Minutes of the 468th Meeting of the Macquarie University Council held at the Council Room, Building E11A, Macquarie University, North Ryde at 4.03pm on Thursday 25 February 2016.

**Present:**
- Chancellor, The Hon M Egan
- Deputy Chancellor, Ms E Crouch
- Vice-Chancellor, Professor B Dowton
- Mr K Ash
- Professor C Dean
- Ms L Denby
- The Hon P Forsythe
- Professor R Howitt
- Mr G Jones
- Professor D Kane
- The Hon S Nori
- 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
- Professor S Handley, Executive Dean
- Ms Melanie Harris, Director and Chief of Staff, Office of the Vice-Chancellor
- Mr P Luttrell, General Counsel
- Professor P McNeil, Executive Dean
- 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)
- Dr M Davies (for item 4.2 only)

**Apologies:**
- Council
- Mr B Crotty
- Mr C Darvall

**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 and Mr Chum Darvall.

The Chancellor welcomed Professor Catherine Dean to her first Council meeting since her election as a Council member.
The Chancellor noted this will be the last Council meeting for Dr Schreier prior to leaving the University and thanked him for his contributions as Chief Operating Officer. The Chancellor advised Dr Schreier will be replaced by Tim Beresford who will join Council for the April meeting.

The Chancellor also noted this will be the last Council meeting for Professor Mark Gabbott before he leaves the University and thanked him for his contributions as Executive Dean.

The Chancellor advised a seminar will be held prior to the next meeting regarding International Rankings and encouraged all Council members to attend.

**RESOLVED 16/01**

*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.*

Kieren Ash joined the Meeting.

2. **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There were no other new declarations of interest.

3. **ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION**

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

**RESOLVED 16/02**

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

4. **MATTERS RAISED BY COUNCIL MEMBERS**

Council noted there were no new matters raised by Council members prior to the Meeting.

5. **MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF 3 DECEMBER 2015 AND MATTERS ARISING**

(Agenda items 2.1 and 2.2)

Council noted the minutes of the previous meeting.

**RESOLVED 16/03**

*Council resolved to approve the minutes of the meeting of Council held on 3 December 2015 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 MEETING**

(Agenda item 2.3)

The Deputy Chancellor took the draft minutes as read and highlighted key items, including early preparation on the capital works plan has commenced and
preliminary work for the development of 8 and 10 University Avenue was approved.

Council noted the minutes of the 9 February 2016 Finance and Facilities Committee meeting.

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

The Deputy Chancellor briefed Council on the proceedings of the 15 February 2016 Student Experience Committee, including that the Committee:

- Ratified the approval of the change of the name of the Student Advisory Board to the Macquarie University Student Representative Committee;
- Noted the revised Constitution of the Macquarie University Student Representative Committee which reflected the change of name and the establishment of the position of Treasurer, previously approved; and
- Received a presentation on the Student Engagement Communication Plan.

Kieren Ash advised that engagement with students since the change of name to the Student Representative Committee has increased including significant contact with students during O Week. Mr Ash also noted that the appointment of a Treasurer has been well received and effective already with a budget developed and approved and projects progressing.

Council discussed the change of name to the Student Representative Committee noting that the change of name does not change the role.

Council noted the minutes of the 24 November 2015 Student Experience Committee meeting were consistent with the verbal report given at the December 2015 Council Meeting.

Council noted the verbal update from the 15 February 2016 meeting.

8. APPOINTMENT OF NEW COUNCIL MEMBER
(Agenda Item 2.5)

The Chancellor spoke to the recommendation from the Nominations and Remuneration Committee to appoint Ms Deborah Hadwen as a new member of Council.

RESOLVED 16/04

Council resolved, as recommended by the Nominations and Remuneration Committee, that Ms Deborah Hadwen be appointed as a member of the University Council under Section 8F (Council Appointed Member) of the Macquarie University Act 1989 for a four year term commencing on 1 March 2016 and concluding on 29 February 2020.

9. REPORT FROM THE NOMINATIONS AND REMUNERATION COMMITTEE MEETING
(Agenda item 2.6)
10. MINUTES OF THE DISCIPLINE COMMITTEE AND STANDING COMMITTEE ON APPEALS MEETINGS  
(Agenda item 2.7)

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

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

- O Week has been progressing well this week;
- National Innovation and Science agenda impacts;
- Media coverage of ATARs and university entry standards;
- Launch of Strategic Learning and Teaching Framework;
- Positive Excellence in Research Australia results;
- Update on enrolment figures (to be confirmed post census date);
- White Bay precinct and campus innovation nexus developments. David Wilkinson advised that he is in the final stages of drafting an Innovation Statement. The Vice-Chancellor advised he would provide a copy of the Innovation Statement to Council once complete;
- Update on Philanthropic giving;
- Update on Campus Master Plan; and
- MGSM management changes.

Council discussed and noted the report.

*Patricia Forsythe left the meeting.*

12. ACADEMIC SENATE REPORT  
(Agenda item 3.2)

The Chair of Academic Senate took the report as read and explained the changes to the Higher Degree Research Rules as recommended by Academic Senate.

**RESOLVED 16/05**

_Council resolved, following the recommendation of the Academic Senate to approve amendments to Part 14: Discontinuation and Exclusion of the Higher Degree Research Rules._

Council discussed and noted the report.

13. HEALTH AND SAFETY REPORT  
(Agenda item 3.3)

Dr Schreier took the Health and Safety Report as read.

Council discussed and noted the report.

14. AUDIT AND RISK COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP  
(Agenda item 4.1)

Mr Wigglesworth spoke to the paper recommending appointment of a new member to the Audit & Risk Committee.
RESOLVED 16/06

_Council resolved to appoint Mr Roger Millar as a member of the Audit and Risk Committee for a 2 year term from 1 March 2016 to 28 February 2018._

15. **ESTABLISHMENT OF HONG KONG CHARITABLE FOUNDATION**
   (Agenda Item 4.3)

Professor Wilkinson took the paper as read and highlighted key matters regarding the proposed establishment of a charitable foundation in Hong Kong.

Professor Wilkinson and the General Counsel answered questions from Council members regarding the structure and management of ongoing compliance.

16. **PARKLANDS PROPERTY SALE – EXECUTION OF DOCUMENTS**
   (Agenda Item 4.4)

The General Counsel spoke to the paper.

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

Council noted the report.

18. **IT STRATEGY - PRESENTATION**
    (Agenda item 4.2)

Dr Mary Davies provided a presentation on the University’s IT strategy.

Council discussed the presentation and Dr Davies answered various questions from Council members.

Council noted the presentation and thanked Dr Davies.

19. **OTHER BUSINESS**

Council noted the next meeting is to be held on 7 April 2016 and will be preceded by a seminar on International Rankings.

**CLOSURE**

There being no further business, the meeting concluded at 6.00pm.

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Chancellor