



# University Council

## Minuted Resolutions of Council

**Minuted resolutions of the University Council meeting (5/2017) held at 9 am (QLD),  
Thursday, 23 November 2017, Gold Coast Campus, Southern Cross University.**

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**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Mr N Burton Taylor AM (Chair)  
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)  
Ms V Baxter-Wright, Governance Services (Minutes)  
Ms J Glass, Governance Services  
Mr N Hyde, Head, Office of the Vice Chancellor  
Prof J Jenkins, Acting Deputy Vice Chancellor (Academic)  
Ms D Moffitt, Acting Vice President (Operations)  
Prof S Nancarrow, Deputy Vice Chancellor (Research)  
Mr B Roche, Pro Vice Chancellor (Engagement)  
Mr M Singh, Acting Vice President (Global)  
Mr T Walker, Vice President (Finance)

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### **PART A - PRELIMINARY BUSINESS**

The Chancellor acknowledged the traditional custodians of the land on which the Council meeting was held and paid respects to Elders past and present.

The presence of a quorum was confirmed.

#### **Apologies and Leave of Absence**

An apology from Ms L O’Grady was accepted. A leave of absence for Prof B Boyd was approved at the Council meeting of 22 September 2017.

#### **It was resolved:**

**Council approved** a leave of absence for Ms L O’Grady for the 15 February 2018 meeting of Council.

#### **Chancellor’s Introductory Remarks**

The Chancellor advised that, with regret, he had accepted the resignation of Council member, Mr Christian Lugnan, who had resigned due to work and personal commitments.

The ministerial appointment nominations for Mr Jonathan O'Rourke (currently co-opted member of Finance Committee) and Mr Murray d'Almeida had been presented to the New South Wales Department of Education. A response from the Department was pending.

Professor Nan Bahr, Pro Vice Chancellor (Students), was welcomed as an observer to the meeting.

## Councillors' Business

### Declarations of Interest

Ms T Ledgerwood declared a possible conflict of interest due to her role as a member of the Southern Cross University/CPSU Enterprise Bargaining Team. Council agreed that in the spirit of openness and trust, Ms Ledgerwood be invited to remain in the meeting for any discussion of this matter.

### 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: Minutes of the Council Meeting held 22 September 2017

#### It was resolved:

- (a) **Council approved** the draft Confidential Minutes of the Council meeting held on 22 September 2017 and agreed that they be signed by the Chancellor as a true and correct record of the meeting; and
- (b) **Council approved** the uploading to the University Council website of a Council Minuted Resolutions report on items of open business of the Council meeting held on 22 September 2017.

### Business Arising from the Minutes

## PART B – REPORTS

### Health, Safety and Injury Management Report

#### It was resolved:

**Council noted** the Health, Safety and Injury Management Report (1 September 2017 – 31 October 2017) and the proposed ongoing Health, Safety and Injury Management reporting schedule.

### 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.

## **Confidential: Philanthropy Report**

### **It was resolved:**

**Council adopted** the verbal Philanthropy report from the Deputy Chancellor.

## **PART C – ITEMS FOR APPROVAL**

### **2018 Budget Preparation**

#### **It was resolved:**

**Council approved** the 2018 budget.

### **Council Key Performance Indicators Review**

#### **It was resolved:**

**Council resolved** that no amendments be made to 2017-2020 University Council Key Performance Indicators.

### **Amendments to Terms of Reference – Finance Committee Rule**

#### **It was resolved:**

**Council approved** the proposed amendments to the Terms of Reference – Finance Committee Rule.

### **Amendments to the Financial Delegations in the Delegations Rule – Schedule A**

#### **It was resolved:**

**Council approved** amendments to the Delegations Rule – Schedule A.

### **Chancellor's Medal for Outstanding Thesis: Elizabeth (Lisa) Ryan (22600097)**

#### **It was resolved:**

**Council approved** the awarding of the Chancellor's Medal for Outstanding PhD Thesis to Elizabeth (Lisa) Ryan (22600097) for her Thesis, titled "*Localising the Global Eco-Schools™ Program In South Africa: A postcolonial analysis*".

## Chancellor's Medal for Outstanding Thesis: Niloofar Karimian (22066097)

### It was resolved:

**Council approved** the awarding of the Chancellor's Medal for Outstanding PhD Thesis to Niloofar Karimian (22066097) for her thesis titled "*Iron, sulphur and trace metal geochemistry during redox oscillations in freshwater re-flooded ASS wetlands*".

## PART D – ITEMS FOR NOTING

### 2017 External Audit Program Update

#### It was resolved:

#### **Council:**

- (a) **Noted** Management's responses and positions on the accounting and audit issues outlined; and
- (b) **Noted** the 2017 External Audit Client Service Plan.

### Duty of Council members in relation to worker and student safety

#### It was resolved:

**Council noted** the report provided in relation to members' duties in relation to worker and student safety.

### Confidential: Draft Minutes of Audit and Risk Management Committee meeting 26 October 2017

#### It was resolved:

**Council noted** the Draft Minutes of Audit and Risk Management Committee meeting of 26 October 2017.

### Confidential: Draft Minutes of Finance Committee meeting 24 October 2017

#### It was resolved:

**Council noted** the Draft Minutes of Finance Committee meeting of 24 October 2017.

### Summary items discussed, approved or noted at the 12 October 2017 meeting of Academic Board

#### It was resolved:

**Council noted** the Summary Report of the Academic Board Meeting 5/2017 held on 12 October 2017.

### Policy Library Approvals Summary

#### It was resolved:

**Council noted** the list of policies that had been amended or approved for the period 13 September to 23 November 2017.

## PART E – CLOSING BUSINESS

### Action Report

**Other Business**

**Meeting Review**

**Date of Next Council Meeting**

**Belinda Atkinson**

**Council Secretary**