Minutes of the 466th Meeting of the Macquarie University Council held at the Council Room, Building E11A, Macquarie University, North Ryde at 4.08pm on Thursday 8 October 2015.

Present: Chancellor, The Hon M Egan
Deputy Chancellor, Ms E Crouch
Vice-Chancellor, Professor B Dowton
Mr K Ash
Mr C Darvall
Ms L Denby
The Hon P Forsythe
Professor R Howitt
Mr G Jones
Professor D Kane
Ms J Qian
Professor D Verity
Mr J Wigglesworth
Mr F Zipfinger

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
Mr P Luttrell, General Counsel
Professor B Messerle, Executive Dean
Professor M Möllering, Executive Dean
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
Mr B Crotty
Professor J Fitness
The Hon S Nori

Executives
Professor P McNeil, 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 Mr Brendan Crotty, Professor Julie Fitness and the Hon. Sandra Nori.

The Chancellor also noted an apology from executive Professor Patrick McNeil.
The Chancellor welcomed Ms Leanne Denby to her first Council meeting since being elected as a non-academic staff member to Council.

**RESOLVED 15/26**

*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 15/27**

*The Council resolved to note item 5.1 in the agenda.*

4. **MATTERS RAISED BY COUNCIL MEMBERS**

Council noted there were no matters raised by Council members prior to the Meeting that required discussion at this Meeting.

5. **MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF 20 AUGUST 2015 AND MATTERS ARISING**

(Agenda items 2.1 and 2.2)

Council noted the minutes of the previous meeting.

**RESOLVED 15/28**

*Council resolved to approve the minutes of the meeting of Council held on 20 August 2015 as a true and correct record.*

*Matters Arising*

Council noted the status of Matters Arising from previous meetings.

Council discussed Matter Arising #2 regarding student representation on Council and Paul Luttrell advised this would require legislative change. Ms Anderson advised that the Student Advisory Board is currently considering the issue with a view to making a recommendation to Council.

Council discussed the issue in principle and, after hearing views from several members, agreed that the views of the Student Advisory Board were important and its recommendations should be considered by Council prior to discussing further.

6. **MINUTES OF THE FINANCE AND FACILITIES COMMITTEE MEETING**

(Agenda item 2.3)

The Deputy Chancellor spoke to the minutes and highlighted key items, including:

- Expenditure is being managed closely given lower revenue; and
- Design options for the courtyard area are being reviewed and will be presented
Council noted the minutes of the 8 September 2015 Finance and Facilities Committee meeting.

7. MINUTES OF THE STUDENT EXPERIENCE COMMITTEE MEETING
(Agenda item 2.4)

The Deputy Chancellor took the minutes as read, highlighting the importance of the Committee as the only complete student-facing committee reporting directly to Council.

Council discussed the level of student representation on the Committee noting the role of the Student Advisory Board which provides a broader cross-section of student representation advising the Committee.

Council noted the minutes of the 8 September 2015 Student Experience Committee meeting.

RESOLVED 15/29

Council resolved, as recommended by the Student Experience Committee, that the University Librarian be appointed as an ex-officio member of the Student Experience Committee.

8. MINUTES OF THE DISCIPLINE COMMITTEE MEETING
(Agenda item 2.5)

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

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

- The Change in Minister for Higher Education and status of higher education reforms;
- University rankings, the specialist consultant engaged by the University to review performance in rankings and improve this area and the planned investment in information management systems to improve collection and access to data. It was agreed to provide a presentation to a future Council meeting on the different University ranking systems, what they mean and how the University intends to improve in this area, including a presentation from the specialist consultant currently engaged when available. Matter Arising #1;
- Learning and teaching awards. Council discussed the need for greater publicity of the awards and the Vice-Chancellor outlined changes to the communications area which will increase the level of proactive external engagement. It was agreed to offer all Council members access to daily press clippings. Matter Arising #2;
- Student load update;
- Philanthropy developments;
- Executive changes, including the resignation of the COO, effective March 2016. The Vice-Chancellor and Council thanked Dr Schreier for his contributions over the last 3 years and congratulated him on his new role;
- New website; Macquarie Park changes and that the December seminar will include a presentation on the Innovation District;
• Implications of the Transpacific Partnership Agreement on universities; and
• Appointment of a Professor of Hearing, Language and the Brain.

Council discussed and noted the report.

10. ACADEMIC SENATE REPORT
(Agenda item 3.2)

The Chair of Academic Senate spoke to the report and highlighted key matters, including:

• Approval of the new Student Disability Support policy; and
• Recommendations regarding amendments to the General Coursework Rules and Academic Senate Rules.

Council discussed and noted the report.

RESOLVED 15/30

Council resolved, as recommended by Academic Senate:

1. the proposed amendments to the General Coursework Rules 2015, as attached, are approved with effect from 26 October 2015;
2. the proposed amendments to the Academic Senate Rules 2015, as attached, are approved with immediate effect.

11. HEALTH AND SAFETY REPORT
(Agenda item 3.3)

Dr Schreier took the Health and Safety Report as read, noting that the results of the review undertaken earlier in the year are being implemented and more analysis is being conducted of the data to continue to improve performance.

Council noted the report.

12. RE-ELECTION OF DEPUTY CHANCELLOR
(Agenda item 4.1)

The Deputy Chancellor left the Meeting for this item.

The Chancellor noted no other nominations had been received for the role of Deputy Chancellor.

RESOLVED 15/31

Council resolved that Elizabeth Crouch be re-elected as Deputy Chancellor for a term of two years from 14 February 2016 to 13 February 2018 in accordance with Clause 11 of the Macquarie University Act 1989.

The Deputy Chancellor re-joined the Meeting.

The Chancellor congratulated the Deputy Chancellor on her re-election and thanked her for all the work she does in this role.

Chum Darvall left the meeting.
13. **RISK DASHBOARD REPORT**  
(Agenda item 4.2)

Dr Schreier spoke to the Risk Dashboard report for the period January 2015 to July 2015 noting there have been no significant changes to the previous report.

John Wigglesworth advised that the Audit and Risk Committee will be working through a plan of how to develop a Risk Appetite Statement for the University, including the involvement of Council. Mr Wigglesworth advised he will update Council in due course on the process to be followed noting that the Risk Appetite Statement would be re-visited annually once developed.

Council noted the Risk Dashboard report.

14. **POSTHUMOUS AWARD OF HONORARY DEGREE**  
(Agenda item 4.3)

15. **MACQUARIE UNIVERSITY CLINICAL ASSOCIATES LTD – APPOINTMENT OF DIRECTORS (MEMBER RESOLUTION)**  
(Agenda item 4.4)

Council noted this paper and resolution is for the members of Macquarie University Clinical Associates Ltd only.

*The Council meeting adjourned at 5.38pm.*

**MEETING OF THE MEMBERS OF MACQUARIE UNIVERSITY CLINICAL ASSOCIATES LTD**

A meeting of the Members of Macquarie University Clinical Associates Ltd commenced at 5.38pm.

**Quorum**

The Chancellor declared there was a quorum and opened the Meeting.

**Election of Chairman**

The Members **RESOLVED** that the Honourable Michael Egan, be appointed Chairman of the meeting.

**Short Notice**

The Members **RESOLVED** that in accordance with section 249H(2) of the Corporations Act and for all other purposes, the Members give consent to short notice of the Members Meeting of the Company to be held on 8 October 2015.

**Director Appointment**

**RESOLVED 15/33**

*The Members of Macquarie University Clinical Associates Ltd resolved to approve the appointment of Professor Bruce Barraclough and Adjunct Professor Mark Compton as the two non-executive independent directors.***
The directors of the Macquarie University Clinical Associates Board in accordance with clause 5.2.1 of the Constitution for a term of 2 years.

The meeting closed at 5.40pm.

The Council meeting re-convened at 5.40pm

16. ‘UNIFIED RYDE’ – SHORT FILM ON EXPERIENCES OF AND RESPONSES TO RACISM IN THE CITY OF RYDE
(Agenda item 4.5)

A short film on 'Unified Ryde' - a short film on experiences of, and responses to, racism in the City of Ryde was shown to Council and noted.

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

Council noted the report.

Kieren Ash joined the meeting.

18. OTHER BUSINESS

Council noted the next meeting is to be held on 3 December 2015 and will be preceded by a Council Seminar at 3.00pm.

CLOSURE

There being no further business, the meeting concluded at 5.50pm.

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Chancellor