

# COUNCIL NON-CONFIDENTIAL MINUTES



Minutes of the 537<sup>th</sup> meeting of **COUNCIL** held at **2pm** on **Monday 14 October 2024** in Boardroom 307, Level 3, Chancellery and via Microsoft Teams

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**PRESENT**

Mr David Gonski AC, Chancellor  
Dr Jennifer Alexander  
Ms Maxine Brenner  
Professor Attila Brungs, Vice-Chancellor and President  
The Hon Elizabeth Cheeseman  
Mr Matthew Grounds AM (*via Teams*)  
Mr Mark Johnson  
Professor Scott Kable, President of the Academic Board  
Mr James Raggatt  
Ms Catherine Rowe  
Aunty Maxine Ryan (*from 2.32 pm onwards*)  
Mr Pepsi Sharma (*via Teams*)  
Dr Lana Tatour

**APOLOGIES**

Mr Warwick Negus, Deputy Chancellor  
Professor Justine Nolan

**IN ATTENDANCE**

Mr David Cross, Chief of Staff, Vice-Chancellor's Office  
Professor Merlin Crossley AM, Deputy Vice-Chancellor, Academic Quality  
Professor, Colin Grant, Deputy Vice-Chancellor, Global  
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  
Professor Verity Firth, Vice-President, Societal Impact, Equity and Engagement  
Mr Paul Sheehy, Interim General Counsel  
Mr Andrew Walters, Vice-President, Operations

Present:  
Item 5.3  
Ms Fiona Maclean, Executive Director, Operations

**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 apologies.

The Chancellor welcomed Aunty Maxine Ryan, ministerial appointment to Council, to her first Council meeting.

**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.

- Mark Johnson advised that he has been appointed a director of Seven Group Holdings Limited on 26 September 2024.

No further interests were declared.

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

**3.1. Minutes of Council meeting held on 12 August 2024**

The minutes of the meeting held on 12 August 2024 were confirmed as a true and accurate record.

**RESOLVED**

Council approved the minutes of its meeting held on 12 August 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, one item is scheduled for the 2 December 2024 meeting and one item is scheduled for the 17 February 2025 Council 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 10-13 if they wanted them discussed. No items were starred.

**RESOLVED**

Council adopted the unstarred items 10-13 for approval and noting.

**MANAGEMENT AND STRATEGY**

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

**6. Report on 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**

The President of the Academic Board informed Council:

- that the Academic Board Advisory Committee was focusing on the implementation of the recommendations from the Review of Effectiveness of Academic Governance; and
- the Academic Board Student Representative Group (ABSRG) has been created to provide a forum for elected student members of faculty boards

and Academic Board to interact on governance issues of interest to students.

Council members supported the creation of ABSRG. The Chancellor thanked President of the Academic Board for the update.

**RESOLVED**

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

**6.2. Minutes of the Academic Board meeting held on 13 August 2024**

**RESOLVED**

Council noted the confirmed minutes of the Academic Board meeting held on 13 August 2024.

**6.3. Report on the establishment of a Degree, Diploma, Certificate or Other Award Program by the Academic Board**

**RESOLVED**

Council noted the Report on the establishment of a Degree, Diploma, Certificate or Other Award Program by the Academic Board.

**7. Report on the proceedings of the Audit Committee**

**8. Report on the proceedings of the Safety and Risk Committee**

**9. Report on the proceedings of the Honorary Degrees Committee**

**Items for Approval and Noting**

**10. Approved policy documents**

**RESOLVED**

Council noted the Report of Approved Policy Documents for the period 30 July to 30 September 2024.

**11. UNSW College Board composition**

**12. Power of Attorney**

**13. Request to approve controlled entity wind up**

**Business without notice**

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

Next Council meeting: Monday 2 December 2024

SIGNED AS A CORRECT RECORD

Presiding Member  
Mr David Gonski AC  
Chancellor