THE AUSTRALIAN NATIONAL UNIVERSITY

COUNCIL MINUTES

The 462nd 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:
  
  o Professor Juliana Ng from the College of Business and Economics - elected by the Deans and Heads of Research Schools.

  o Professor Asmi Wood from the College of Law - elected by the academic staff (Faculties).

  o 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
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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:


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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

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