



**THE AUSTRALIAN NATIONAL UNIVERSITY  
COUNCIL MINUTES**

The 451<sup>st</sup> meeting of the Council was held at 9:15am on **Friday 29 March 2019**, in the R C Mills Room, Chancelry.

**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 Natasha Stott Despoja AM  
Ms Anne-Marie Schwirtlich AM  
Professor Suzanne Cory AC  
Dr Doug McTaggart  
Professor Matthew Colless  
Associate Professor Ben Corry  
Mrs Claire Shrewsbury  
Mr Zyl Hovenga-Wauchope  
Ms Eden Lim

**Apologies:**

Professor Kate Reynolds  
Mr Peter Yu  
Mr Graeme Samuel AC

**In attendance:**

Provost - Professor Mike Calford  
Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Research & Innovation) - Professor Keith Nugent  
Acting Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Academic) - Professor Grady Venville  
Chief Operating Officer - Mr Chris Grange  
Acting Pro Vice-Chancellor (Education) – Associate Professor Royston Gustavson  
Chief Financial Officer - Mr Adam Black  
Vice-President (Engagement and Corporate Affairs) - Ms Jane O'Dwyer  
Vice-President (Advancement) - Ms Barbara Miles

Chair, Audit and Risk Management Committee – Mr Geoff Knuckey  
Interim Financial Controller – Mr Paul Curtis  
Chair, Academic Board - Professor Jacqueline Lo  
Department of Pathogens and Immunity, JCSMR - Professor Carola Vinuesa  
Director, Human Resources - Dr Nadine White  
Director, Planning and Performance Measurement - Ms Richelle Hilton  
Head, Respectful Relationships Unit (RRU) – Ms Sue Webeck  
Interim Associate Director, Finance & Business Services – Mr Zachary Ong  
Deputy Director (Operations), Advancement – Ms Felicity Gouldthorp  
Communications and Outreach Officer, Advancement – Ms Caitlin Bannister  
Director, Development (University Wide), Advancement – Mr Norm Bradshaw  
ANU Medical School – Professor Matthew Cook  
Australian Phenomics Facility, JCSMR – Dr Ed Bertram

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 - Mrs Megan Easton  
Senior Governance Officer, Corporate Governance and Risk Office - Ms Leslie McDonald

**PART 1: PROCEDURAL ITEMS****1. ANNOUNCEMENTS AND APOLOGIES**

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**2. LEAVE OF ABSENCE**

Ms Stott Despoja was granted leave for the meeting of 24 May 2019.

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 determined, as is customary at this meeting, to consider together the financial statements (items 8 and 9), and the Audit and Risk Management Committee reports (items 20 and 21), and for the ARMC Chair, Mr Geoff Knuckey, to join the discussion.

Council also agreed to star item 26 for discussion - *ANU 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Project*.

Council determined to proceed with the rest 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.

**5. MINUTES****Resolved**

Council confirmed the minutes of the meeting of 14 February 2019 to be a true and accurate record.

Council also confirmed the minutes of the Planning Day of 14 and 15 February 2019 to be a true and accurate record.

**PART 2 – KEY BUSINESS ITEMS****6. CHANCELLORSHIP – UPDATE**

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**Resolved**

Council noted the update from the Pro-Chancellor.

**7. VICE-CHANCELLOR'S REPORT**

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**Resolved**

Council noted the report from the Vice-Chancellor.

- 8. ANNUAL FINANCIAL STATEMENTS 2018 (UNIVERSITY)**
- 9. ANNUAL FINANCIAL STATEMENTS 2018 (SUBSIDIARY ENTITIES)**
- 20. AUDIT AND RISK MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE – 2018 REPORT AND ACQUITTAL OF CHARTER RESPONSIBILITIES**
- 21. AUDIT AND RISK MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE – EXECUTIVE SUMMARIES**

Council considered agenda items 8, 9, 20 and 21 together.

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**Resolved**

Council:

1. Noted the overview of the University's 2018 results;
2. Noted a report on the ARMC's consideration of the University's Consolidated Financial Statements for the year ended 31 December 2018;
3. Noted the Management Representation letter from the Vice-Chancellor and Chief Financial Officer on the 2018 Financial Statements to the Australian National Audit Office (ANAO)
4. Subject to receipt of clearance from the ANAO:
  - (a) Authorised the Chancellor to sign the Council's Representation letter to the ANAO;
  - (b) Adopted the University's Consolidated Financial Statements for the year ended 31 December 2018;
  - (c) Authorised the Chancellor, Vice-Chancellor and Chief Financial Officer to sign the Statement by the Council that attaches to the Consolidated Financial Statements; and
  - (d) Noted the 2018 report from ARMC regarding its Charter responsibilities and internal audit work conducted over the reporting period.
5. Noted the 2018 Draft Annual Financial Statements for the following:
  - o ANU Enterprise Pty Limited
  - o Australian Scientific Instruments Pty Limited
  - o The Social Research Centre Pty Limited
  - o ANU (UK) Foundation
6. Noted the summary of major items considered by the ARMC at its meetings held on 6 February and 19 March 2019.

**10. PHILANTHROPIC PRESENTATION – CENTRE FOR PERSONALISED IMMUNOLOGY**

The Vice-President (Advancement), Ms Barbara Miles, introduced the philanthropic theme, reminding Council members that their feedback was sought to ensure that each presentation is a compelling case for potential donors.

Professor Carola Vinuesa delivered a presentation on the Centre for Personalised Immunology, and specifically about:

- The need to better understand immune diseases, including pathophysiological pathways in patients presenting with immunological disease, such as lupus, in order to make diagnoses more accurate and treatment more effective.
- The need to fund world class research and researchers, and the importance of philanthropy in supporting such initiatives, especially to supplement existing grant funding.

Council commended the presentation and the quality of the discussion with Professor Vinuesa \*\*\*\*\*

**Resolved**

Council noted the philanthropic presentation on the Centre for Personalised Immunology.  
Professor Vinuesa left the meeting.

**PART 3 – STRATEGIC ISSUES****11. ACADEMIC PLAN – PRESENTATION**

Acting Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Academic), Professor Grady Venville, provided Council with an update on progress being made against the Academic Plan.

The following points were made during the presentation:

- The Admission, Accommodation & Scholarship (ASA) Project. The new admissions model commenced operation on 4 March 2019. It provides early and direct entry for domestic school students wishing to commence at ANU in 2020. Also:
  - A total of 3055 students have started an application in the system.
  - 982 applications have been completed.
  - Applications are open until the end of May.
  - Offers will be made by August.

During the discussion Council noted that:

- Increasing student diversity is key to the ASA project.
- Tuckwell scholarships are administered via a separate process, including interviews.
- University advertising and recruiting activities are widespread, including into remote areas.
- A Fact Sheet has been prepared that outlines the essential features of the ASA. Council requested that this document be made available to members.
- The University also offers a range of short courses, which can also contribute to a postgraduate degree.

**Resolved**

Council noted the presentation on the Academic Plan, and requested that the *ASA Fact Sheet* be circulated to members.

**PART 4 – OTHER MATTERS FOR DECISION****12. ANU ANNUAL REPORT 2018**

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**Resolved**

Council approved the Annual Report 2018, including an additional section to introduce the Audited Financial Statements.

**13. COUNCIL COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP****Resolved**

Council:

1. Approved the recommended re-appointments to Council Committees; and
2. Noted the update concerning all listed Committees.

## PART 5 – OTHER MATTERS FOR NOTING

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### 15. STUDENT ENROLMENTS 2019 - UPDATE

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#### **Resolved**

Council noted the report.

### 16. 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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### 18. STAFF WORK HEALTH AND SAFETY REPORT

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#### **Resolved**

Council noted the Work Health and Safety Performance Report for the period 1 January to 28 February 2019.

### 19. FINANCE COMMITTEE – 2018 REPORT AND ACQUITTAL OF CHARTER RESPONSIBILITIES

#### **Resolved**

Council noted the report on Finance Committee activities for 2018 and its acquittal of charter responsibilities.

### 22. CAMPUS PLANNING COMMITTEE – SELF EVALUATION 2018

#### **Resolved**

Council noted the Campus Planning Committee Self-Evaluation for 2018.

### 23. CAMPUS PLANNING COMMITTEE – EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

#### **Resolved**

Council noted the summary of major items considered by the Campus Planning Committee at its meeting of 12 March 2019.

### 24. ACADEMIC BOARD – EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The Chancellor introduced the item.

During the discussion:

- The Chair of Academic Board, Professor Jacqueline Lo, explained that the Board was concerned with the quality of the roll-out of some new IT systems, including the Curriculum Management System (CMS); and

- Council noted that an updated Student Partnership Agreement was agreed and being finalised, and that this agreement is the first of its kind in Australia.

#### **Resolved**

Council noted the summary of major items considered by the Academic Board at its meeting held on 12 March 2019.

### **25. NATIONAL CENTRE FOR INDIGENOUS GENOMICS (NCIG) - ANNUAL REPORT 2018**

#### **Resolved**

Council noted the 2018 Annual Report for the National Centre for Indigenous Genomics, as required by the *National Centre for Indigenous Genomics Statute 2016*.

### **26. ANU 75<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY PROJECT - UPDATE**

The Vice-President (Engagement and Corporate Affairs), Ms Jane O'Dwyer, provided an update as outlined in the paper presented to Council members.

The main points made during the discussion were:

- The Project is centred on creating a book and digital resource accessible via the University's website and a hybrid app.
- Funding of \$500,000 has been allocated to the Project, which is being led by Professor Nicholas Brown, Head of the History Program at the Research School of Social Sciences.
- All members of the ANU community will be invited to contribute to the Project, including students.

#### **Resolved**

Council noted the update on the ANU 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Project.

### **27. EMERITUS PROFESSORS AND EMERITUS APPOINTMENTS – REPORT 2018**

#### **Resolved**

Council noted the names of those entered on the Roll of Emeritus Professors and Emeritus Fellows since April 2018.

### **28. SIGNIFICANT VISITS AND EVENTS, GRANTS AND CONSULTANCIES**

#### **Resolved**

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

### **29. POWER OF ATTORNEY**

#### **Resolved**

Council noted that there were no transactions over which the Investment Manager exercised Power of Attorney since the last meeting of Council on 14 February 2019.

### **30. LEGISLATION**

Council noted that no legislation had been made since the last meeting of Council on 14 February 2019.

**PART 6 – OTHER BUSINESS**

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**33. NEXT MEETING**

**Resolved**

Council noted that its next meeting will be held on Friday 24 May 2019.

The meeting closed at 1.19 p.m.

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Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Professor the Hon Gareth Evans AC QC

Chancellor

The Australian National University

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