Professor Mike Calford  
Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Research and Innovation) – Professor Margaret Harding  
Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Academic) – Professor Marnie Hughes-Warrington  
Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Global Engagement) – Professor Shirley Leitch  
Chief Operating Officer – Mr Chris Grange  
Pro-Vice Chancellor (Innovation) – Professor Michael Cardew-Hall  
Pro-Vice Chancellor (University Experience) – Professor Richard Baker  
Vice-President (Engagement and Corporate Affairs) – Ms Jane O'Dwyer  
Chief Financial Officer – Mr Adam Black  
Dean, ANU College of Engineering and Computer Science – Professor Elanor Huntington (for Item 7)  
Project Director, Re-imagining Engineering and Computing at ANU – Mr Michael Branson (for Item 7)  
Director, Human Resources – Dr Nadine White (for Item 20)

#### **Chancelry staff:**

Director, Corporate Governance and Risk Office and Council Secretary – Mr Chris Reid  
Director, Office of the Vice-Chancellor – Mr Chris Price  
Associate Director, Corporate Governance and Policy – Mr Andrew Heath  
Manager, Risk and Audit – Ms Sharon Sidhu  
Senior Governance Officer, Corporate Governance and Risk Office – Ms Leslie McDonald

### PART 1: PROCEDURAL ITEMS

#### **1. ANNOUNCEMENTS AND APOLOGIES**

There were no apologies for the Council meeting or Council Planning Day.

#### **2. LEAVE OF ABSENCE**

Ms Anne-Marie Schwirtlich sought leave of absence for the 6 April 2018 meeting of Council.

### 3. DISCLOSURE OF MATERIAL PERSONAL INTEREST

No member disclosed a material personal interest in any matter on the agenda.

### 4. ARRANGEMENT OF AGENDA

Council determined to proceed with the agenda as proposed, with no further other items being declared confidential or starred for discussion. \*\*\*\*\*

#### Resolved

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

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### 5. MINUTES

#### Resolved

Council confirmed the minutes of the meeting held on 1 December 2017 (445/2017) to be a true and accurate record.

## PART 2: KEY BUSINESS ITEMS

### 6. VICE-CHANCELLOR'S REPORT

The Vice-Chancellor highlighted the following matters as part of his report:

- University leadership:
  - Ms Barbara Miles has been confirmed as the University's new Vice President (Advancement). She joins ANU from the University of British Columbia, where she is Vice-President, Development and Alumni Engagement.  
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  - The Senior Management Group recently held a strategic retreat, where discussion focused on a range of topics, including infrastructure investment, making the National Institutes Grant performance based, student funding, the Admissions, Scholarships and Accommodation (ASA) Project, and student recruitment from China.

- State of the University

The State of the University address was delivered on 31 January by the Vice-Chancellor, with several members of Council in attendance, including the Chancellor. A highlight of the occasion was members of the Representative Aboriginal Organisations presenting the name *Kambri* to the University as the new name for Union Court.

During his address, the Vice-Chancellor also announced the appointment of Professor Mark Kendall, inventor of the nano-patch for delivering vaccines without a needle and one of the world's leading innovators in finding technology solutions to the world's healthcare challenges, as the University's second Entrepreneurial Fellow.

- World Economic Forum

The Vice-Chancellor attended the World Economic Forum in Davos, Switzerland 23-26 January 2018 with the Minister for Finance, Senator the Hon. Mathias Cormann. The Forum represents an important opportunity to promote the University and Australian research at one of the most high-profile and influential gatherings in the world.

- Ramsay Centre for Western Civilisation

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➤ Senior Australian of the Year

Professor Graham Farquhar AO has been named the 2018 Senior Australian of the Year. A global leader in plant biophysics and photosynthesis, Professor Farquhar has helped develop new water-efficient varieties of wheat and improved global food security.

**Resolved**

Council noted the Vice-Chancellor's report.

**7. RE-IMAGINING ENGINEERING AND COMPUTING AT ANU (PRELIMINARY BUSINESS CASE)**

Professor Elanor Huntington and Mr Michael Branson joined the meeting.

Council received a presentation on the preliminary business case for the proposed expansion of engineering and computing from the Dean, ANU College of Engineering and Computer Science, as outlined in the papers presented to Council members.

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**Resolved**

Council:

1. Noted and endorsed the indicative business case for the re-imagination of Engineering and Computer Science;

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**PART 4: OTHER MATTERS FOR DECISION**

**8. ANU STRATEGIC PLAN 2018-21 (CORPORATE PLAN 2018)**

Council received an update concerning the ANU Strategic Plan, as outlined in the papers presented to Council members.

The Strategic Plan also serves as the Corporate Plan and ensures compliance with the corporate plan requirements of the *Public Governance, Performance and Accountability Act 2013*.

**Resolved**

Council:

1. Approved the ANU Strategic Plan 2018-2021, as the Corporate Plan, as required by the *Public Governance, Performance and Accountability Act 2013*; and
2. Authorised its transfer to the relevant Ministers, and subsequent publishing.

**9. ACADEMIC BOARD – APPOINTMENT OF CHAIR**

Council received the recommendation to re-appoint Professor Jacqueline Lo as Chair of the Academic Board from the Vice-Chancellor. \*\*\*\*\*

**Resolved**

Council:

1. Re-appointed Professor Jacqueline Lo, in accordance with subsection 11(2) of the *Academic Board Rule 2017*, as the Chair of the Academic Board for the period 24 March 2018 until 23 March 2020; and
2. Endorsed establishing a practice whereby a person will ordinarily be appointed as Chair of the Academic Board for two terms of two-years (four years total).

## **10. ANU MELBOURNE OFFICE – 2017 ACTIVITY REPORT AND 2018 ENGAGEMENT STRATEGY**

Council received the Melbourne Office 2017 activity report and 2018 Melbourne Engagement Strategy from the Chancellor, as outlined in the papers presented to Council members.

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### **Resolved**

Council:

1. Noted the ANU Melbourne Office 2017 report; and
2. Approved the Melbourne Engagement Strategy for 2018.

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## **12. HONORARY DEGREE NOMINATIONS**

### **Resolved**

Council awarded honorary degrees:

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## **13. STUDENT ORGANISATIONS – THE ANU OBSERVER – APPROVAL OF INAUGURAL CONSTITUTION**

### **Resolved**

Council approved the ANU Observer Constitution, as approved by a General Meeting of the members of the ANU Observer on 11 January 2018.

## **PART 5: OTHER MATTERS FOR NOTING**

## **14. CHANCELLORSHIP – EXTENSION OF TERM**

### **Resolved**

Council noted the Vice-Chancellor's letter to the Minister for Education and Training dated 6 December 2017, informing him of the Council's decision to extend the term of the Chancellor, Professor the Hon Gareth Evans AC QC, in accordance with section 19 of the *Public Governance, Performance and Accountability Act 2013*.

## **15. STRATEGIC PLAN – YEAR 1 PROGRESS REPORTS: EXECUTIVE AND COLLEGES**

Council received an overview of the progress made in the first year of delivery of the ANU Strategic Plan from the Vice-Chancellor, as outlined in the papers presented to Council members.

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### **Resolved**

Council noted:

1. The University's performance against the KPIs included in the ANU Strategic Plan;
2. The progress reports of each of the six Executive Plans and six College Strategic Priorities documents that underpin the Strategic Plan; \*\*\*\*\*

## **16. UNION COURT REDEVELOPMENT – UPDATE**

### **Resolved**

Council noted the general update as presented.

## **17. COUNCIL MEMBERSHIP – NOMINATIONS TO THE MINISTER**

Council received an overview of the work being undertaken by the Nominations Committee in respect of two appointments to be made to the Council by the Minister in 2018, as outlined in the papers presented to Council members. It was noted that consultations with the Minister were continuing and that the Committee expects to make formal nominations in coming months.

### **Resolved**

Council noted the current status of the Nominations Committee's deliberations regarding Ministerial appointments to Council.

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## **19. RISK APPETITE PROGRAM OF WORK - UPDATE**

Council received an update on the Risk Appetite Program of work from the Director, Corporate Governance and Risk Office, as outlined in the papers presented to Council members.

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### **Resolved**

Council noted the University's risk management update.

## **20. WORK HEALTH AND SAFETY (WHS) PERFORMANCE REPORTS**

### **20.1 STAFF SAFETY - ANNUAL REPORT FOR 2017**

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Council received an overview of the University Work Health and Safety (WHS) and Injury Management performance for the period 1 January – 31 December 2017 from the Chief Operating Officer, as outlined in the papers presented to Council members.

### **Resolved**

Council noted the WHS Performance Annual Report for the period, 1 January to 31 December 2017.

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### **20.2 STUDENT SAFETY REPORT**

Council received an overview of the student safety report for the period 1 November 2017 to 31 December 2017 from the Pro Vice-Chancellor (University Experience), as outlined in the papers presented to Council members.

### **Resolved**

Council noted the student safety report for the period 1 November 2017 to 31 December 2017.

## **21. AHRC REPORT INTO SEXUAL ASSAULT AND HARRASSMENT IN AUSTRALIAN UNIVERSITIES AND THE ANU RESPONSE**

Council received an overview of progress in responding to the Australian Human Rights Commission report: *Change the course: National report on sexual assault and sexual harassment at Australian universities (2017)* from the Vice-Chancellor, as outlined in the papers presented to Council members.

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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*.

**22. ANU EMERITUS FACULTY ANNUAL REPORT 2017****Resolved**

Council noted the 2017 Annual Report of the ANU Emeritus Faculty (17/2017).

**23. STUDENT ORGANISATIONS – PROTOCOL FOR PROPOSING CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS****Resolved**

Council noted the Student Organisation Constitutional Amendment protocol.

**24. 2017 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST – ANNUAL DISCLOSURES****Resolved**

Council noted the Register of Disclosed Interests as at 1 February 2018 (64/2018).

**25. ACADEMIC BOARD – EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

Council considered the summary of the major items and academic policy recommendations, degree approvals and other awards amendments, made by the Academic Board on 5 December 2017.

**Resolved**

Council noted the summary of major items considered by the Academic Board on 5 December 2017.

**26. CAMPUS PLANNING COMMITTEE – EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

Council considered the summary of major items considered by the Campus Planning Committee on 24 November 2017.

The Chancellor also updated Council on the meeting of the Campus Planning Committee held on 29 January 2018, where the Committee received a substantial presentation about the status of the campus. While significant challenges confront the University in achieving a coherent campus environment, the new Master Plan is intended to be far more effective in addressing such challenges.

**Resolved**

Council noted the summary of major items considered by the Campus Planning Committee at its meeting held on 24 November 2017, and the verbal update provided by the Chancellor about the 29 January 2018 meeting.

**27. POWER OF ATTORNEY****Resolved**

Council noted the list of transactions over which the Acting Investment Manager exercised Power of Attorney since the meeting of Council on 1 December 2017.

**28. UNIVERSITY SEAL REPORT****Resolved**

Council noted that there were no documents to which the University Seal had been affixed since the meeting of Council held on 1 December 2017.

**29. SIGNIFICANT VISITS AND EVENTS, GRANTS AND CONSULTANCIES**

**Resolved**

Council noted the report of significant visits and events, grants and consultancies.

**30. LEGISLATION**

**Resolved**

Council noted legislation as approved by the Vice-Chancellor: the *Research Awards Rule 2017*, the *Fees Rule 2017* and the *Academic Board (Election of Members) Order 2017*.

**31. 2017 ANNUAL COUNCIL SELF-EVALUATION**

Council agreed to defer discussion of the 2017 annual Council self-evaluation report until its 6 April 2018 meeting.

**PART 6: OTHER BUSINESS**

**32. QUESTION TIME**

No questions were raised during Question Time.

**34. NEXT MEETING**

Council noted that its next meeting will be held on Friday 6 April 2018.

The meeting closed at 12:45pm

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

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