



**THE AUSTRALIAN NATIONAL UNIVERSITY**

**COUNCIL MINUTES**

The 462<sup>nd</sup> meeting of the Council was held at 9:15am (AEST) on **Friday 2 October 2020** using video/teleconferencing facilities.

**Members present:**

The Chancellor, The Hon Julie Bishop (in the Chair)  
The Pro-Chancellor, Ms Naomi Flutter  
The Vice-Chancellor, Professor Brian P Schmidt AC  
Professor Suzanne Cory AC  
Ms Natasha Stott Despoja AO  
Mr Mike Baird AO  
Ms Anne-Marie Schwirtlich AM  
Dr Doug McTaggart  
Ms Tanya Hosch  
Professor Juliana Ng  
Professor Asmi Wood  
Professor Kate Reynolds  
Ms Caterina Giugovaz  
Mr Lachlan Day  
Ms Eve Walker

**In attendance:**

Chair, Academic Board - Professor Joan Leach (non-voting member of Council)

Chair, Audit and Risk Management Committee - Mr Geoff Knuckey  
Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Research and Innovation) - Professor Keith Nugent  
Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Academic) - Professor Grady Venville  
Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Student and University Experience) – Professor Ian Anderson  
Chief Operating Officer - Mr Paul Duldig  
Pro Vice-Chancellor (Innovation) - Professor Michael Cardew-Hall  
Pro Vice-Chancellor (International Strategy) - Professor Sally Wheeler  
Interim Pro Vice-Chancellor (Education) - Professor Royston Gustavson  
Vice-President (First Nations) – Mr Peter Yu  
Vice-President (Engagement and Global Relations) - Ms Jane O'Dwyer  
Vice-President (Advancement) - Ms Barbara Miles  
Interim Chief Financial Officer - Ms Anna Tsikouris  
Chief of Staff and Director, Office of the Vice-Chancellor - Mr Chris Price  
Director, Planning & Performance Measurement - Ms Richelle Hilton  
Director, Human Resources Division - Dr Nadine White  
University Legislative Drafter – Mr John Leahy  
Dean, College of Health & Medicine - Professor Russell Gruen

Council Secretary and Director, Corporate Governance and Risk Office - Mr Chris Reid  
Associate Director, Corporate Governance and Risk Office - Mrs Megan Easton  
Senior Governance Officer, Corporate Governance and Risk Office - Ms Leslie McDonald  
Senior Governance Officer, Corporate Governance and Risk Office - Mr Greg Barry  
Senior Auditor, Corporate Governance & Risk Office - Mr Christian Coelho

**Observer**

Ms Madhumitha Janagaraja

## **PART 1: PROCEDURAL ITEMS**

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

Council:

- Welcomed the following academic staff members who have recently been elected to Council for two years, until 29 September 2022:
  - Professor Juliana Ng from the College of Business and Economics - elected by the Deans and Heads of Research Schools.
  - Professor Asmi Wood from the College of Law - elected by the academic staff (Faculties).
  - Professor Kate Reynolds – re-elected by the academic staff (Institute of Advanced Studies).
- Welcomed Ms Eve Walker – elected by the postgraduate students as a postgraduate student representative for one year, until 27 September 2021.
- Acknowledged and thanked Mr Lachlan Day following his last meeting of Council as the undergraduate student representative. Mr Day's term on Council ends on 30 November 2020. Ms Madhumitha Janagaraja, who has been elected as Mr Day's successor and commence her one year term on 1 December 2020, joined the meeting as an observer.

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

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### **3. DISCLOSURE OF MATERIAL PERSONAL INTEREST**

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### **4. ARRANGEMENT OF AGENDA**

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### **5. MATTERS ARISING FROM COUNCIL MEETINGS**

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#### **Resolved**

Council noted the Matters Arising from Council meetings

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### **6. MINUTES**

#### **Resolved**

Council approved the minutes of the meeting held on 15 September 2020 (88/2020).

## **PART 2 – KEY BUSINESS ITEMS**

### **7. VICE-CHANCELLOR'S REPORT AND ANU 2025**

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#### **Resolved**

Council noted the Vice-Chancellor's report.

### **8. ANU RECOVERY PLAN 2021-23 – IMPLEMENTATION – PROGRESS REPORT**

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#### **Resolved**

Council:

1. Endorsed the proposed reporting approach regarding the implementation of the ANU Recovery Plan 2021-23.
2. Agreed to convene for a further update about the implementation of the ANU Recovery Plan 2021-23 in November should it be necessary.

### **9. STUDENT ENROLMENTS – 2020 YEAR TO DATE – PERFORMANCE REPORT**

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#### **Resolved**

Council noted the 2020 Year-to-Date student load and enrolment report.

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## **PART 3 – STRATEGIC ISSUES – (PART OF COVID-19 REPORTING)**

## **PART 4 – OTHER MATTERS FOR DECISION**

### **12. ANU BILL - UPDATE**

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#### **Resolved**

Council:

1. Noted the update concerning the replacement of *the Australian National University Act 1991*.

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### **13. ANU GOVERNANCE STATUTE 2020 AND RELATED LEGISLATION - (UNIVERSITY LEGISLATIVE REFORM PROJECT – UPDATE)**

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**Resolved**

Council:

1. Approved the making of the:
  - *Australian National University (Governance) Statute 2020*
  - *Australian National University (Legislation) Statute 2020*; and
  - *Australian National University (Repeal) Statute 2020*, each with a commencement date of 1 January 2021.
2. Noted the update about the University Legislative Reform Project.

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**16. ETHICS COMMITTEES – ANNUAL REPORTS 2019****Resolved**

Council approved the 2019 Annual Reports of the:

1. Animal Experimentation Ethics Committee.
2. Human Research Ethics Committee.
3. Recombinant DNA Monitoring Committee.

**17. ANU FOUNDATION BOARD – MEMBERSHIP****Resolved**

Council approved the:

1. Appointment of Penny Winn to the ANU Foundation Board, from 5 October 2020 to 5 October 2024;
2. Reappointment of Robyn Watts as member and Chair of the ANU Foundation Board to 21 December 2023;
3. Reappointment of David Olsson and Michelle Melbourne to the ANU Foundation Board for a second term, from 18 February 2021 to 18 February 2025; and
4. Appointment of Michelle Melbourne as Deputy Chair of the ANU Foundation Board

**18. COUNCIL COMMITTEES – MEMBERSHIP****Resolved**

Council approved appointments to Council Committees, as proposed.

**PART 5 – OTHER MATTERS FOR NOTING****19. ANU ADVANCEMENT – PROGRESS REPORT**

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**Resolved**

Council noted:

1. The summary and analysis of alumni engagement and funds raised to 31 July 2020.

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**20. CHM TRANSFORM – DEVELOPING BUSINESS CASE – STATUS REPORT**

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**Resolved**

Council noted:

1. The status report the CHM TRANSFORM project.

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**21. INSURANCE – UPDATE**

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**Resolved**

Council noted the Insurance update.

**22. UNIVERSITY RANKINGS – REVIEW 2020 – REPORT**

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**Resolved:**

Council noted the report concerning year-to-date University Rankings performance for 2020.

**23. INTERNATIONAL STRATEGY – PROGRESS REPORT**

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**Resolved:**

Council noted the International Strategy progress report.

**24. ENTERPRISE RISK MANAGEMENT FRAMEWORK – REVIEW - UPDATE**

**Resolved**

Council noted the *draft* ERMF as reviewed during 2020;

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**25. STUDENT SAFETY REPORT**

**Resolved**

Council noted the Student Safety report for the period July-August 2020.

## **26. WORK HEALTH AND SAFETY REPORT**

### **Resolved**

Council noted the WHS Performance Report for the period 1 January – 31 August 2020.

## **27. WORKPLACE GENDER EQUALITY AGENCY – ANNUAL REPORT 2019-20**

### **Resolved**

Council noted the Report:

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## **28. ACTON CAMPUS MASTER PLAN – ANNUAL REPORT**

### **Resolved**

Council noted the Acton Campus Master Plan – 12 month update.

## **29. CAMPUS PLANNING COMMITTEE – EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

### **Resolved**

Council noted the summary of major items considered by the Campus Planning Committee at its meeting of 15 September 2020.

## **30. FINANCE COMMITTEE – EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

### **Resolved**

Council noted the summary of major items considered by the Finance Committee at its meeting of 11 September 2020.

## **31. AUDIT AND RISK MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE (ARMC) - EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

### **Resolved**

Council noted the summary of major items considered by the ARMC at its meeting of 16 September 2020.

## **32. ACADEMIC BOARD – EXECUTIVE SUMMARY (INCLUDING UPDATE ON THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE MODEL CODE)**

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### **Resolved**

Council noted the summary of major items considered by the Academic Board at its meeting of 25 August 2020, including progress made in respect of the implementing the Model Code.

## **33. 2019 ANU ANNUAL REPORT – MINOR AMENDMENTS**

### **Resolved**

Council noted the minor amendments made to the 2019 Annual Report subsequent to it being approved by Council on 29 May 2020.

### **34. STAFF ENGAGEMENT – VOICE SURVEY 2018 – PROGRESS REPORT 2/2020**

#### **Resolved**

Council noted the updates on staff engagement, including the May 2020 COVID 'pulse' survey results.

### **35. ANU SUBSIDIARIES – MID-YEAR REPORTS 2020 (INCLUDING THE ANU ENTERPRISE RISK FRAMEWORK)**

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#### **Resolved**

Council noted the:

1. ANU subsidiaries mid-year reports and financial projections for 2020.
2. ANU Subsidiary Risk Management Framework.
3. ANU Value Statement.

### **36. ANU BELOW ZERO INITIATIVE**

#### **Resolved**

Council noted the:

1. Progress made on the ANU Below Zero Initiative (led by the ANU Climate Change Institute).
2. Consultation process about the ANU Below Zero Initiative (including the opportunity to contribute via the website provided).

### **37. EQUITY AND EQUALITY AT ANU (KPI 8 – STRATEGIC PLAN) – FURTHER REPORT**

#### **Resolved**

Council noted:

1. The update on gender equity initiatives at ANU.
2. That a further update concerning this work will be provided at the April 2021 Council meeting.

### **38. SIGNIFICANT VISITS AND EVENTS, GRANTS AND CONSULTANCIES**

#### **Resolved**

Council noted the reports on grants and consultancies (noting that Significant Visits and Events are significantly reduced in 2020 on account of COVID-19 and, accordingly, not being reported upon).

### **39. POWER OF ATTORNEY**

#### **Resolved**

Council noted there were no transactions over which the Director, Investment Office exercised Power of Attorney since the last full Council meeting, on 31 July 2020.

#### 40. LEGISLATION

**Resolved**

Council noted the Vice-Chancellor had approved amendments to the *Council (Election) Order 2020*.

#### 41. UNIVERSITY SEAL REPORT

**Resolved**

Council noted there were no documents to which the University Seal was affixed since the meeting of Council on 31 July 2020.

#### PART 6 – OTHER BUSINESS

#### 42. OTHER BUSINESS

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#### 43. NEXT MEETING

Council noted that its next scheduled meeting would proceed as planned, on Friday 4 December 2020, beginning at 9.15am (AEST).

The meeting closed at 1.52pm (AEST).

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The Hon Julie Bishop  
Chancellor  
The Australian National University

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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