Minutes of the 458th Meeting of the Macquarie University Council held at the Council Room, Building E11A, Macquarie University, North Ryde at 4.05pm on Thursday 3 July 2014.

Present: Chancellor, The Hon M Egan
Vice-Chancellor, Professor B Dowton
Mr B Crotty
Mr C Darvall
Professor Julie Fitness
The Hon P Forsythe
Professor Richie Howitt
Mr G Jones
Professor D Kane
Ms Gemma Quinn
Dr K Schott
Ms K Vozella
Mr J Wigglesworth

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

Apologies: Council
Deputy Chancellor, Ms E Crouch
The Hon S Nori
Professor D Verity
Mr G Ward

Executives
Professor P Nelson

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 Elizabeth Crouch, Sandra Nori, Dominic Verity and Greg Ward and Executive Peter Nelson.

RESOLVED 14/23

*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 other new declarations of interest.

3. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

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

RESOLVED 14/24

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

4. MATTERS RAISED BY COUNCIL MEMBERS

Darug Elders

Professor Howitt proposed that Darug Elders involved in ceremonial and professional duties at the University be provided with a special parking permit that welcomes them to the University site without cost and without the need for special approvals or permits on a visit-by-visit basis.

RESOLVED 14/25

*Council resolved to provide a Special Parking Permit to Darug Elders involved in ceremonial and professional duties at the University.*

5. MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF 10 APRIL 2014 AND MATTERS ARISING

(Agenda items 2.1 and 2.2)

Council noted the minutes of the previous meeting.

RESOLVED 14/26

*Council resolved to approve the minutes of the meeting of Council held on 10 April 2014 as a true and correct record.*

Matters Arising

Council noted there were no new Matters Arising from previous meetings.

6. MINUTES OF THE FINANCE AND FACILITIES COMMITTEE MEETINGS

(Agenda item 2.3)
John Gorman spoke to the minutes of the 27 May 2014 meeting and highlighted the key matters discussed at that Meeting.

Council noted the minutes of the 27 May 2014 Finance and Facilities Committee meeting.

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

Greg Jones spoke to the minutes of the 27 May 2014 meeting and highlighted the key matters from the Meeting.

Council noted the minutes of the 27 May 2014 Student Experience Committee meeting.

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

John Wigglesworth highlighted key matters from the 5 June 2014 meeting, noting that the Audit Office management letter was discussed at the Meeting and that the number of internal control matters being raised by both the internal and external auditors is trending down.

Chum Darvall joined the Meeting.

The Vice-Chancellor advised a presentation was provided on feeder pathways and that there are discussions occurring regarding international student data projections. The Vice-Chancellor advised that the DVC International, Professor Jim Lee, has been working on an international repositioning project and the progress on this will be reported at a Council meeting later in the year.

Council noted the minutes of the 5 June 2014 Audit and Risk Committee meeting.

The Chancellor congratulated Chum Darvall on his Queen’s Birthday honours.

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:

- Staffing changes and an update on recruitment for executive roles;
- Impact of the Federal budget on higher education;
- Jubilee anniversary activity;
- Green paper on Research strategy launch;
- Launch of synthetic biology project;
- Changes to weighting for student visa processing; and
- Progress with the Academic Staff Enterprise Agreement.

Council discussed and noted the report.
11. **ACADEMIC SENATE REPORT**  
(Agenda item 3.2)

In the absence of the Chair of Academic Senate, the Vice-Chancellor outlined the recommendation to award the title of Emeritus Professor to Professor Judyth Sachs.

**RESOLVED 14/27**

Council resolved, as recommended by Academic Senate, that Professor Judyth Sachs be awarded the title of Macquarie University Emeritus Professor.

Council noted the report.

12. **HEALTH AND SAFETY REPORT**  
(Agenda item 3.3)

Dr Schreier spoke to the Health and Safety Report.

Council discussed and noted the report.

13. **FACULTY OF ARTS PRESENTATION**  
(Agenda item 3.4)

Professor Simons provided a presentation on the Arts faculty, including:

- Faculty structure;
- Objectives;
- Faculty funding schemes;
- Enrolments;
- Student engagement;
- Staffing levels;
- ERA rankings;
- Program planning; and
- Teaching.

Council discussed and noted the presentation.

14. **CREATION OF A FACULTY OF MEDICINE AND HEALTH SCIENCES**  
(Agenda item 4.1)

The Vice-Chancellor outlined the proposal to create a new Faculty of Medicine and Health Sciences, including background to the proposal, strategic plan for ASAM and the Hospital, risks, key reasons for recommending the proposal and next steps including appropriate staff consultation following the creation of the Faculty.

Council discussed the proposal and next steps.

**RESOLVED 14/28**

Council resolved to approve the establishment of a Faculty of Medicine and Health Sciences, under the leadership of an Executive Dean, as outlined in the paper submitted to Council.
15. **REVISED FACULTY RULES**  
(Agenda item 4.2) 

The Vice-Chancellor spoke to the paper recommending revised Faculty Rules. Council discussed the amendments, governance and the role of Academic Senate. 

**RESOLVED 14/29** 

*Council resolved to:*

1. *Approve the revised Faculty Rules with effect from 1 January 2015; and*  
2. *Rescind the existing Faculty Rules with effect from 31 December 2014.* 

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

Council noted the report. 

17. **OTHER BUSINESS** 

Professor Lee advised Council that Macquarie University has been advised it is able to accept Russian students on Russian Government scholarships, the only University in Australia outside the Group of Eight. 

**Next meeting** 

Council noted the next meeting of the Council is scheduled for 28 August 2014 at 4.00pm. 

**CLOSURE** 

There being no further business, the meeting concluded at 6.30pm. 

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Chancellor  

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