Minutes of the 459th Meeting of the Macquarie University Council held at the Council Room, Building E11A, Macquarie University, North Ryde at 4.05pm on Thursday 28 August 2014.

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

In attendance:
Ms D Anderson, Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Students and Registrar)
Professor Mark Gabbott, Executive Dean
Professor J Greeley, Executive Dean
Mr P Luttrell, General Counsel
Professor P Nelson, Acting Executive Dean
Professor S Pretorius, Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Research)
Dr P Schreier, Chief Operating Officer
Professor J Simons, Deputy Vice-Chancellor Academic
Ms Melanie Harris, Director and Chief of Staff, Office of the Vice-Chancellor

Apologies:
Council
Mr B Crotty
Mr G Jones
Dr K Schott
Mr G Ward
Mr J Wigglesworth

Executives
Mr J Gorman, Chief Financial Officer
Professor J Lee, Deputy Vice-Chancellor (International)
Professor D Wilkinson, Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Corporate Engagement and Advancement)

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 Brendan Crotty, Greg Jones, Kerry Schott, Greg Ward and John Wigglesworth and Executives John Gorman, Jim Lee and David Wilkinson.

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 14/31

_The Council resolved to note item 5.1 and 5.2 in the agenda._

4. MATTERS RAISED BY COUNCIL MEMBERS

It was agreed to address the matter raised by Professor Kane regarding the Novotech submission as part of the report from the Finance & Facilities Meeting.

5. MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF 3 JULY 2014 AND MATTERS ARISING
(Agenda items 2.1 and 2.2)

Council noted the minutes of the previous meeting.

RESOLVED 14/32

_Council resolved to approve the minutes of the meeting of Council held on 3 July 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)

Council noted the minutes of the 29 July 2014 Finance and Facilities Committee meeting.

Council discussed the Novotech proposal which was approved at the Finance and Facilities Committee meeting, subject to certain conditions being met. The issues raised were discussed at length.
7. MINUTES OF THE STUDENT EXPERIENCE COMMITTEE MEETING (Agenda item 2.4)

The Deputy Chancellor spoke to the minutes of the 29 July 2014 meeting and highlighted the key matters from the Meeting.

The Deputy Chancellor advised:

- that there is more work to be undertaken on the student management system and that a resolution would be brought back on this issue at a future meeting; and
- that further investigation would be undertaken on the number and type of surveys currently undertaken to develop a policy for the way forward.

RESOLVED 14/33

RESOLVED, following the recommendation of the Student Experience Committee, that action be taken to develop and enact a survey policy, procedure and schedule.

Council noted the minutes of the 29 July 2014 Student Experience Committee meeting.

8. MINUTES OF THE AUDIT AND RISK COMMITTEE MEETING (Agenda item 2.5)

Council noted the minutes of the 7 August 2014 Audit and Risk Committee meeting.

9. MINUTES OF THE DISCIPLINE COMMITTEE AND STANDING COMMITTEE ON APPEALS MEETINGS (Agenda item 2.6)

10. VICE-CHANCELLOR'S REPORT (Agenda item 3.1)

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

- new executive appointments;
- New Colombo Plan students;
- Global Leadership Entry Program;
- Blues Awards;
- Laureate Fellowship;
- Transfer of AIHI;
- Future Fellowship outcomes;
- Development of feeder pathway college; and
- Philanthropy.

Council discussed relationships and engagement with schools and the current project regarding partnerships with schools. Council discussed and noted the report.

11. PRESENTATION OF RESEARCH FRAMEWORK (Agenda item 3.3)
Professor Pretorius provided a presentation on the research framework, including:

- Rankings;
- Research income;
- HDR students;
- Research outputs;
- Research excellence;
- Research framework to be implemented – purpose, objectives, goals, clear targets and support strategies; and
- Research success indicators.

Council discussed academic performance and the focus in this area.

Council discussed and noted the presentation.

12. BRAND PRESENTATION
(Agenda item 3.2)

The Vice-Chancellor provided a presentation on the new brand for Macquarie University.

Council discussed and noted the presentation.

13. ACADEMIC SENATE REPORT
(Agenda item 3.4)

The Chair of Academic Senate spoke to the Academic Senate Report and highlighted key matters.

Council noted the report.

14. HEALTH AND SAFETY REPORT
(Agenda item 3.5)

Dr Schreier spoke to the Health and Safety Report and updated Council on meetings held with NSW Police and their commitment to be more involved in safety on campus.

Council discussed and noted the report.

15. COUNCIL AND COMMITTEE MEETING DATES
(Agenda item 4.1)

Council noted the 2015 Council and Committee meeting dates.

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

Council noted the report.

17. POLICY REVIEW UPDATE
(Agenda item 5.2)

Council noted the report.
18. OTHER BUSINESS

Next meeting

Council noted the next meeting of the Council is scheduled for 30 October 2014 at 4.00pm.

CLOSURE

There being no further business, the meeting concluded at 6.45pm.

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Chancellor __________/____/____