



University Council Minuted Resolutions of Council

Minuted resolutions of the University Council meeting (4/2018) held on Thursday, 20 September 2018, in the Vice Chancellor's Boardroom, Lismore campus.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Mr N Burton Taylor AM, Chancellor (Chair)
Dr A Curtin
Mr M d'Almeida, Deputy Chancellor
Ms J Granger
Professor M Hughes, Chair, Academic Board
Mr M Jones
Mr S Noble
Ms L O'Grady
Mr J Rourke
Professor A Shoemaker, Vice Chancellor
Associate Professor A Wessell

IN ATTENDANCE: Ms B Atkinson, Council Secretary
Professor N Bahr, Pro Vice Chancellor (Students)
Professor T Carlin
Ms S Farquhar, Director, HR Services
Mr N Hyde, Head, Office of the Vice Chancellor
Ms T Manning, Governance Services, (Minutes)
Mr A Morris, Vice President (Operations)
Professor S Nancarrow, Deputy Vice Chancellor (Research)
Mr B Roche, Pro Vice Chancellor (Engagement)
Mr M Singh, Vice President (International)
Mr T Walker, Vice President (Finance)
Associate Professor E Wilson, Acting Deputy Vice Chancellor (Academic)

PART A - PRELIMINARY BUSINESS

The Chancellor acknowledged the Widjabal people of the Bundjalung 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**

An apology was received from Mr G Lancaster. The Chancellor noted that Mr Lancaster was unable to attend as he was traveling and that this travel had been booked prior to his recent election as a Council member.

- **Approved Leave of Absence**

A leave of absence for Professor W Boyd had been approved at the Council meeting on 21 June 2018.

- **Requests for Leave of Absence**

It was resolved:

Council approved a leave of absence for Professor Hughes from the Council meeting scheduled for 22 November 2018.

Chancellor's Introductory Remarks

The Chancellor described Southern Cross as a turn-around university that was continuing to work towards improving its financial outlook. However, it was not there yet. The Chancellor asked that all members keep that in mind as the University progresses through this phase.

He reported on his attendance at the Elders-Council Day and Ground Breaking Ceremony for the Allied Health Building at Coffs Harbour on 30 August 2018. The Elders-Council Day was a valuable opportunity for Council to meet people from very different backgrounds. The Elders were very connected and down-to-earth individuals who appreciated the opportunity to share their thoughts with Council.

The Chancellor noted that the recent conclusion of the Enterprise Agreement negotiations marked a significant step forward on previous staff sentiments. He encouraged Management to commence engagement to ensure that the enterprise bargaining becomes an ongoing process rather than final contract negotiation process.

The Chancellor advised that he had attended the August meetings of the Audit and Risk Management Committee and Finance Committee. He commented that Council members should feel confident that matters were being well considered by both committees.

Councillors' Business

Declarations of Interest

Arrangement of Agenda

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

It was resolved:

Council adopted all unstarred items.

- **Determination of Confidential Items of Business**

Confidential: Minutes of the Council Meeting 21 June 2018

Draft Resolutions:

- (a) **Council approved** the draft Confidential Minutes of the Council meeting held on 21 June 2018 and agreed that they be signed by the Deputy 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 June 2018 to the University Council website.

Business Arising from the Minutes

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 March 2018 to 31 July 2018.

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 on the meeting held on 16 August 2018.

Confidential: Report from the Chair, Finance Committee

It was resolved:

Council adopted the verbal report from the Chair, Audit and Risk Management Committee on the meeting held on 16 August 2018.

PART C – ITEMS FOR APPROVAL

Annual Strategic Risk Register Review, 2018

It was resolved:

Council endorsed the revised the Strategic Risk Register.

2019 Meeting Schedule for Council, Audit and Risk Management Committee, and Finance Committee

It was resolved:

Council approved the 2019 Meeting Schedule for Council, Audit and Risk Management Committee and Finance Committee.

Additional Graduation Date – 15 December 2018

It was resolved:

Council approved the scheduling of an additional Graduation Ceremony on 15 December 2018.

2019 Schedule of Domestic Graduation Ceremony dates and locations

It was resolved:

Council approved the 2019 Schedule of Domestic Graduation Ceremony dates and locations.

Chancellor's Medal for Outstanding PhD Thesis: Pamela Ziphillia Kamya (21952519)

It was resolved:

Council approved the awarding of the Chancellor's Medal for Outstanding PhD Thesis to PAMELA ZIPHILLIA KAMYA (Student ID 21952519), for her thesis titled '*The thorny problem in a changing ocean: Responses of the coral eating Crown of Thorns Starfish (COTS) to ocean warming and acidification and the implication for coral reefs.*'

Course Removals: School of Education

It was resolved:

Council approved the following course removals:

- (a) Bachelor of Education (Primary) (3001111) Activity 54951;
- (b) Bachelor of Education (Early Childhood) (3007190) Activity 54938;
- (c) Bachelor of Teaching (3707301) Activity 54954;
- (d) Bachelor of Technology Education (3007016) Activity 54952;
- (e) Graduate Diploma of Education (1151020) Activity 54929
- (f) Master of Education (1201600) Activity 54935.

Higher Degree Research Course Removals

It was resolved:

Council approved the following Higher Degree Research course removals:

- (a) Master of Science (1254611)
- (b) Master of Laws (Legal Studies) (1256601)
- (c) PhD (Human Services) (1401803)
- (d) Doctor of Education (1447188)

Amendments to Governance Documents Rule

It was resolved:

Council approved amendments to the Governance Documents Rules that provide authority for the Head, Governance Services to approve Minor Amendments to any Rule, Policy or Procedure where they do not result in any change to the document's content or meaning.

Amendments to Delegations Rule, Schedule A

It was resolved:

Council approved changes to Schedule A to the Delegations Rule which reflect organisation changes including:

- Appointment of Chief Marketing Officer,

- Removal of the position of Director, Research Services and Commercialisation and appointment of Head, Office of Research; and
- Removal of the position of Senior Deputy Vice Chancellor.

Revised Voluntary Code of Best Practice for the Governance of Australian Public Universities

It was resolved:

Council adopted the revised Voluntary Code of Best Practice for the Governance of Australian Public Universities.

Student Services and Amenities Fund

It was resolved:

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

Conferral List: 20 September 2018

It was resolved:

Council approved the lists of graduands dated 20 September 2018 on whom awards and degrees are to be conferred at in absentia.

PART D – ITEMS FOR NOTING

Policy Library Approvals Summary

It was resolved:

Council noted the list of policies that have been amended or approved for the period 1 June to 1 September 2018.

PART E – CLOSING BUSINESS

Action Report

Other Business

Meeting Review

Date of Next Council Meeting

Belinda Atkinson
Council Secretary