

**THE AUSTRALIAN NATIONAL UNIVERSITY
COUNCIL MINUTES**

The 450th meeting of the Council was held at 10.30am on **Thursday 14 February 2019**, in the Board Room, ANU House, Melbourne.

Members 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
Dr Doug McTaggart
Mr Peter Yu
Professor Matthew Colless
Associate Professor Ben Corry
Professor Kate Reynolds
Mrs Claire Shrewsbury
Mr Zyl Hovenga-Wauchope
Ms Eden Lim

Apologies:

Ms Natasha Stott Despoja AM

In attendance:

Provost - Professor Mike Calford
Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Research & Innovation) - Professor Keith Nugent
Acting Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Academic) - Professor Grady Venville
Pro-Vice Chancellor (Innovation) - Professor Mick Cardew-Hall
Acting Pro Vice-Chancellor (Education) – Associate Professor Royston Gustavson
Chief Operating Officer - Mr Chris Grange
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 Jacqueline Lo
Director, Human Resources - Dr Nadine White

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
Executive Officer to the Chancellor – Mr Jieh-Yung Lo

PART 1: PROCEDURAL ITEMS

1. ANNOUNCEMENTS AND APOLOGIES

Council formally welcomed Professor Kate Reynolds from the Research School of Psychology, ANU College of Health and Medicine, to her first meeting. Professor Reynolds was elected to Council on 30 January 2019 as an Academic Staff representative, succeeding Dr Ceridwen (Crid) Fraser, who ceased her tenure as a member of Council on 28 January 2019 to accept an academic appointment overseas.

Council acknowledged the outstanding contribution made by the Pro Vice-Chancellor (University Experience), Professor Richard Baker, who will be retiring in mid-June following a period of leave, beginning in February. Council acknowledged Professor Baker's passionate advocacy for equity and fairness at the University, having devoted a professional lifetime championing outcomes for students, women, Indigenous communities and under-represented groups on campus.

Council also noted the arrival in January of the new Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Research and Innovation), Professor Keith Nugent. Professor Nugent has joined the ANU from La Trobe University where he was Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Research). Completing his PhD in physics at ANU, Professor Nugent became a world class researcher best known for his pioneering work on x-ray physics.

3. DISCLOSURE OF MATERIAL PERSONAL INTEREST

No member disclosed any material personal interest.

4. ARRANGEMENT OF AGENDA

Council determined to proceed with the agenda as proposed, with no further items being declared confidential.

Resolved

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

5. MINUTES

Resolved

Council confirmed the minutes of the meeting held on 7 December 2018 (195/2018), as amended, to be a true and accurate record.

PART 2: KEY BUSINESS ITEMS

6. VICE-CHANCELLOR'S REPORT

Resolved

Council:

1. Noted the Vice-Chancellor's report;
2. Agreed to the following amended Council meeting day format:
 - **9.15am - 1.15pm: Council meeting**
 - Extended from the usual scheduled 12.30pm finish; fewer items started; provision at each meeting for confidential discussion by Council members only following the Vice-Chancellor's report, if required.
 - **1.15pm - 2.00pm: lunch**
 - **2.00pm - 4.00pm (latest): site visit**

PART 3: STRATEGIC ISSUES – ADDRESSED AS PART OF THE COUNCIL PLANNING DAY

PART 4: OTHER MATTERS FOR DECISION

7. CORPORATE PLAN 2019

The Chancellor provided a brief summary concerning the requirement to produce the ANU Corporate Plan for 2019, as outlined in the papers provided to Council members.

Resolved

Council approved:

1. The ANU Strategic Plan 2019-2022 as the Corporate Plan 2019, as required by the Public Governance, Performance and Accountability Act 2013; and
2. Its transfer to the relevant Ministers, and subsequent publishing.

PART 5: OTHER MATTERS FOR NOTING

9. CHANCELLORSHIP

The Chancellor and all observers, other than the Council Secretary, vacated the room.

The Pro-Chancellor led a discussion on progress made to search for, and appoint, a Chancellor to succeed Professor the Hon Gareth Evans AC QC, on 1 January 2020.

10. STRATEGIC PLAN 2017-21 – EXECUTIVE AND COLLEGE PLANS PROGRESS REPORTS 2018

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

While Council noted that a detailed discussion about these reports and the second year of the Strategic Plan was scheduled for the Planning Day, it also resolved that the Executive should specifically focus on the following areas in 2019:

- Student experience (including Halls of Residence)
- Public policy hub
- New Budget and Resource Model
- Service improvement and delivery
- Student admissions process (including the Admissions, Scholarships and Accommodation - ASA - project)
- International Strategy (also to be a Strategic Item presentation at a meeting of Council).

Progress reports concerning these specific areas are to be submitted to Council as part of the Vice-Chancellor's report or as a specific report.

Resolved

Council noted:

1. The University's performance against the KPIs included in the ANU Strategic Plan;
2. The progress reports for the six Executive and six College Plans that support the Strategic Plan;
3. Reporting requirements for the listed areas of specific focus in 2019; and
4. That the Executive and College Plans will be considered in detail during the Planning Day.

13. STAFF WHS REPORT 2018

Resolved

Council noted the WHS Annual Report for calendar year 2018.

14. WORKPLACE GENDER EQUITY AGENCY (WGEA) REPORT 2017-18

Resolved

Council noted:

1. The WGEA Gender Equality Competitor Analysis Benchmark Report; and
2. The identified areas of gender equality where the University is performing strongly and areas for improvement.

15. AHRC REPORT ON SEXUAL ASSAULT & HARRASSMENT - ANU RESPONSE - UPDATE

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*.

16. ANU MELBOURNE OFFICE REPORT 2018 AND ENGAGEMENT STRATEGY 2019

Resolved

Council:

1. Noted the ANU Melbourne Office report 2018; and
2. Approved the Melbourne Engagement Strategy 2019.

18. ACADEMIC BOARD – EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Resolved

Council noted the summary of major items considered by the Academic Board *****.

19. 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 7 December 2018.

20. UNIVERSITY SEAL

Resolved

Council noted that the University Seal had not been used since the last meeting of Council, on 7 December 2018.

21. SIGNIFICANT VISITS AND EVENTS, GRANTS AND CONSULTANCIES

Resolved

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

22. LEGISLATION

Resolved

Council noted the making of the Research Award Rule 2018 by the Vice-Chancellor on 13 December 2018.

23. ANU EMERITUS FACULTY - ANNUAL REPORT 2018

Resolved

Council noted the 2018 Annual Report of the ANU Emeritus Faculty.

PART 6: OTHER BUSINESS

24. OTHER BUSINESS

No other business was raised.

25. NEXT MEETING

Council noted that its next meeting will be held on Friday 29 March 2019.

The meeting suspended at 1:09pm, and resumed at 1:36pm.

The meeting closed at 2:00pm

Date: _____

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

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