Minutes of the 446th Meeting of the Macquarie University Council held at the Council Room, Building E11A, North Ryde Campus at 4.00pm on Wednesday 20 June 2012.

Present:  
Chancellor, The Hon M Egan  
Deputy Chancellor, Ms E Crouch  
Vice-Chancellor, Professor S Schwartz  
Chair of Academic Senate, Associate Professor J Fitness  
Dr W Bradford  
Ms M Brodie  
Ms Gemma Brooks  
Professor L Cupples  
Mr C Darvall  
The Hon P Forsythe  
Mr G M Jones  
Professor D Kane  
Mr G Lindsay  
The Hon S Nori  
Mr S Rubic  
Dr K Schott  
Mr G Ward  
Mr J Wigglesworth

In attendance:  
Mr M Carley, Manager OH&S  
Ms K Colvin, Executive Officer to the Vice-Chancellor  
Mr J Gorman, Chief Financial Officer  
Mr P Luttrell, General Counsel  
Mr T Sprague, Director Human Resources  
Mr D Wright, Vice President International and Strategy

Apologies:  
Mr A Bissett

Secretariat:  
Ms E Lawler, Company Matters

1. QUORUM AND APOLOGIES

The Chancellor confirmed that a quorum was present. The Chancellor welcomed Ms Gemma Brooks as the new student-elected Council member with a term until 31 May 2013.
2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Council noted there were no new declarations of interest.

3. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

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

RESOLVED 12/11

*The Council resolved to approve and note, as appropriate, items 5.1, 5.2 and 5.3 in the agenda.*

4. MATTERS RAISED BY COUNCIL MEMBERS

Council noted there were no matters raised by Council members in advance.

5. MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF 2 MAY 2012 AND MATTERS ARISING

(Agenda items 2.1 and 2.2)

RESOLVED 12/17

*Council resolved to approve the minutes of the meeting of Council held on 2 May 2012 as a true and correct record.*

Matters Arising

Council noted the progress on Matters Arising from the Minutes of 2 May 2012 meeting and outstanding matters from previous meetings.

6. MINUTES OF THE FINANCE AND FACILITIES COMMITTEE MEETING OF 1 JUNE 2012

(Agenda item 2.3)

The Deputy Chancellor spoke to and Council discussed the minutes of the Finance and Facilities Committee meeting held on 1 June 2012.

RESOLVED 12/19

Presentation on the Masterplan

*RESOLVED, as recommended by the Finance and Facilities Committee that:*  

1. *the University adopt the grid signage of north/south/east/west and building naming convention to be adapted across campus and this signage and building identification system be embedded in the Masterplan, and*

2. *a working group be established to identify how buildings should be named from a combination of sponsors/benefactors and building functionalities.*

Council considered and noted the minutes of the Finance and Facilities Committee of 1 June 2012.

7. MINUTES OF THE AUDIT AND RISK COMMITTEE MEETING OF 31 MAY 2012

(Agenda item 2.4)
Mr Wigglesworth spoke to and Council discussed the minutes of the Audit & Risk Committee meeting held on 31 May 2012.

Council considered and noted the minutes of the Audit & Risk Committee of 31 May 2012.

8. ACADEMIC SENATE REPORT
(Agenda item 3.1)

The Vice-President of Academic Senate spoke to the report and responded to questions from the meeting.

RESOLVED 12/21

RESOLVED that:

1. the introduction of the award and program of study for the Doctor of Advanced Surgery is approved with effect from 1 January 2013.

2. the introduction of the Bachelor of Philosophy as an exit award from the Master of Research, with effect from 1 January 2013.

Council noted and discussed the report.

9. ALTERNATE DIRECTOR FOR MUH OPERATIONS NO. 2 LIMITED
(Agenda item 3.2)

Council noted this is a resolution of the Members of MUH Operations No. 2 Limited.

RESOLVED 12/22

The members of MUH Operations No. 2 Limited RESOLVED, as per Clause 5.1 of the MUH Operations No.2 Limited Constitution to approve Greg Jones to act as an Alternate Director to Andrew Bissett until such time as that appointment is revoked in writing.

10. GOVERNING BODIES RESOLUTION
(Agenda item 3.3)

The General Counsel spoke to the paper and responded to questions from the meeting.

RESOLVED 12/23:

With the requisite 2/3 majority of members that:

1. In accordance with section 4(1)(a) of the Universities Governing Bodies Act 2011:

   a. the replaceable provisions of the Macquarie University Act 1989 (being sections 8 and 9 of, and clause 1 of Schedule 1 to, the Macquarie University Act) are displaced; and

   b. the standard governing body provisions (set out in Schedule 1 of the Universities Governing Bodies Act 2011) are adopted instead.
2. In accordance with section 4(1)(b) of the Universities Governing Bodies Act 2011, the following constitution rules are prescribed for the purposes of the standard governing body provisions:

(a) the total number of members of the Council is 19;  
(b) the total number of members in each category is:
   (i) 3 official members;  
   (ii) 5 elected members (being 3 academic staff members, 1 non-academic staff member and 1 student member);  
   (iii) 5 Council appointed members;  
   (iv) 2 members appointed by the Minister; and  
(c) the minimum number of external members who must be graduates of the University is 4. They will become (graduate) members by appointment by the Council.

3. That the written notice to the Minister, in accordance with section 4(2) of the Universities Governing Bodies Act 2011, will note:

(a) that the standard governing body provisions and the constitution rules are to commence on 1 January 2013; and  
(b) for the purpose of enabling the Council to be duly constituted on or after commencement of the standard governing body provisions and the constitution rules, elections may be conducted and appointments made before that commencement date as if the standard governing body provisions and the constitution rules were in force.

11. VOLUNTEER OFFICERS – WORK AND SAFETY ACT 2011  
(Agenda item 3.4)

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12. DEVELOPMENTS ON MUPRA  
(Agenda item 3.5)

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13. VICE-CHANCELLOR’S REPORT  
(Agenda item 4.1)

The Vice-Chancellor spoke to the report and updated Council on:

- the growth in domestic and decline in international student numbers in 2012; and  
- positive developments in medical research funding.

Council discussed and noted the report.

Mr Rubic left the meeting at 5.40pm.
Mr Carley joined the meeting at 5.45pm.

14. OCCUPATIONAL HEALTH AND SAFETY REPORT
(Agenda Item 4.2)

Mr Sprague provided a presentation on the occupational health and safety statistics, strategies in place to limit injuries and future plans.

Greg Ward left the meeting at 6.05pm.

Council thanked Mr Sprague and his team for their work in improving in occupational health and safety performance, although noted the work required to improve further.

Council discussed and noted the report and presentation.

Mr Carley left the meeting at 6.15pm.

The Chancellor left the meeting at 6.15pm.

In accordance with the provisions of Schedule 1, Clause 7(2) of the Macquarie University Act 1989, the Deputy Chancellor presided for the remainder of the meeting.

15. GENERAL COUNSEL REPORT
(Agenda Item 4.3)

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16. UPDATE ON PROVISION OF POST ENTRY LANGUAGE AND ACADEMIC LITERACY SUPPORT
(Agenda Item 4.4)

Council deferred this item to the next meeting when Professor Sachs will be in attendance.

17. STAFFING REPORT
(Agenda Item 5.1)

Council noted the Staffing Report.

18. REPORT OF DOCUMENTS EXECUTED UNDER POWER OF ATTORNEY
(Agenda Item 5.2)

Council noted the paper.

19. POLICY REVIEW PROCESS
(Agenda Item 5.3)

Council noted the paper.

20. OTHER BUSINESS

Next meeting

Council noted the next Council meeting is scheduled for 22 August 2012.
CLOSURE

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

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