



University Council

Minuted Resolutions of Council

Minuted resolutions of the University Council meeting (2/2019) held on
Wednesday, 17 April 2019, in the Albert Room, Sydney Intercontinental Hotel.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Mr N Burton Taylor AM, Chancellor (Chair)
Professor B Boyd
Dr A Curtin
Mr M d’Almeida, Deputy Chancellor
Ms J Granger
Mr G Lancaster
Ms L O’Grady
Professor A Rose, Chair of Academic Board
M J Rourke
Professor A Shoemaker, Vice Chancellor
Associate Professor A Wessell

IN ATTENDANCE: Ms B Atkinson, Council Secretary
Professor N Bahr, Deputy Vice Chancellor (Students)
Professor T Carlin, Deputy Vice Chancellor (Academic)
Mr D Gould, Chief Marketing Officer
Mr N Hyde, Director, Office of the Vice Chancellor
Mr R Jones, Director, Financial Operations (Part)
Ms T Manning, Governance Services, (Minutes)
Mr A Morris, Vice President (Operations)
Mr B Roche, Vice President (Engagement)
Mr M Singh, Vice President (Global)
Professor M Spongberg, Deputy Vice Chancellor (Research)
Mr T Walker, Vice President (Finance)

***PART A - PRELIMINARY BUSINESS**

The Chancellor acknowledged the Gadical people of the Eora nation as traditional custodians of the land on which the Council meeting was being held and paid respects to Elders past and present.

The presence of a quorum was confirmed.

Apologies and Leave of Absence

- **Apologies**

Nil.

- **Approved Leave of Absence**

A leave of absence from Council meeting 2/2019 was approved at Council meeting 1/2019 for Mr M Jones and Mr S Noble.

- **Requests for Leave of Absence**

It was resolved:

Council approved the following requests for a leave of absence:

- (a) Mr N Burton Taylor for the Council meeting of 20 June 2019; and
- (b) Professor B Boyd for the Council meetings of 20 June 2019 and 12 September 2019.
- (c) Mr Rourke for the Council meeting of 20 June 2019.

Chancellor's Introductory Remarks

It was resolved:

Council endorsed the University's support of the sentiments expressed in the Uluru Statement from the Heart.

Councillors' Business

Confidential: Minutes of the Previous Council Meeting

It was resolved:

- (a) **Council approved** the draft Confidential Minutes of the Council meeting held on 21 February 2019 and agreed that they be signed by the Chancellor as a true and correct record of the meeting; and
- (b) **Council approved** the uploading of a Council Minuted Resolutions report on items of open business of the Council meeting held on 21 February 2019 to the University Council website.

Declarations of Interest

Arrangement of Agenda

- **Order of Agenda Items**
- **Starring of Items and Adoption of Unstarred Items of Business**

It was resolved:

Council agreed that all unstarred items be adopted.

PART B – KEY ITEMS

Workplace Health and Safety Report

It was resolved:

Council adopted the Health, Safety and Injury Management Report for the period 1 January 2019 to 31 March 2019.

Confidential: Vice Chancellor's Report to Council

It was resolved:

Council adopted the Vice Chancellor's Confidential Report to Council.

2018 Audited Financial Statements – Southern Cross University and its subsidiary, Southern Cross Campus Services Limited

It was resolved:

Council

(a) noted:

- (i) the Engagement Closing Report issued by the Audit Office of New South Wales dated 20 March 2019.
- (ii) the Financial Statements for Southern Cross University and its controlled entity, Southern Cross Campus Services Limited, for the 2018 Reporting Period;
- (iii) the update from the Vice President (Finance) in relation to the application of the new accounting standards.
- (iv) the draft Representation Letter from the Audit Office of New South Wales.

(b) resolved that, in their opinion:

- (i) there were reasonable grounds to believe that the University was able to pay all of its debts, as and when they become due and payable;
- (ii) the financial statements of the University exhibited a true and fair view of the financial position as at 31 December 2018 and financial performance of the University for the financial year ending on that date;
- (iii) the financial statements of the University had been prepared in accordance with Australian Accounting Standards, other mandatory professional reporting requirements, the Public Finance and Audit Act 1983 (NSW), the Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission Act 2012 (Cth), the Higher Education Support Act 2003 (Cth) and the Financial Statement Guidelines for Australian Higher Education Providers 2018;
- (iv) the amount of Australian Government financial assistance expended during the reporting period had been for the purposes for which it was intended and the University had complied with applicable legislation, contracts, agreements and program guidelines in making expenditure;
- (v) the University charged Student Services and Amenities Fees strictly in accordance with the Higher Education Support Act 2003 and the Administration Guidelines made under the Act. Revenue from the fee had been spent strictly in accordance with the Act and only on services and amenities specified in subsection 19-38(4) of the Act.

(c) authorised the Chancellor and Vice Chancellor to sign the audited financial statements of the University.

Marketing, Media and Communications Report

It was resolved:

Council noted the Marketing, Media and Communications report.

LATE BUSINESS: Election of the Deputy Chancellor

It was resolved:

Council elected Murray d’Almeida as Deputy Chancellor of the University for a two year term commencing on 7 July 2019.

PART C – COMMITTEE REPORTS

Report from Chair of Academic Board

It was resolved:

Council adopted the Chair of Academic Board's verbal Report to Council.

Confidential: Report from the Chair, Audit and Risk Management Committee

It was resolved:

Council adopted the report from the Chair, Audit and Risk Management Committee on the meeting held on 28 March 2019.

Confidential: Report from the Chair, Finance Committee

It was resolved:

Council adopted the report from the Chair, Finance Committee on the meeting held 2 April 2019.

PART D – OTHER ITEMS FOR APPROVAL

Composition of the Board of Southern Cross Campus Services Limited

It was resolved:

Council:

- (a) **appointed** Professor William MacNeil and Travis Walker as directors of Southern Cross Campus Services Ltd; and
- (b) **approved** the election of a student representative to be appointed as a director of Southern Cross Campus Services Ltd.

Amendments to Treasury Policy

It was resolved:

Council:

- (a) **approved:**
 - (i) amendments to the Treasury Policy in relation to reporting to Council and its committee as set out in Appendix 1; and
 - (ii) the 2019 Treasury Strategy, and
- (b) **noted** the University's performance and compliance with its treasury risk management strategy and policy in 2018.

Course Removals

It was resolved:

Council approved the following course removals:

- (a) Associate Degree of Arts (2207276) as detailed in UCMS Activity 55949, effective Session 2, 2019.
- (b) Associate Degree of Business (2207275) as detailed in UCMS Activity 56113, effective Session 2, 2019, CRICOS Code 082688F.

- (c) Associate Degree of Health (2207273) as detailed in UCMS Activity 56115, effective Session 2, 2019.
- (d) Bachelor of Visual Arts (3003160) as detailed in UCMS Activity 56351, effective Session 2, 2019, CRICOS Code 026997B.

2019 Student Consultation

It was resolved:

Pursuant to clauses 3.2.1 and 3.2.5 of the Student Services, Amenities, Representation of Advocacy Guidelines, **Council approved** the University's proposed process for consulting with its students, including consultation in relation to decisions regarding the specific uses of the proceeds from compulsory student services and amenities fees.

PART E – OTHER ITEMS FOR NOTING

Progress of transition to Bluestar Security for the provision of security services

It was resolved:

Council noted the report from the Vice President (Operations) on the progress of the transition of the supply of security services to Bluestar Security.

Policy Library Approvals Summary

It was resolved:

Council noted the list of policies that had been amended or approved for the period 6 February 2019 to 10 April 2019.

PART F – CLOSING BUSINESS

Other Business

Determination of Confidential Items of Business

Meeting Review

Date of Next Council Meeting

Belinda Atkinson
Council Secretary