

COUNCIL NON-CONFIDENTIAL MINUTES



Minutes of the 542nd meeting of **COUNCIL** held at 2pm on **Monday 11 August 2025** in Boardroom 307, Level 3, Chancellery and via Microsoft Teams

PRESENT Mr David Gonski AC, Chancellor
Ms Luan Atkinson
Professor Attila Brungs, Vice-Chancellor and President
The Hon Justice Elizabeth Cheeseman (via Teams)
Mr Mark Johnson
Professor Scott Kable, President of the Academic Board
Professor Justine Nolan
Mr James Raggatt
Ms Catherine Rowe
Mr Pepsi Sharma
Dr Lana Tatour

APOLOGIES Ms Maxine Brenner
Mr Warwick Negus, Deputy Chancellor
Aunty Maxine Ryan

IN ATTENDANCE Mr David Cross, Chief of Staff, Vice-Chancellor's Office
Professor Merlin Crossley AM, Deputy Vice-Chancellor, Academic Quality
Professor the Hon. Verity Firth AM, Vice-President, Societal Impact, Equity and Engagement
Professor Bronwyn Fox AO, Deputy Vice-Chancellor, Research and Enterprise
Professor Colin Grant, Deputy Vice-Chancellor, Global
Ms Clair Hodge, Chief Assurance and Legal Officer
Professor Leanne Holt, Deputy Vice-Chancellor, Indigenous
Professor Sarah Maddison, Deputy Vice-Chancellor, Education and Student Experience (via Teams)
Professor Vlado Perkovic, Provost
Mr Tobi Wilson, Vice-President, Operations and Chief Operating Officer

Present:

Item 9

Professor Cheryl Jones, Dean Faculty of Medicine and Health

Ms Susan Channells, Faculty Executive Director, Medicine and Health

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 welcomed the members and attendees and noted the apologies.

The Chancellor invited the Deputy Vice-Chancellor, Indigenous to perform a Welcome to Country which she generously provided.

The Chancellor welcomed everyone, specifically Council member, Luan Atkinson, and the Vice-President, Operations and Chief Operating Officer, Tobi Wilson, to their 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.

The Chancellor had an interest in Item 11, and The Hon Justice Cheeseman had an interest in Item 16.5.2. Each member will leave the meeting for the respective items. No further interests were declared.

2.1. Register of Interests

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 – 2 June 2025

RESOLVED

Council approved the minutes of its meeting held on 2 June 2025 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 there is one matter scheduled for discussion at the October 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 items

The Chancellor invited members to star items 10.1 – 10.3 if they wanted them discussed.

No items were starred.

RESOLVED

Council adopted the unstarred items 10.1 – 10.3 for approval and noting.

MANAGEMENT AND STRATEGY

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

6. Academic Board report and recommendations

6.1. Report to Council by President of the Academic Board

The President of the Academic Board provided an overview of the Academic Board meeting held on 24 June 2025 and the key items for discussion at the meeting on 12 August 2025, noting:

- three key items would be considered at the 12 August meeting – Undergraduate (UG) Student Admission Pathways and UG Student

Performance, Societal Transformation and Equity strategy and initiatives, and the People & Culture portfolio overview;

- Academic Board approval of 138 new and revised academic offerings proposal with a new Diploma exit qualification;
- the academic staff administrative burden report findings which the Strategic Pillar 5 leaders are seeking to address as a priority;
- the Deputy Vice-Chancellor, Research and Enterprise led initiative, myResearch.Bench, committed to streamlining processes and supporting researchers;
- the working of the Academic Board Student Representative Group; and
- the UNSW Rules Review Reference Group, with Council supportive of an approach in which Academic Board becomes responsible for approving the terms of reference and membership of its standing committees.

RESOLVED

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

6.2. Minutes of meeting – 24 June 2025

RESOLVED

Council noted the unconfirmed minutes of the Academic Board meeting held on 24 June 2025.

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. Audit Committee report and recommendations

8. Information Technology Committee report

9. Faculty of Medicine and Health Presentation: A five year stocktake and five-year vision

10. Items for approval and noting

10.1. Report of Approved Policy Documents

RESOLVED

Council noted the report of approved policy documents.

10.2. CRICOS renewal 2025

10.3. 2024 annual update for UNSW International House Charitable Trust and 2025 Committee membership update

Business without notice

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

Next Council meeting: Monday 13 October 2025.

SIGNED AS A CORRECT RECORD

Presiding Member

Mr David Gonski AC
Chancellor