

COUNCIL NON-CONFIDENTIAL MINUTES



Minutes of the 536th meeting of **COUNCIL** held at 2pm on **Monday 12 August 2024** in Boardroom 307, Level 3, Chancellery and via Microsoft Teams

PRESENT

Mr David Gonski AC, Chancellor
Professor Attila Brungs, Vice-Chancellor and President
Dr Jennifer Alexander
The Hon Elizabeth Cheeseman (*via Teams*)
Mr Matthew Grounds AM (*via Teams*)
Mr Mark Johnson
Professor Scott Kable, President of the Academic Board
Professor Justine Nolan
Mr Warwick Negus, Deputy Chancellor
Mr James Raggatt
Ms Catherine Rowe
Mr Pepsi Sharma
Dr Lana Tatour

APOLOGIES Ms Maxine Brenner

IN ATTENDANCE

Mr David Cross, Chief of Staff, Vice-Chancellor's Office
Professor Merlin Crossley AM, Deputy Vice-Chancellor, Academic Quality
Professor Bronwyn Fox, Deputy Vice-Chancellor, Research and Enterprise
Ms Clair Hodge, Interim Vice-President, Transformation, Planning and Assurance
Professor Leanne Holt, Deputy Vice-Chancellor, Indigenous
Professor Sarah Maddison, Deputy Vice-Chancellor, Education and Student Experience
Scientia Professor Vlado Perkovic, Provost
Professor Verity Firth, Vice-President, Societal Impact, Equity and Engagement
Mr Paul Sheehy, Interim General Counsel
Ms Libby Stratford, Chief Financial Officer and Acting Vice-President Operations

Present:

Item 5.5

Ms Davina Mcarthur, Strategy Lead, Provost Office

Ms Alison Avery, Executive Director, Partnerships and Engagement

Ms Fiona Maclean, Executive Director, Operations (& Item 5.4)

SECRETARY Mr James Fitzgibbon, Director of Governance and University Secretary
Dr Amrita Mukhopadhyay, Senior Governance Administrator

For convenience, items were taken out of agenda order.

PROCEDURAL MATTERS

1. Welcome, apologies and leave of absence

The Chancellor acknowledged the Bedegal people that are the Traditional Custodians of the land on which UNSW's main campus is located and paid his respects to Elders past and present.

The Chancellor welcomed the members and attendees and noted the apology.

The Chancellor welcomed the newly elected members to their first meeting of Council:

- Lana Tatour - academic staff member
- James Raggatt - postgraduate student member
- Pepsi Sharma - undergraduate student member

The Chancellor also welcomed the following attendees:

- Professor Bronwyn Fox, attending the first meeting of Council as Deputy Vice-Chancellor, Research and Enterprise;
- Clair Hodge, attending as Interim Vice-President Transformation, Planning and Assurance;
- Paul Sheehy attending as Interim General Counsel; and
- Libby Stratford attending as Acting Vice-President Operations.

The Chancellor informed Council that Aunty Maxine Ryan has been appointed as the ministerial appointment to Council. He acknowledged and thanked outgoing Council member, Dr Raji Ambikairajah, for her contribution to Council and Council committee proceedings.

RESOLVED

Council extended its gratitude to Raji Ambikairajah for her contribution to Council, its committees, and the University during four years of service.

2. Declarations of interest and conflicts of interest

The Chancellor invited members to disclose any interests or conflict of interests relevant to items for discussion at the meeting.

- Catherine Rowe advised that she has been appointed as the Faculty and Divisions Engagement Lead – Program Phoenix.
- Scott Kable advised that he is a member of the steering committee for Project Phoenix.
- James Raggatt advised that he is a former student of the National Institute of Dramatic Art.
- Justine Nolan advised that she has ceased to be a member of the Westpac Safe Children Safer Communities Roundtable.

No further interests were declared.

2.1. Register of Interest

RESOLVED

Council noted the Register of Interests.

3. Minutes of previous meeting and business arising (other than business in this agenda)

3.1. Minutes of Council meeting held on 3 June 2024

The minutes of the meeting held 3 June 2024 were confirmed as a true and accurate record.

RESOLVED

Council approved the minutes of its meeting held on 3 June 2024 as an accurate record and authorised the Chancellor to sign them.

3.2. Matters arising and business carried forward

The Chancellor discussed the report on matters arising and business carried forward, noting three items are listed for discussion today and one item will be considered at a future meeting.

RESOLVED

Council noted the report on matters arising and business carried forward.

4. Adoption of items for noting and approval and starring of item

The Chancellor invited members to star items 11-14 if they wanted them discussed. No items were starred.

RESOLVED

Council adopted unstarred items 11-14 for approval and noting.

MANAGEMENT AND STRATEGY

5. Report of the Vice-Chancellor and President to Council.

6. Proceedings of the Academic Board

The President of the Academic Board spoke to the item.

6.1. Report to Council by President of the Academic Board

RESOLVED

Council noted the report of the President of the Academic Board.

6.2. Update on the External Review of Academic Governance

The President of the Academic Board provided a presentation on Academic Governance: A Comparison of the External and Internal Review Findings. Council was advised that the external review made twenty-seven recommendations and six commendations relating to 13 standards in the Higher Education Standards Framework (HESF). The University's response to the review and further updates would be provided periodically to Council.

Council members thanked the President of the Academic Board for the update.

RESOLVED

Council noted the update on the External Review of Academic Governance.

6.3. Minutes of the Academic Board meeting held on 25 June 2024 (unconfirmed)

RESOLVED

Council noted the unconfirmed minutes of the Academic Board meeting held on 25 June 2024.

6.4. Report on the establishment of Award Programs

RESOLVED

Council noted the Academic Board approval of its Report on the Establishment of Award Programs (degree, diploma, certificate or other) at its meeting held on 25 June 2024.

- 7. Proceedings of the Audit Committee**
- 8. Proceedings of the Information Technology Committee**
- 9. Proceedings of the Safety and Risk Committee**
- 10. Proceedings of the Honorary Degrees Committee**

Items for Approval and Noting

11. Report on Approved Policy Documents

RESOLVED

Council noted the Report of Approved Policy Documents for the period 23 May to 29 July 2024.

- 12. Annual Update on International House**
- 13. Mentem Wind Up**
- 14. TEQSA Reregistration Update**

Business without notice

The Chancellor asked members if there were any business without notice.
No items were raised.

Next Council meeting: Monday 14 October 2024

SIGNED AS A CORRECT RECORD

Presiding Member
Mr David Gonski AC
Chancellor