



Non-Confidential Minutes for Council meeting, 3 June 2022

03/06/2022 | 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM - AEST

GCB-B6.25 VidConf Room, Building B, Gold Coast campus and by Zoom

Members (10)

Sandra McPhee AM, Chancellor
Austin Curtin AM
Professor Tyrone Carlin, Vice Chancellor - via Zoom
Murray d'Almeida, Deputy Chancellor
Graham Lancaster
Scott Noble
Alessandro Pelizzon
Professor Andrew Rose, Chair, Academic Board
Jonathan Rourke
Gurpreet Singh

In attendance

Belinda Atkinson, Council Secretary
Sharon Farquhar, Director, HR Services - Item 7
Dean Gould, Chief Marketing Officer
Tracy Manning, Governance Services (Secretariat)
Professor Mary Spongberg, Deputy Vice Chancellor (Research and Academic Capability)
Travis Walker, Vice President (Finance) - Item 12, via Zoom

IN-CAMERA COUNCIL ONLY DISCUSSION

Council met in-camera at the commencement of the meeting without the Vice Chancellor and other attendees.

PRELIMINARY BUSINESS

The presence of a quorum was confirmed.

1. Acknowledgement of Country

On behalf of Council, the Chancellor acknowledged and paid respect to the ancestors, Elders and descendants of the Lands upon which the meeting was being held. Council remains mindful that within and without the buildings, these Lands always were and always will be Aboriginal Land.

2. Chancellor's Introductory Remarks

The Chancellor highlighted:

- the Council dinner held the previous evening.
- the recent engagement activities she had been involved with, including:
 - the morning tea with Gurpreet Singh, student Council member, and students from the Lismore and Gold Coast campuses.
 - the Lismore community engagement dinner.

The Chancellor proposed that:

- the August Council meeting be rescheduled to the afternoon of Sunday, 7 August followed by an informal dinner for Council members and the Executive.

- a strategy day be held on Monday, 8 August, attended by Council and members of the Executive and led by Jack Williamson, Vice President (Strategy and Implementation) and Agi Luczak from ByMany.
- a second community engagement dinner be held on 8 August, with select Council members in attendance.

Jonathan Rourke and Professor Andrew Rose, Chair, Academic Board, discussed their participation in the community engagement dinner held on 26 May 2022 in the Lismore region.

Gurpreet Singh discussed the recent morning tea he had attended with the Chancellor and students.

3. Apologies and Leave of Absence

3.1 Apologies

Apologies were received from Julie Granger and Associate Professor Renaud Joannes-Boyou.

3.2 Leave of Absence

None.

4. Previous Meetings

4.1 Minutes - 21 April 2022

It was resolved:

Council:

- agreed** that the draft Confidential Minutes of the Council meeting held on 21 April 2022 be signed by the Chancellor as a true and correct record of the meeting; and
- approved** the uploading of a Council Minuted Resolutions Report on items of open business of the Council meeting held on 21 April 2022 to the University Council webpage.

4.2 Business Arising

None.

4.2 Action Items

5. Declarations of Interest

Scott Noble's conflict in relation to item 13 - appointment of the graduate member of Council was noted. Mr Noble agreed to excuse himself from the meeting during the discussion of that item.

No additional declarations of interest were raised.

6. Agenda

6.1 Starring of Items

Item 18 - Council Committees Terms of Reference was also starred for discussion.

It was resolved:

Council agreed to approve or note all unstarred items in accordance with the draft resolutions and without further discussion.

6.2 Arrangement of Agenda

Items 14 and 18 were discussed prior to Item 7.

KEY REPORTS

7. *Confidential: Work Health and Safety Report - First Quarter 2022

8. ***Confidential: Vice Chancellor's Report**

9. ***Report from Chair, Academic Board**

The report was taken as read.

Council discussed the attrition report including:

- the depth of expertise within SCU College led by Professor Thomas Roche, Pro Vice Chancellor (Academic Quality).
- some of the strategies the University was employing to address attrition.
- the collaboration across the university sector in relation to attrition.

10. ***Confidential: Council Briefing - Research**

KEY TRANSFORMATION MATTERS

11. ***Confidential: Strategic Directions - Update**

KEY REGULATORY AND COMPLIANCE MATTERS

12. ***Confidential: 2022 Budget Forecast Update**

It was resolved:

Council approved the 2022 Budget Forecast Update.

13. ***Confidential: Appointment of Graduate Member of Council**

It was resolved:

Council agreed to reappoint Scott Noble as Graduate Member for a term of two years, commencing 11 June 2022.

14. ***Disestablishment of the Plan Ahead Committee**

It was resolved:

Council approved the disestablishment of the Plan Ahead Committee.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

15. ***Confidential: Finance Committee**

16. ***Confidential: Audit and Risk Management Committee**

17. ***Confidential: People and Culture Committee**

OTHER MATTERS FOR DECISION

18. ***Council Committees - Terms of Reference**

The briefing paper was taken as read. Council discussed:

- changing the name of the Finance Committee to the Finance and Investment Committee;
- amending clause 10 of the Finance Committee Terms of Reference to clarify that the external attendees were limited to providing advice on matters relating to the University's investment portfolio.

It was resolved:

Subject to amendment of clause 10 of the Finance Committee Terms of Reference as set out above,
Council approved:

- (a) the Standing Orders – Southern Cross University Council Committees

- (b) rescission of the Terms of Reference – All subcommittees of Council Rule.
- (c) changing the name of the Finance Committee to the Finance and Investment Committee.
- (d) the amended Terms of Reference - Finance Committee.
- (e) the amended Terms of Reference – Audit and Risk Management Committee.
- (f) the amended Terms of Reference – Chancellor’s Committee.
- (g) the amended Terms of Reference – Honorary Awards Committee.
- (h) the amended Terms of Reference – People and Culture Committee.

19. Student Misconduct: Investigation/Determination Timelines

It was resolved:

Council approved amendments to the Student Academic and Non-Academic Misconduct Rules - clause (20 d).

MATTERS FOR NOTING

20. Policy Report

21. Confidential: Budgeted Expenditure greater than \$1 million

22. Course Approval and Removal Reports

23. Confidential: Use of the University Seal

CLOSING BUSINESS

24. Confidential: Determination of Matters for Public Disclosure

No additional agenda items were marked as confidential.

25. Meeting Evaluation

Dr Alessandro Pelizzon provided an evaluation of the meeting.

Dr Pelizzon discussed:

- the high quality of the meeting papers.
- the additional time for the meeting which allowed a greater level of engagement.
- differing views regarding university governance and the connection between university governing bodies and academia.
- the increased engagement between the University and its communities.
- the individual participation by Council members - particularly the external members.
- the understanding of staff and students about the purpose of Council.

Dr Pelizzon advised his intention not to seek re-election as a Council member. He thanked Council for the learning opportunity that his membership on Council had provided. The Chancellor thanked Dr Pelizzon for his thoughtful feedback and encouraged Council and Management to continue to focus on enhancing effectiveness in the areas Mr Pelizzon had highlighted.

26. Next Meeting

The next ordinary meeting of Council would be held on Sunday, 7 August 2022.

The meeting concluded at: 2.18 pm

Belinda Atkinson

Council Secretary

Signed as a true and correct record of the meeting:

**Sandra McPhee AM
Chancellor**