THE AUSTRALIAN NATIONAL UNIVERSITY

COUNCIL MINUTES

The 461st meeting of the Council was held at 8.30am (AEST) on **Tuesday 15 September 2020** using video/tele conferencing 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 Matthew Colless
Associate Professor Ben Corry
Professor Kate Reynolds
Ms Caterina Giugovaz
Mr Lachlan Day

**Observer**
Mr Utsav Gupta
Professor Juliana Ng

**In attendance:**
Chair, Academic Board - Professor Joan Leach (non-voting member of Council)
Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Research and Innovation) - Professor Keith Nugent
Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Academic) - Professor Grady Venville
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 (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
Director, Strategic Communications and Public Affairs – Mr Ed O'Daly
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
Manager, Audit & Risk, Corporate Governance and Risk Office - Ms Sharon Sidhu
Senior Auditor, Corporate Governance & Risk Office - Mr Christian Coelho

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PART 1: PROCEDURAL ITEMS

1. ANNOUNCEMENTS AND APOLOGIES

Council noted that:

- This was a Special Meeting convened principally to consider the University’s Recovery Plan 2021-23 in response to the COVID-19 pandemic.

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- Professor Juliana Ng from the College of Business and Economics was recently elected by the Deans and Heads of Research Schools as an academic staff representative on Council. Professor Ng will succeed Professor Matthew Colless on 30 September 2020 for two years, and joined the meeting as an observer.

2. LEAVE OF ABSENCE

No Council member sought a leave of absence for a future meeting.

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 or starred for discussion.

No objections were raised to non-confidential material being published.

5. MINUTES

Resolved
Council approved the minutes of the meeting held on 31 July 2020 (88/2020).

PART 2 – KEY BUSINESS ITEMS

6. VICE-CHANCELLOR’S REPORT

The Chancellor explained that the Vice-Chancellor had provided a full report in advance of the scheduled meeting on 2 October 2020.

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Resolved
Council noted the Vice-Chancellor’s report.
7. ANU RECOVERY PLAN 2021–23

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Resolved

Council:

1. **Approved** the ANU Recovery Plan 2021-23 (including the Financial Health Strategy) as presented and endorsed by the Finance Committee on 11 September 2020.

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2. **Approved** the release of the Initial Change Consultation paper (including with an introduction to be provided by the Vice-Chancellor).

3. **Noted** the ANU Recovery Plan 2021-23: Communications Summary.

4. **Requested** that the “ANU Recovery Plan – Implementation - Progress Report” be listed on the agenda for each Council meeting until determined otherwise.

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PART 3 – OTHER BUSINESS

9. OTHER BUSINESS

Council noted that on Monday 14 September 2020, the Chancellor and Vice-Chancellor attended a particularly successful online Australian Crisis Simulation Summit, facilitated by students of the ANU College of Law.


10. NEXT MEETING

Council confirmed that its next scheduled meeting would proceed as planned, on Friday 2 October 2020, beginning at 9.15am (AEST), and that it may be facilitated both in person in the Chancelry Building and also via Zoom. Arrangements are to be confirmed as soon as possible.

The meeting closed at 11.19am (AEST).

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The Hon Julie Bishop
Chancellor
The Australian National University

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