Minutes of the 465th Meeting of the Macquarie University Council held at the Council Room, Building E11A, Macquarie University, North Ryde at 4.00pm on Thursday 20 August 2015.

Present: Chancellor, The Hon M Egan
Deputy Chancellor, Ms E Crouch
Vice-Chancellor, Professor B Dowton
Mr K Ash
Mr B Crotty
Mr C Darvall
Professor J Fitness
The Hon P Forsythe
Professor R Howitt
Professor D Kane
Ms J Qian
Professor D Verity
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 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)
Ms Harriet Eager, Minter Ellison (for Item 3.2 only)

Apologies: Council
Mr G Jones
The Hon S Nori
Mr J Wigglesworth

Executives
Professor J Lee, Deputy Vice-Chancellor (International)

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 Greg Jones, The Hon. Sandra Nori and Mr John Wigglesworth.
The Chancellor also noted apologies from executive Professor Jim Lee.

RESOLVED 15/20

_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 15/21

_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 2 JULY 2015 AND MATTERS ARISING (Agenda items 2.1 and 2.2)

Council noted the minutes of the previous meeting.

RESOLVED 15/22

_Council resolved to approve the minutes of the meeting of Council held on 2 July 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 spoke to the minutes and highlighted key items, including changes to financial delegations and intention to review campus planning further at upcoming meetings. The Deputy Chancellor also advised that Moody's had re-confirmed the University's rating of AA2 and thanked John Gorman and his team for their work in this area.

Council noted the minutes of the 28 July 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. Kieren Ash updated Council on the Student Advisory Board induction program activities, including the off-site retreat, noting the attendees had found the retreat a valuable experience. Deidre Anderson
updated Council on options being reviewed for future student accommodation and noted this would be further discussed at Finance & Facilities committee meetings.

Council noted the minutes of the 28 July 2015 Student Experience Committee meeting and updates provided.

8. MINUTES OF THE HONORARY AWARDS COMMITTEE MEETING
   (Agenda item 2.6)

The Chancellor spoke to the minutes of the Honorary Awards Committee meeting noting recommendations from the Committee.

Council noted the minutes of the 3 August 2015 Honorary Awards Committee meeting.

9. MINUTES OF THE DISCIPLINE COMMITTEE AND STANDING COMMITTEE ON APPEALS MEETINGS
   (Agenda item 2.7)

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

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

- Higher Education reform and implications for University financing in the future;
- Impact on the University of the signing of the China Free Trade Agreement;
- University ranking reports and that management continues to work to improve the University’s ability to respond for requests for information from ranking agencies and better understand the different ranking bodies and their processes;

Chum Darvall joined the meeting.

- TEQSA submission;
- Research achievements and grants awarded. Council discussed the level of research grants and Professor Pretorius updated Council on work being done to improve this area;
- Student load update and update on international students;
- Progress with corporate partnerships;
- New Colombo Plan mobility funding achieved; and
- Progress with the campus refurbishment program.

Council discussed and noted the report.

11. HEALTH AND SAFETY REPORT
    (Agenda item 3.3)

Dr Schreier took the Health and Safety Report as read. Council discussed the report and processes in place with contractors and subcontractors if they are not observing requirements.

Council noted the report.
12. JOINTLY BADGED DEGREES: IDEALAB AGREEMENT  
(Agenda item 4.1)

Council noted the paper proposing amendments to testamurs consistent with the IDEALAB consortium agreement.

RESOLVED 15/24

Council resolved that:

1. The use of logo/crest/arms of partner universities be included on the Macquarie testamur as per the agreement in the International Doctorate in Experimental Approaches to Language and Brain (IDEALAB) Consortium Agreement/with joint doctoral degree partners.

2. The Macquarie Coat of Arms and authorising signatures be released to University partners for inclusion on testamurs as per the agreement in the IDEALAB Consortium Agreement/with joint doctoral degree partners.

3. The signatures of representatives be included on the Macquarie testamur as per the agreement in the IDEALAB Consortium Agreement/with joint doctoral degree partners.

4. The logo(s) of body(s) or agency(s) outlined/IDEALAB and Education Audiovisual and Culture Executive Agency (EACEA) be included on the Macquarie testamur as per the agreement in the IDEALAB Consortium Agreement/with joint doctoral degree partners.

13. DELEGATION OF AUTHORITY TO CONFER DEGREES AND TO AWARD DIPLOMAS AND CERTIFICATES  
(Agenda item 4.2)

Council noted the paper provided proposing to update the delegations of authority to award degrees, diplomas and certificates.
RESOLVED 15/25

1) Rescind Council Resolution 13/16; and
2) Delegate authority to confer degrees and to award diplomas and certificates to persons who have satisfied the requirements of Academic Senate for such degrees, diplomas and certificates in the following order:
   a) Chancellor
   b) Deputy Chancellor
   c) Vice-Chancellor
   d) Deputy Vice-Chancellor or Chief Operating Officer
   e) Chair of the Finance and Facilities Committee
   f) Chair of Academic Senate
   g) A member of Council who is not an employee of the University and who is specifically so delegated by Council

14. DOCUMENTS SIGNED UNDER POWER OF ATTORNEY
   (Agenda item 5.1)
   Council noted the report.

15. MINUTES OF THE AUDIT AND RISK COMMITTEE MEETING
   (Agenda item 2.5)
   The Deputy Chancellor spoke to the minutes of the Audit & Risk Committee meeting and updated Council on the continued review of the key risks of the University, noting that a discussion on risk appetite will be needed at Council in due course.
   The Vice-Chancellor and Professor Simons updated Council on the status of Macquarie University International College, including launch date, number of students to commence and process of establishment.
   Council noted the minutes of the 6 August 2015 Audit & Risk Committee meeting.

16. OTHER BUSINESS
   Macquarie University Clinical Associates (MUCA)
   The Vice-Chancellor and Professor McNeil provided an update on MUCA’s establishment.
   Next meeting
   Council noted the next meeting of the Council is scheduled for 8 October 2015 at 4.00pm.

17. HEALTH AND SAFETY REPORT (continued)
    (Agenda item 3.3)
    Harriet Eager joined the meeting.
    Ms Harriet Eager provided a presentation to Council members on WHS obligations.
Council discussed the regulatory framework and obligations.
Council noted the presentation provided.

*Harriet Eager left the meeting.*

**CLOSURE**

There being no further business, the meeting concluded at 6.05pm.

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