



## THE AUSTRALIAN NATIONAL UNIVERSITY COUNCIL MINUTES

The 449<sup>th</sup> 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)

### **Chancelry 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

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### 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:

- 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**

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## **22. COUNCIL GOVERNANCE CONFORMANCE STATEMENT 2018**

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### **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**

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**Resolved**

Council noted the results of the Voice Staff Engagement Survey 2018.

**33. ACADEMIC MANAGEMENT AND LEADERSHIP - UPDATE**

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**Resolved**

Council noted the progress made towards the development of the Academic Leadership Program.

**34. ANU COUNSELLING SERVICES – AUDIT REPORT AND MANAGEMENT RESPONSES**

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**Resolved**

Council noted the audit report of counselling services and the management responses.

**35. ADMINISTRATIVE REFORM - UPDATE**

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**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**

Council noted the Freedom of Information (FOI) Report for 2018.

**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.

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Professor the Hon Gareth Evans AC QC

Chancellor

The Australian National University

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