Report by Members of the University Council

The Members of Southern Cross University present their report on the consolidated entity consisting of Southern Cross University and the entities it controlled during the year ended 31 December 2011. The financial statements for the entities are included in Part B.

Members of the University Council

The following persons were members of Southern Cross University Council during the whole of the year and up to the date of this report. Attendance at Council meetings is reported at Appendix 4.

Chancellor and Chair of Council

» The Hon John Robert Arthur Dowd AO QC LLB (USyd)

Vice Chancellor

» Professor Peter Lee BE(Chemical) (RMIT), PhD(Monash)

Other Members

» Warren Albert Grimshaw AM, BBus(NSWIT), ASTC
» Ronald J. Dowell GradDipOD(RMIT), MBus(VUT)
» Neville Newell
» Janelle Anne Saffin MP DipT(NRCAE), BLegS(Macq)
» John B Shanahan MCom(Hons) (NSW), FCA, MAICD, SF Fin
» Margot Sweeny MEc, BBus, CPA, SA Fin, FAMI, MACS CT, JP
» Trevor Stanley Wilson BSc(Griff)
» Helen McGregor M.Hlth.Sc., M. Ed.
» Professor Peter Harrison BSc(Hons) (JCU), PhD(JCU)
» Graham Lancaster BAppSc(Hons) (UNENR)
» Matthew Newell
» The Hon Justice Terrence Sheahan AO BA, LLB(Syd)

The following members were elected or appointed, unless indicated, and continue in office:

Chair of Academic Board

» Professor John Jenkins BA(Hons)(NE), PhD(UNE) (elected February 2011)

Ministerial appointee

» Rhoda Roberts (appointed 1 October 2011)

The following were members until their resignation or expiry of term of office on the date indicated:

Chair of Academic Board

» Dr Adele Wessell BA(Hons)(UNSW), PhD(UNSW) (appointed February 2010 term expired February 2011)

Ministerial appointee

» Alison Page (resigned 23 March 2011)

Deputy Chancellor and Deputy Chair of Council

» Dr David Vincent Cody OAM MB BS(Syd), PhD(SCU), FRACP, FCSANZ, FACC, FAHA, FAFRM (retired December 2011)

Council Secretary

» Malcolm Hugh Marshall BA(CCAE), MBA(CQU), CPA

Principal Activities

SIGNIFICANT CHANGES IN STATE OF AFFAIRS

There were no significant changes.

MATTERS SUBSEQUENT TO THE END OF THE FINANCIAL YEAR

Southern Cross University is not aware of any other matters subsequent to the period reported which would have a material impact on operations.

ENVIRONMENTAL LAWS

The University is subject to various Commonwealth and State environmental laws. The University Council is unaware of any breach of those laws by the University.

INSURANCE OF OFFICERS

The University has taken out insurance for Council Members and Directors of controlled entities against liability for costs and expenses incurred in defending any legal proceedings arising out of their conduct while acting in their capacity as an officer of the entity, other than conduct involving a wilful breach of duty.

PROCEEDINGS ON BEHALF OF SOUTHERN CROSS UNIVERSITY

Litigation is in progress against the University relating to a dispute for alleged wrongful termination of an agreement and damages are being sought. Particulars regarding this matter have not been disclosed on the grounds that it may prejudice the outcome of the litigation.

This report is made in accordance with a resolution of the members of the Council of Southern Cross University.

The Honourable John Dowd AO QC
Chancellor
Southern Cross University