



THE AUSTRALIAN NATIONAL UNIVERSITY

COUNCIL MINUTES

The 447th meeting of the Council was held at 9:15am on Friday 20 July 2018, in the RC 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
Professor Suzanne Cory AC
Mr Graeme Samuel AC
Dr Doug McTaggart
Ms Natasha Stott Despoja AM
Mr Peter Yu
Ms Anne-Marie Schwirtlich AM
Professor Catherine Waldby
Professor Tim Senden
Mrs Claire Shrewsbury
Ms Alyssa Shaw
Ms Eleanor Kay

Apologies:

Nil

In attendance:

Provost – Professor Mike Calford
Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Research and Innovation) – Professor Margaret Harding
Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Academic) – Professor Marnie Hughes-Warrington
Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Global Engagement) – Professor Shirley Leitch
Chief Operating Officer – Mr Chris Grange
Pro Vice-Chancellor (Innovation) – Professor Michael Cardew-Hall
Pro-Vice Chancellor (University Experience) – Professor Richard Baker
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
Dean, ANU College of Engineering and Computer Science – Professor Elanor Huntington (for Agenda Item 9)
Project Director, CECS Re-imagine Project – Mr Michael Branson (for Agenda Item 9)
ANU student – Mr Lachlan Arthur (for Agenda Item 10)
Director, Human Resources – Dr Nadine White (for Agenda Item 28)

Chancelry staff:

Director, Corporate Governance and Risk Office and Council Secretary – Mr Chris Reid
Director, Office of the Vice-Chancellor – Mr Chris Price
Associate Director, Corporate Governance and Policy – Mr Andrew Heath
Corporate Governance and Risk Office – Ms Megan Easton
Senior Governance Officer, Corporate Governance and Risk Office – Ms Leslie McDonald
Executive Officer to the Vice-Chancellor – Ms Jenny Nutter (for Agenda Item 11)
Executive Officer to the Pro-Vice Chancellor (University Experience) – Dr Luby Simson (for Agenda Item 11)

PART 1: PROCEDURAL ITEMS

1. ANNOUNCEMENTS AND APOLOGIES

Council formally welcomed Mrs Claire Shrewsbury to her first meeting of Council as the new Professional Staff member.

Council acknowledged this to be the last meeting for Professor Tim Senden, Professor Catherine Waldby and Ms Alyssa Shaw, and expressed its sincere gratitude for their service and conveyed to each every best wish for the future.

Council noted that Senator the Hon. Simon Birmingham, Minister for Education and Training, re-appointed Ms Naomi Flutter and Professor Suzanne Cory to the Council for a further four years, until 30 June 2022.

2. LEAVE OF ABSENCE

Leave of absence for the next meeting of Council was granted to Ms Anne-Marie Schwirtlich.

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

Council starred Agenda Item 16, Campus Development Naming Proposals, and Agenda Item 37, Annual Report 2017 – Minor Amendments, for discussion.

Council determined to proceed with the remainder of the agenda as proposed, with no further items being declared confidential or starred for discussion.

Resolved

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

No Council member foreshadowed any item to be raised under Agenda Item 39, Other Business.

5. MINUTES

Resolved

Council confirmed the minutes of the meeting held on 25 May 2018 (177/2018) to be a true and accurate record.

PART 2: KEY BUSINESS ITEMS

6. VICE-CHANCELLOR'S REPORT

The Vice-Chancellor highlighted the following matters in speaking to his written report:

- He supported the Chancellor in acknowledging the service of retiring Council members Professor Tim Senden, Professor Catherine Waldby and Ms Alyssa Shaw, emphasising their professionalism and insight, and their ability to bring informed staff and student perspectives to Council deliberations.
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- Update on senior staff appointments
 - The Vice-Chancellor updated Council on progress made with respect to appointments of a new Dean of the ANU College of Health and Medicine and the ANU College of Business and Economics, and the Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Research and Innovation).

- The Vice-Chancellor also noted that:
 - New Tuckwell scholars for 2019 were recently announced. Following the final stage of assessment, twenty-five high achieving students have become scholarship recipients.
 - The 2018 Shanghai Ranking's Global Ranking of Academic Subjects (GRAS) indicate that the University achieved some strong results, but also highlighted the importance of the ongoing focus required on the Strategic Plan, especially where building a culture of academic excellence is concerned.
 - The University has launched the Australian Studies Institute, which will promote the study of Australia as part of its "Australia and the World" program.

Resolved

Council noted the Vice-Chancellor's report.

7. EXECUTIVE PLANS – MID YEAR PROGRESS REPORTS

The Vice-Chancellor provided Council with an overview of the mid-year progress reports concerning the Executive Plans *****

Resolved

Council noted the mid-year progress reports.

8. UNIVERSITY STRATEGIC FINANCIAL FORECAST AND SCENARIO PLANNING

9. CECS REIMAGINE PROJECT - UPDATE

10. PHILANTHROPIC PRESENTATION – NATIONAL SCHOLARS PROGRAM

ANU student, Mr Lachlan Arthur joined the meeting.

The Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Academic) and Mr Arthur delivered a presentation about the National Scholars Program, including a call for support to help fund 200 new scholarships valued at \$50million.

Resolved

Council thanked the Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Academic) and Mr Arthur for their presentation and noted the significance of the National Scholars Program.

PART 3: STRATEGIC ISSUES

11. SOCIETAL TRANSFORMATION – PRESENTATION

The Vice-Chancellor provided Council with a presentation, updating it on progress made against the Societal Transformation Plan *****

Resolved

Council noted the strategic update on the implementation of the Societal Transformation Plan.

PART 4: OTHER MATTERS FOR DECISION

12. TUITION FEE BANDS FOR 2019

The Provost provided an overview of the University's international and domestic tuition fees (excluding domestic Commonwealth Grants Scheme places) proposed for 2019 *****

Resolved

Council approved:

1. The fee bands, rates, and domestic fee adjustment bands for 2019 fees as outlined at tables 1, 2, and 3;
2. The other tuition fees detailed in tables 5 and 6;
3. The undertaking of work to explore the opportunities for scholarships for the following areas:
 - a. Health, noting that ANU currently has the highest tuition fees in the Group of Eight;
 - b. More generally, through providing scope for marketing and student recruitment to inform potential tuition fee and scholarship rates based on competitor analysis;
4. The International Strategy and Partnerships work with the ANU International Group, in consultation with Global Programs and Marketing and Student Recruitment, to develop a suite of fee bands appropriate for study abroad programs that are aligned with the University's strategic and diversification goals;
5. That no tuition fees be set below the floor of band 1 without explicit approval the University Executive and Senior Management Group, representing the quality of the ANU brand; and
6. That a review of overtime fees for HDR students be undertaken for the 2020 fee setting process.

13. ANU COLLEGE COURSEWORK TUITION FEES FOR 2019

Resolved

Council approved:

1. The 2019 fees *****;
2. That the following principles for schedule 2 programs and courses fee setting be continued:
 - a. That fees be proposed in EFTSL rather than by New Student Enrolment (NSE); and
 - b. That schedule 2 programs and courses be reviewed annually based on comparative competitor data.

14. ANU COUNCIL CHARTER - AMENDMENTS**Resolved**

Council:

1. Approved the amendments to the *ANU Council Charter*, and
2. Repealed the *Responsibilities of Members of Council and Council Committees Policy*.

15. COUNCIL COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP**Resolved**

Council approved the recommended Council Committee memberships.

16. CAMPUS DEVELOPMENT NAMING PROPOSALS

The Council discussed the naming proposals for various campus developments, as outlined in the papers presented to Council members.

Resolved

Council approved the proposals to name:

1. West Loop Road in Kambri, 'Dorothy Tangney Road';
2. The teaching building in Kambri, the 'Marie Reay Building';

3. Student Accommodation 7, 'Fenner Hall';
4. Student Accommodation 5, 'Wanburang' (Black Cockatoo);
5. Building 145, the 'Hanna Neumann Building'; and
6. Building 21 as part of the PAP Moran Building.

17. 2017 REPORT TO DONORS: THE IMPACT OF GIVING

Resolved

Council approved the 2017 Report to Donors: The Impact of Giving.

18. ETHICS COMMITTEES ANNUAL REPORTS 2017

Resolved

Council approved the 2017 Annual Reports of the following committees:

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

19. NEW CONSTITUTION – POSTGRADUATE & RESEARCH STUDENTS ASSOCIATION

Resolved

Council approved the new Postgraduate and Research Students' Association constitution, as endorsed by the special general meeting of members held on 22 June 2018.

20. NEW CONSTITUTION – ANU SPORT & RECREATION ASSOCIATION

Resolved

Council approved the new ANU Sport and Recreation Association constitution, as endorsed by the special general meeting of members held on 16 May 2018.

21. CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT – THE ANU OBSERVER

Resolved

Council approved the changes to The ANU Observer constitution, as endorsed by the general meeting of members held on 16 May 2018.

PART 5: OTHER MATTERS FOR NOTING

22. ANU CRAWFORD LEADERSHIP FORM 2018 – REPORT

Resolved

Council noted the report on the outcomes from the 2018 ANU Crawford Leadership Forum.

23. NATIONAL INSTITUTES GRANT FRAMEWORK

24. ACADEMIC LEADERSHIP AND MANAGEMENT PROGRAM - UPDATE

25. KAMBRI – REDEVELOPMENT UPDATE

26. AHRC REPORT INTO SEXUAL ASSAULT AND HARASSMENT: ANU RESPONSE - UPDATE

27. STUDENT SAFETY REPORT

The Pro Vice-Chancellor (University Experience) provided Council with an overview of the student safety report for the period 1 May 2018 to 30 June 2018, as outlined in the papers presented to Council members.

Resolved

Council noted the Student Safety report for the period 1 May 2018 to 30 June 2018.

28. STAFF WORK HEALTH AND SAFETY REPORT

Dr Nadine White joined the meeting.

Council reviewed the current Work Health and Safety report, including Injury Management and Rehabilitation, for the period 1 January – 30 June 2018, as outlined in the papers presented to Council members.

Resolved

Council noted the Work Health and Safety report, including Injury Management and Rehabilitation, for the period 1 January – 30 June 2018.

29. FINANCE COMMITTEE – EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Resolved

Council noted the summary of major items considered by the Finance Committee at its meeting of 6 July 2018.

30. AUDIT & 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 11 July 2018.

31. CAMPUS PLANNING COMMITTEE - EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Resolved

Council noted the summary of major items considered by the Campus Planning Committee at its meeting of 2 July 2018.

32. ACADEMIC BOARD - EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Resolved

Council noted the summary of major items considered by the Academic Board at its meeting of 3 July 2018.

Council also commended Academic Board for its work on the recently completed Statement on Academic Freedom.

33. SIGNIFICANT VISITS AND EVENTS, GRANTS AND CONSULTANCIES

Resolved

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

34. LEGISLATION

Resolved

Council noted the making of the *Academic and Ceremonial Dress Rule 2018* by the Vice-Chancellor.

35. POWER OF ATTORNEY

Resolved

Council noted that no transactions over which the Investment Manager exercised Power of Attorney were recorded since the last meeting of Council on 25 May 2018.

36. UNIVERSITY SEAL

Resolved

Council noted that the University Seal had not been used since the last meeting of Council on 25 May 2018.

37. ANNUAL REPORT 2017 – MINOR AMENDMENTS

Council noted that minor amendments were made to the finalised Annual Report prior to its tabling in Parliament, on 28 June 2018. Council also identified statistical errors in a table, and noted that these will be corrected and included in the 2018 Annual Report.

Resolved

Council noted the minor amendments made to the 2017 Annual Report before its tabling in Parliament on 28 June 2018.

38. VOLUNTARY CODE - GOVERNANCE OF AUSTRALIAN PUBLIC UNIVERSITIES

The Chancellor provided Council with an overview of the revised *Voluntary Code of Best Practice for the Governance of Australian Public Universities*, as outlined in the papers presented to Council members.

Resolved

Council noted the revised *Voluntary Code of Best Practice for the Governance of Australian Public Universities*.

PART 6: OTHER BUSINESS

39. OTHER BUSINESS

Council noted that:

- As acknowledged at the previous meeting of Council, Professor Margaret Harding, Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Research and Innovation), would be leaving the University in September, and noted that this would be the last meeting of Council that she would attend.
- Mr Andrew Heath, Associate Director in the Corporate Governance and Risk Office, would be leaving the University in mid-August 2018 after almost a decade of distinguished service to take up a leadership position with the Board secretariat at Airservices Australia.

Council expressed its sincere gratitude for their service and conveyed its very best wishes for the future.

40. NEXT MEETING

Council noted that its next meeting will be held on Friday 5 October 2018.

The meeting closed at 12:55pm

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

Date: _____

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