



Non-Confidential Minutes for Council meeting 7 August 2022

07/08/2022 | 03:00 PM 04:59 PM - AEST

Room GCB.C6.17, Building C, Gold Coast campus

Members present (10)

Sandra McPhee AM, Chancellor
Austin Curtin AM
Professor Tyrone Carlin, Vice Chancellor
Murray d'Almeida, Deputy Chancellor
Julie Granger
Associate Professor Renaud Joannes-Boyou
Scott Noble
Dr Alessandro Pelizzon
Jonathan Rourke
Gurpreet Singh

In attendance

Belinda Atkinson, Council Secretary
Dean Gould, Chief Marketing Officer
Georgia Serpa, Governance Services (Secretariat)

IN-CAMERA COUNCIL ONLY DISCUSSION

There was no in-camera discussion.

PRELIMINARY BUSINESS

The presence of a quorum was confirmed.

1. Acknowledgement of Country

Dr Alessandro Pelizzon acknowledged Country on behalf of the Council.

Council discussed the form and meaning of the acknowledgement of Country.

2. Chancellor's Introductory Remarks

The Chancellor noted that the University was going through a difficult period with much going on as a result of the COVID pandemic and the floods in Lismore. She thanked Management and Council members for spending time on the University's strategy.

3. Apologies and Leaves of Absence

3.1 Apologies

Apologies were received from Graham Lancaster and Professor Andrew Rose.

3.2 Leaves of Absence

None.

4. Previous Meetings

4.1 Minutes - 3 June 2022

It was resolved:

Subject to the amendment discussed, **Council:**

- (a) **agreed** that the draft Confidential Minutes of the Council meeting held on 3 June 2022 be signed by the Chancellor as a true and correct record of the meeting; and
- (b) **approved** the uploading of a Council Minuted Resolutions Report on items of open business of the Council meeting held on 3 June 2022 to the University Council webpage.

4.2 Matters Arising

Council requested an update on the status of the third parties on the Lismore campus. The Vice Chancellor agreed to provide that update as part of his report.

4.3 Action Items

5. Councillors' Business

6. Declarations of Interest

There were no additional interests declared.

7. Agenda

7.1 Starring of Items

There were no additional items 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.

7.2 Arrangement of Agenda

The agenda was discussed in the order presented.

KEY REPORTS

8. *Confidential: Work, Health and Safety Update

9. *Confidential: Vice Chancellor's Report

10. *Report from Chair, Academic Board

The report was taken as read.

Council discussed:

- The importance of the Academic Standards and Quality Committee.
- The Academic Board work plan including:
 - the Unit and Course Management System (UCMS), both the opportunities and the significant backlog in improvements to be implemented.
 - undergraduate honours and the opportunities these courses may present as other universities ceased offering them.

KEY REGULATORY AND COMPLIANCE MATTERS

11. Terms of Reference - Academic Board Rule

It was resolved:

Council approved the amended Terms of Reference - Academic Board.

OTHER MATTERS FOR DECISION

12. 2022 Student Consultation Process

It was resolved:

Pursuant to clauses 13 and 19 of the Student Services, Amenities, Representation and Advocacy Guidelines, **Council approved** the University's proposed process for consulting with its students, including consultation in relation to decisions regarding the specific uses of the proceeds from compulsory student services and amenities fees.

13. Confidential: Nomination for Honorary Doctorate

It was resolved:

Council approved the awarding of the title of Doctor of the University (DUniv) (honoris causa) to Mr Warren Grimshaw AM for distinguished service to the University

14. Delegations - scholarships and prizes

It was resolved:

Council approved amendments to Schedule A of the Delegations Rule in relation to delegations for approval of scholarships and prizes as set out in Attachment A.

MATTERS FOR NOTING

15. Policy Report

16. Confidential: Budgeted expenditure greater than \$1 million

17. Course Approval and Removal Report

CLOSING BUSINESS

Council discussed:

- the success of the open days.
- the actions taken by Gurpreet Singh, the student member of Council, during the open day at the Coffs Harbour campus, in entertaining some of the potential students, taking them to dinner and to the train.

On behalf of Council, the Chancellor thanked Alessandro Pelizzon for his contribution as an academic staff member of Council.

18. Confidential: Determination of Matters for Public Disclosure

No additional agenda items were marked as confidential.

19. Meeting Evaluation

Mr Gurpreet Singh provided an evaluation of the meeting.

Mr Singh discussed:

- the quality of the papers which he found easy to comprehend.

- The engagement of the members. It was clear that everyone on Council had a genuine interest in, and commitment to, the University.
- The opportunity for the meetings to include a celebration of something staff or students had done at the University.

20. Next Meeting

The next ordinary meeting of Council would be held on Thursday, 22 September 2022.

The meeting concluded at: 4:59 pm.

Belinda Atkinson
Council Secretary

Signed as a true and correct record of the meeting:

Sandra McPhee AM
Chancellor