Minutes of the 460th Meeting of the Macquarie University Council held at the Council Room, Building E11A, Macquarie University, North Ryde at 4.05pm on Thursday 30 October 2014.

Present: 
Chancellor, The Hon M Egan  
Vice-Chancellor, Professor B Dowton  
Deputy Chancellor, Ms E Crouch  
Mr B Crotty  
Mr C Darvall  
Professor J Fitness  
The Hon P Forsythe  
Professor Richie Howitt  
Mr G Jones  
Professor D Kane  
The Hon S Nori  
Ms Gemma Quinn  
Professor D Verity  
Ms K Vozella  
Mr J Wigglesworth

In attendance: 
Ms D Anderson, Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Students and Registrar)  
Professor Mark Gabbott, Executive Dean  
Mr J Gorman, Chief Financial Officer  
Ms Nicole Gower, Director Human Resources  
Ms Melanie Harris, Director and Chief of Staff, Office of the Vice-Chancellor  
Professor S Pretorius, Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Research)  
Dr P Schreier, Chief Operating Officer  
Professor J Simons, Deputy Vice-Chancellor Academic  
Professor D Wilkinson, Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Corporate Engagement and Advancement) 

Apologies: 
Council  
Dr K Schott  
Mr G Ward 

Executives  
Professor J Greeley, Executive Dean  
Professor J Lee, Deputy Vice-Chancellor (International)  
Mr P Luttrell, General Counsel  
Professor Martina Mollering, Executive Dean  
Professor P Nelson, Acting Executive Dean

Secretariat: 
Ms E Lawler, Company Matters
1. QUORUM AND APOLOGIES

The Chancellor confirmed that a quorum was present. The Chancellor noted apologies from Council Members Kerry Schott and Greg Ward and Executives Janet Greeley, Jim Lee, Paul Luttrell, Martina Mollering and Peter Nelson.

RESOLVED 14/30

_Council resolved to excuse all Councillors absent from this meeting, in accordance with the provisions of clause 2(i) of Schedule 1 of the Macquarie University Act 1989._

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no new declarations of interest.

3. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

Items under sections 2, 3 and 4 were agreed for discussion.

RESOLVED 14/34

_The Council resolved to note item 5.1 in the agenda._

4. MATTERS RAISED BY COUNCIL MEMBERS

It was noted that there were no matters raised by Council members prior to the Meeting.

5. MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF 28 AUGUST 2014 AND MATTERS ARISING (Agenda items 2.1 and 2.2)

Council noted the minutes of the previous meeting.

RESOLVED 14/35

_Council resolved to approve the minutes of the meeting of Council held on 28 August 2014 as a true and correct record._

Matters Arising

Council noted the status of Matters Arising from previous meetings.

6. MINUTES OF THE FINANCE AND FACILITIES COMMITTEE MEETINGS (Agenda item 2.3)

The Deputy Chancellor highlighted key items discussed at the Finance and Facilities Committee meeting.

Mr Gorman advised Council that the Investment Policy Review Committee met in October and noted a change in legislation that will provide Macquarie University with the power to borrow and invest.

Council noted the minutes of the 7 October 2014 Finance and Facilities Committee meeting.
7. MINUTES OF THE STUDENT EXPERIENCE COMMITTEE MEETING
(Agenda item 2.4)

The Deputy Chancellor spoke to the minutes of the 2 October 2014 meeting and highlighted the key matters from the Meeting.

The Council congratulated Kathy Vozella and her team for the successful Open Day and it was agreed that Ms Vozella review opportunities for increasing engagement with corporate partners for future open days.

The Deputy Chancellor advised that the Student Advisory Board has expressed its concern over the plans to make the University campus smoke-free. Council discussed this matter and the reasons for the proposed policy and agreed that the current arrangements for smoking in designated areas should continue. It was agreed that appropriate signage to provide information on quitting smoking should be provided in these areas.

RESOLVED 14/36

Council resolved that the current non-smoking policy of the University should continue, with smoking only allowed in a small number of designated areas.

Council noted the minutes of the 2 October 2014 Student Experience Committee meeting.

8. VICE-CHANCELLOR’S REPORT
(Agenda item 3.1)

The Vice-Chancellor spoke to the report and highlighted key matters, including:

- Executive appointments;
- Learning and teaching strategy;
- Student load update following census date for Session 2 2014;
- Research framework and research awards;
- Awards – Eureka Prize, NSW Scientist of the Year and 2014 Women of Influence;
- Corporate Engagement; and
- Campus Master Plan.

Council discussed the issue of transport plans in NSW and effects on the University of a possible light rail link and potential 6 month closure of the train line while the North West Rail Link is being built. The Vice-Chancellor confirmed discussions are continuing on these matters and Council will be kept updated.

Council discussed and noted the report.

9. MINUTES OF THE DISCIPLINE COMMITTEE AND STANDING COMMITTEE ON APPEALS MEETINGS
(Agenda item 2.5)

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10. ACADEMIC SENATE REPORT  
(Agenda item 3.2)  
The Chair of Academic Senate spoke to the Academic Senate Report and highlighted key matters.  

RESOLVED 14/37  

_Council resolved, following the recommendation of the Academic Senate, that Professor Murray Goot be awarded the title of Macquarie University Emeritus Professor._  

Council discussed and noted the report.  

11. HEALTH AND SAFETY REPORT  
(Agenda item 3.3)  
Dr Schreier spoke to the Health and Safety Report. Council requested the statistics for staff and students be separated in future reports.  

Council discussed and noted the report.  

12. FACULTY PRESENTATION – FACULTY OF BUSINESS AND ECONOMICS  
(Agenda item 3.4)  
Professor Gabbott provided a presentation on the Faculty of Business and Economics, including:  
- Overview and structure of the faculty;  
- Contribution and scale;  
- Students;  
- Highlights; and  
- Challenges and issues.  

Council discussed and noted the presentation.  

John Simons left the Meeting.  

13. UPDATE ON “THE INNOVATION NEXUS” PRESENTATION  
(Agenda item 3.5)  
Professor David Wilkinson provided a presentation on “The Innovation Nexus”, including:  
- Corporate engagement model;  
- Corporate engagement approach; and  
- Progress.  

Council discussed and noted the presentation.  

14. INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY POLICY  
(Agenda item 4.1)  
Professor Pretorius spoke to the paper and highlighted key matters.  

Council discussed the proposed policy.
RESOLVED 14/38

Council resolved to approve the Intellectual Property Policy appended as Attachment 2 to the Paper to Council.

15. RENAMING OF FACULTY OF SCIENCE
(Agenda item 4.2)

The Vice-Chancellor spoke to the paper.

Council discussed the proposed name change for the Faculty of Science.

RESOLVED 14/39

Council resolved to approve the change in name of the Faculty of Science to that of Faculty of Science and Engineering.

16. REVIEW OF UNIVERSITY POLICY FRAMEWORK
(Agenda item 4.3)

Ms Anderson spoke to the paper.

Council discussed the proposed policy framework.

RESOLVED 14/40

Council resolved to:

1. approve the Policy Framework Policy;
2. delegate authority to the Vice-Chancellor to approve the final Policy Framework Procedure and any amendments that may be required during implementation; and
3. delegate authority to the Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Students and Registrar) to approve the final supporting materials (Checklists and Templates) and any amendments that may be required during implementation.

17. DOCUMENTS SIGNED UNDER POWER OF ATTORNEY
(Agenda item 5.1)

Council noted the report.

18. OTHER BUSINESS

Council Performance Review Survey

The Chancellor advised the bi-annual Council Performance Survey would be undertaken prior to the next Meeting, with a link to be distributed for an electronic survey.

Next meeting

Council noted the next meeting of the Council is scheduled for 4 December 2014 at 4.00pm, with a seminar prior to the Meeting commencing at 3.00pm.
CLOSURE

There being no further business, the meeting concluded at 6.35pm.

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Chancellor