



THE AUSTRALIAN NATIONAL UNIVERSITY

COUNCIL MINUTES

The 446th meeting of the Council was held at 9:15am on Friday 25 May 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 (by videconference, from 9.45am)
Dr Doug McTaggart
Ms Natasha Stott Despoja AM
Mr Peter Yu
Ms Anne-Marie Schwirtlich AM
Professor Catherine Waldby
Professor Tim Senden
Professor Jan Provis
Ms Deborah Veness
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 (Education) – Professor Grady Venville
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
Professional Staff Council member-elect – Ms Claire Shrewsbury
Director, Planning and Performance Measurement - Ms Richelle Hilton (for Agenda Item 8)
Associate Director, Strategic Finance Initiatives – Ms Melissa Abberton (for Agenda Item 8)
Director, Investment Office – Ms Mary Fallon (for Agenda Item 8)
Associate Director, Financial Planning and Analysis – Ms Mary-Anne Wiles (for Agenda Item 8)
Dr Kamalini Lokuge - Research School of Population Health (for Agenda Item 9)
Professor Emily Banks - Research School of Population Health (for Agenda Item 9)
Registrar, Student Life – Ms Lynda Mathey (for Agenda Item 13)
Director, Human Resources – Dr Nadine White (for Agenda Items 15 and 19)
Director, Service Improvement Group – Ms Lakshmi West (for Agenda Item 16)

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
Senior Governance Officer, Corporate Governance and Risk Office – Ms Leslie McDonald

Observer:

Mr Ivo Lovric, Chifley Library (for non-confidential agenda items)

PART 1: PROCEDURAL ITEMS

1. ANNOUNCEMENTS AND APOLOGIES

Council acknowledged this to be the last meeting for Professor Jan Provis and Ms Deborah Veness, and expressed its sincere gratitude for their service and conveyed to each very best wishes for the future.

Council noted that Professor Provis' retirement takes effect on 1 July 2018, and that Council agreed at its last meeting to fill this vacancy in August 2018 to coincide with the ordinary cycle for electing a member to that position. Therefore, Council will function with only 14 of its 15 members until that time, including for the Council meeting on 20 July 2018.

Council formally welcomed Ms Barbara Miles, the inaugural Vice-President (Advancement), who is leading the University's Alumni Relations and Philanthropy strategy.

Ms Claire Shrewsbury was welcomed as the Professional Staff Council member-elect to 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

4. ARRANGEMENT OF AGENDA

Council agreed to make the following changes to the agenda:

- Consider agenda items 9, 10, 11 and 14 successively as starred non-confidential items in order to minimise the disruption of an observer coming and going from the meeting.
- Agenda Item 24 concerning the *ANU Foundation – Board Membership* was starred 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 29, Other Business.

5. MINUTES

Resolved

Council confirmed the minutes of the meeting held on 6 April 2018 (156/2018), as amended, to be a true and accurate record.

PART 2: KEY BUSINESS ITEMS

6. VICE-CHANCELLOR'S REPORT

The Vice-Chancellor highlighted the following matters as part of his report:

- National Reconciliation Week
 - The inaugural Reconciliation Day public holiday would be held in the ACT on Monday 28 May 2018.
 - Council members will be joining other ANU community members after lunch for the Reconciliation Week Lecture, to be delivered by the University's inaugural Indigenous Post-Doctoral Fellow, Dr Virginia Marshall.

- The Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Australia Foundation Course in Core Cultural Learning (CCL). This course has been developed by AIATSIS and adapted for the University community. ANU is the first university in Australia to adopt this program, one intended to promote greater awareness of the vast history and cultural heritage of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples.
- University leadership
 - Professor Margaret Harding, the Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Research and Innovation), has resigned and intends to leave the University in September 2018. Her tremendous leadership of the Research and Innovation portfolio, her strategic successes, as well as her support for colleagues and her overall contribution to the University was sincerely acknowledged. A search to identify Professor Harding's successor has commenced. The Vice-Chancellor will keep Council informed of progress, including about the appointment of an Acting Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Research and Innovation), if required.
 - The Vice-Chancellor supported the Chancellor in acknowledging the service of retiring Council members, Professor Jan Provis and Ms Deborah Veness, emphasising their professionalism and ability to bring informed staff perspectives to Council deliberations.
 - Ms Barbara Miles, the new Vice President (Advancement), has joined the Executive from the University of British Columbia. She comes to the University with impressive fundraising and campaign leadership credentials.
 - The preferred candidate for the position of Dean of the ANU College of Health and Medicine remains in negotiation with the University.
- National Institutes Grants (NIG) workshops

- University counselling services (see also Item 13)

- Federal Budget 2019

- Admissions, Scholarship and Accommodation (ASA) project (see Item 10)
 - The ASA project will revolutionise the manner in which the University admits students.
- Stargazing
 - On 23 May 2018, ANU led a national engagement activity, where it broke its own 2015 world record for the number of people simultaneously stargazing. This year, over 40,000 people were stargazing for 10 minutes simultaneously.
 - ANU achieved exceptional national outreach, including being live on ABC TV across the nation at over 280 different venues where thousands of people looked at the night sky through telescopes.
 - This is an example of the ANU working as the National University, and the kind of initiative that further enhances the University's reputation as a knowledge leader.
- Ramsay Centre for Western Civilisation

Resolved

Council noted the Vice-Chancellor's report.

7. PROJECTED 2018 FINANCIAL RESULTS AND KPI UPDATE

The Chief Financial Officer provided an overview of the University's 2018 March financial projection and 2018 year to date result, as outlined in the papers presented to Council members.

Resolved

Council noted the University's year to date result and 2018 financial projection.

8. STRATEGIC FINANCIAL PLANNING AND MODELLING

The Chief Operating Officer and Chief Financial Officer provided Council with an overview of the preliminary assumptions and financial impacts of the alternate baseline scenarios developed in the first phase of the University's 5-year financial forecast model, as outlined in the papers presented to Council members.

Resolved

Council noted the preliminary outputs and financial impacts of the scenarios developed in the first phase of the University 5-year financial forecast model.

9. PHILANTHROPIC PRESENTATION – ANU HUMANITARIAN HEALTH HUB

Professor Emily Banks and Dr Kamalini Lokuge joined the meeting.

The Vice-President (Advancement) introduced Professor Banks and Dr Lokuge, the project leaders on the Humanitarian Health Hub, who delivered their presentation *****

Resolved

Council noted the philanthropic presentation on the Humanitarian Health Hub.

PART 3: STRATEGIC ISSUES**10. ACADEMIC PLAN - PRESENTATION**

The Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Academic) provided Council with a presentation based on the Academic Plan, as outlined in the papers presented to Council members.

The following points were during the presentation:

- The Academic Plan is tracking within tolerance, with improvements being made in the areas of support for academic staff in teaching and leadership, and in the delivery of new or renovated spaces that reflect innovative approaches to learning and teaching. Work is also advancing on a digital learning strategy as well as recruitment, retention and development strategies for academic staff.
- Significantly, the Academic Board has also approved the introduction of an evidence-based, globally innovative approach to undergraduate domestic Admissions, Scholarships and Accommodation (ASA project). It will allow the University to welcome exceptionally talented students to ANU from every part of the country, and in doing so consider an applicant's ATAR as well as a broad range of other experiences and achievements.
- The ASA project, led by the Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Academic), will be launched on 30 May 2018.

Resolved

Council noted the presentation on the Academic Plan.

PART 4: OTHER MATTERS FOR DECISION**11. COUNCIL COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP**

Council considered proposed re-appointments to Council Committees, as outlined in the papers presented to Council members.

Resolved

Council approved the recommended reappointments of members to Council Committees.

12. HONORARY DEGREE NOMINATIONS**Resolved**

Council awarded honorary degrees:

PART 5: OTHER MATTERS FOR NOTING**13. COUNSELLING SERVICES**

The Provost and Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Academic) provided Council with an update about counselling services at ANU, as outlined in the papers presented to Council members.

Resolved

Council noted the key issues regarding counselling services and the initiatives underway to meet the University's commitment to improve them.

14. INNOVATION HUB

The Pro Vice-Chancellor (Innovation) provided Council with an update on the creation of an ANU Innovation Hub, as outlined in the papers presented to Council members.

The following main points were made during the presentation:

- It was proposed that a network of translational and innovation spaces across campus be established. These should link to a focal facility that projects the University's engagement strategy and provides a high-level overview of the facilities required in these spaces and the potential internal and external stakeholders.
- The University will need to engage consultants to fully explore the next stage of stakeholder engagement and to design a business case.

Resolved

Council noted the update on creating an ANU Innovation Hub.

15. WORKERS COMPENSATION SELF INSURANCE PROJECT - UPDATE

The Director, Human Resources, Dr Nadine White, joined the meeting and provided Council with an overview of preparedness for the implementation of the Workers Compensation Self-Insurance licence on 1 July 2018, as outlined in the papers presented to Council members.

Resolved

Council noted the update on readiness to commence the Workers Compensation License on 1 July 2018.

16. ADMINISTRATIVE REFORM - UPDATE

The Director, Service Improvement Group, Ms Lakshmi West, joined the meeting and provided an update on the progress of various measures introduced to improve the University's administration, as outlined in the papers presented to Council members.

Resolved

Council noted the progress report on administrative reform at ANU.

17. AHRC REPORT INTO SEXUAL ASSAULT AND HARASSMENT: ANU RESPONSE - UPDATE**18. STUDENT SAFETY REPORT**

The Pro Vice-Chancellor (University Experience) provided Council with an update on progress on the University's response to The Australian Human Rights Commission report: *Change the course: National report on sexual assault and sexual harassment at Australian universities* (2017), and also the Student Safety report for the period 1 March 2018 to 30 April 2018, as outlined in the papers presented to Council members.

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*; and
- The Student Safety report for the period 1 March 2018 to 30 April 2018.

19. STAFF WORK HEALTH AND SAFETY REPORT

Dr White provided with an overview of the current Work Health and Safety Statistics, including Injury Management and Rehabilitation, for the period 1 January – 30 April 2018, as outlined in the papers presented to Council members.

Resolved

Council noted the report for the period 01 January to 30 April 2018.

20. FINANCE COMMITTEE – EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**Resolved**

Council noted the summary of major items considered by the Finance Committee at its meeting of 11 May 2018.

21. AUDIT & RISK MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE - EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**Resolved**

Council noted the summary of major items considered by the Audit & Risk Management Committee at its meeting of 16 May 2018.

22. CAMPUS PLANNING COMMITTEE - EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**Resolved**

Council noted the summary of major items considered by the Campus Planning Committee at its meetings of 19 March and 7 May 2018.

23. ACADEMIC BOARD - EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**Resolved**

Council noted the summary of major items considered by the Academic Board at its meeting of 8 May 2018.

24. ANU FOUNDATION – BOARD MEMBERSHIP

Council considered matters relating to the membership of the ANU Foundation Board, as outlined in the papers presented to Council members.

Council also considered the appointment of Mr David Olsson as Vice-President of the ANU Foundation Board, which had been recommended by the Board after the release of the Council meeting papers.

Resolved

Council:

1. Approved the appointment of Ms Robyn Watts as President of the ANU Foundation Board;
2. Approved the appointment of Mr David Olsson as Vice-President of the ANU Foundation Board;
3. Noted the actions towards Indigenous representation on the Board; and
4. Noted the resignation of the Hon. Warwick Smith from the Board.

25. POWER OF ATTORNEY

Resolved

Council noted that there were no transactions signed under Power of Attorney by the Investment Manager since the last meeting of Council on 6 April 2018.

26. UNIVERSITY SEAL

Resolved

Council noted that there were no documents to which the University Seal was affixed since the last meeting of Council on 6 April 2018.

27. SIGNIFICANT VISITS AND EVENTS, GRANTS AND CONSULTANCIES

Resolved

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

28. LEGISLATION

Resolved

Council noted that no legislation had been approved by the Vice-Chancellor since the last meeting of Council on 6 April 2018.

PART 6: OTHER BUSINESS

29. OTHER BUSINESS

No further business was raised.

30. NEXT MEETING

Council noted that its next meeting will be held on Friday 20 July 2018.

The meeting closed at 12:24pm

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

Date: _____

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