



University Council 1/2018 Confidential Minutes

Minuted resolutions of the University Council meeting (1/2018) held on Thursday, 15 February 2018, in Meeting Room B6.25, Gold Coast Campus.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Mr N Burton Taylor AM (Chair)
Prof B Boyd
Dr A Curtin
Mr M d’Almeida, Deputy Chancellor
Ms J Granger
Prof M Hughes, Chair of Academic Board
Mr M Jones
Ms T Ledgerwood
Prof A Shoemaker, Vice Chancellor
Assoc Prof A Wessell

IN ATTENDANCE: Ms B Atkinson, Council Secretary
Prof N Bahr, Pro Vice Chancellor (Students)
Mr N Hyde, Head, Office of the Vice Chancellor
Prof J Jenkins, Acting Deputy Vice Chancellor (Academic)
Ms T Manning, Governance Services, (Minutes)
Mr A Morris, Vice President (Operations)
Prof S Nancarrow, Deputy Vice Chancellor (Research)
Mr M Singh, Acting Vice President (Global)
Mr T Walker, Vice President (Finance)

PART A - PRELIMINARY BUSINESS

The Chancellor acknowledged the 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

An apology from Mr J Rourke was accepted.

A leave of absence for Ms L O’Grady was approved by Council at its meeting of 23 November 2017.

Chancellor’s Introductory Remarks

The Chancellor highlighted the challenges faced by the higher education sector due to funding cuts imposed as a result of the Federal Government’s Mid-Year Economic Fiscal Outlook (MYEFO) statement. He noted the Vice Chancellor’s significant efforts to improve the outlook for Southern Cross University.

The Executive Strategy Meeting on 23 February 2018 would provide the opportunity for the University’s Strategy document to be refreshed and Executive were tasked with completing strategic plans for their portfolios to assist in the process.

The September 2018 Council meeting would include a presentation to Council about their work, health and safety responsibilities encompassing mental health awareness.

The Chancellor congratulated Mr M d'Almeida who had been re-appointed to Council for a second four year term by the Minister for Education. Mr J Rourke's appointment to Council for a four year term had also been confirmed by the Minister.

The Chancellor congratulated Prof B Boyd on his 30 years of service at Southern Cross University.

Councillors' Business

Nil.

Declarations of Interest

Nil.

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.

- **Determination of Confidential Items of Business**

Confidential: Draft Minutes of Council Meeting, 23 November 2017

It was resolved:

- (a) **Council approved** the draft Confidential Minutes of the Council meeting held on 23 November 2017 and agreed that they be signed by the Chancellor as a true and correct record of the meeting subject to the correction; and
- (b) **Council approved** the uploading of a Council Minuted Resolutions report on items of open business of the Council meeting held on 23 November 2017 to the University Council website.

Business Arising from the Minutes

Nil.

PART B – REPORTS

Health, Safety and Injury Management Report

It was resolved:

Council adopted the Health, Safety and Injury Management Report for the period 1 November 2017 to 31 December 2017.

Confidential: Vice Chancellor's Report to Council

It was resolved:

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

Report from Chair of Academic Board

It was resolved:

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

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

It was resolved:

Council adopted the verbal report from the Chair, Audit and Risk Management Committee.

Confidential: Report from the Chair, Finance Committee

It was resolved:

Council adopted the verbal report from the Vice President (Finance) on behalf of the Chair, Finance Committee.

PART C – ITEMS FOR APPROVAL

Proposed Amendments to the Voluntary Code of Best Practice for the Governance of Australian Universities

It was resolved:

Council endorsed the Chancellor notify Professor P Shergold, Chancellor of Western Sydney that the University's order of preference for the three versions of the Voluntary Code of Best Practice for the Governance of Australian Universities was:

1. Version C: Modest changes
2. Version B: Minimal changes
3. Version A: Existing code.

Course Removals

It was resolved:

Council approved the following course removals:

- (a) Certificate of Creative Writing (2007238) as detailed in Activity 53451;
- (b) Associate Degree in Clinical Sciences (2207186) as detailed in Activity 53435;
- (c) Career Start in Science (Study Abroad) (9509911) as detailed in Activity 53579.

Conferral Lists, 15 February 2018

It was resolved:

Council approved the lists of graduands dated 15 February 2018 on whom awards and degrees are to be conferred in absentia.

PART D – ITEMS FOR NOTING

Presentation: Student Mental Health

It was resolved:

Council noted the Presentation on Student Mental Health by Council member, M Jones.

Confidential: Draft Minutes of Extraordinary Finance Committee meeting 23 January 2018

It was resolved:

Council noted the Draft Minutes of the Extraordinary Finance Committee meeting of 23 January 2018.

Summary items discussed, approved or noted at the 7 December 2017 meeting of Academic Board

It was resolved:

Council noted the Summary Report of the Academic Board Meeting held on 7 December 2017.

Policy Library Approvals Summary

It was resolved:

Council noted the list of policies that have been amended or approved for the period 23 November 2017 – 1 February 2018.

PART E – CLOSING BUSINESS

Other Business

Nil.

Action Report

Meeting Review

Date of Next Council Meeting

Belinda Atkinson
Council Secretary