Minutes of the 448th Meeting of the Macquarie University Council held at the Council Room, Building E11A, North Ryde Campus at 4.00pm on Wednesday 17 October 2012.

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

In attendance: Ms D Anderson, Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Students and Registrar)
Mr J Gorman, Chief Financial Officer
Ms M Harris, Director and Chief of Staff, Office of the Vice-Chancellor
Mr P Luttrell, General Counsel
Professor J Sachs, Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Provost)
Mr T Sprague, Director Human Resources
Mr J Stewart, Chief Operating Officer
Mr D Wright, Vice President International and Strategy

Apologies: Mr C Darvall
Mr G Lindsay
Mr S Rubic
Mr G Ward

Secretariat: Ms E Lawler, Company Matters

1. QUORUM AND APOLOGIES

The Chancellor confirmed that a quorum was present. The Chancellor noted apologies from Mr Darvall, Mr Lindsay, Mr Rubic and Mr Ward.

The Chancellor welcomed Professor Dowton to his first Council meeting as Vice-
Chancellor. The Chancellor also welcomed Ms Harris and Mr Stewart to the University and to their first Council meetings.

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no new declarations of interest.

3. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

Items under sections 2, 3, 4 and 5.7 were agreed for discussion.

RESOLVED 12/32

The Council resolved to approve and note, as appropriate, items 5.1, 5.2, 5.3, 5.4, 5.5 and 5.6 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 22 AUGUST 2012 AND MATTERS ARISING (Agenda items 2.1 and 2.2)

RESOLVED 12/33

Council resolved to approve the minutes of the meeting of Council held on 22 August 2012 as a true and correct record.

Matters Arising

Council noted the progress on Matters Arising from the Minutes of 22 August 2012 meeting and outstanding matters from previous meetings.

6. MINUTES OF HONORARY AWARDS COMMITTEE MEETING OF 22 AUGUST 2012 (Agenda item 2.3)

The Chancellor spoke to and Council discussed the recommendations from the Honorary Awards Committee.

RESOLVED 12/34

RESOLVED, as recommended by the Honorary Awards Committee the conferral of the following degrees honoris causa at award ceremonies to be scheduled in 2012 and 2013:

- The Honourable Justice Patricia Anne Bergin SC B L St (Doctor of Laws or Doctor of Letters)
- Mr V. J Carroll (Doctor of Letters)
- Ms Lyndall Sachs (Doctor of Letters)
- Ms Ann Sherry, AO (Doctor of Business or Doctor of Letters)
- Dr Dawn Casey (Doctor of Letters)
- Commissioner Andrew Scipione, APM (Doctor of Letters)
- Dr Megan Clark (Doctor of Science or Doctor of Letters)
- Mr Andrew Tink (Doctor of Letters)
- Dr Marty Natalegawa (Doctor of Letters)
• Mr Martin Wolf, CBE (Doctor of Letters)

Council considered and noted the minutes of the Honorary Awards Committee of 19 September 2012.

7. VICE-CHANCELLOR'S REPORT
(Agenda item 4.1)

The Vice-Chancellor spoke to the report, including:

- Early impressions;
- Early actions and initiatives; and
- Activities to date.

The Vice-Chancellor responded to questions from the meeting.

The Chancellor noted that the membership of Council committees will be discussed and reviewed at the December 2012 Council meeting and any Council members interested in being a member of a specific committee should advise the Chancellor.

Council discussed and noted the report.

8. MINUTES OF DISCIPLINE COMMITTEE MEETINGS
(Agenda item 2.4)

9. MINUTES OF STANDING COMMITTEE ON APPEALS MEETINGS
(Agenda item 2.5)

10. ACADEMIC SENATE REPORT
(Agenda item 3.1)

The Chair of Academic Senate spoke to the report and responded to questions from the meeting.

An updated Calendar of Governance for 2013 was tabled. The Chancellor encouraged Council members to attend graduation ceremonies when possible.

RESOLVED 12/35

RESOLVED that, as recommended by Academic Senate, that:

1. The Terms of Reference for Academic Senate be approved effective immediately, with one amendment being section 5, 2nd dot point under Senate’s delegated authority should read “recommend new programs to Council for approval;

2. The Senate Rules be amended as follows:

   - The inclusion of the Dean of the Macquarie Graduate School of Management in the ex-officio membership of Academic Senate.

   - The inclusion of an additional elected member from the staff of the Macquarie Graduate School of Management in the membership of Academic Senate.
- The inclusion of the option to extend the term of Chair and Deputy Chair of Academic Senate for an additional biennium.

3. Professor Ann Henderson-Sellers be awarded the title of Macquarie University Emeritus Professor.

4. The amendments to the University’s Calendar of Governance for 2013 as tabled at the meeting be approved.

Council noted and discussed the report.

11. NEW FRAMEWORK FOR STUDENT REPRESENTATION
(Agenda item 3.2)

Ms Anderson spoke to the paper regarding the new framework for student representation and responded to questions from the meeting.

The Deputy Chancellor spoke to the recommendation regarding the establishment of a new Committee of Council to focus on student experience and responded to questions from the meeting.

Council noted the Student Experience Committee will review the Student Advisory Board (Board) Charter and recommend it to Council at the December meeting.

Council agreed the Chair of the Board should be independent but suggested one of the student representatives should be elected by the students on the Board as President. Council agreed the following should be considered by the Student Experience Committee when developing the charter of the Board for review by Council:

- Concept of a President of the Student Advisory Board (one of the student representatives);
- Direct versus indirect election model and mode of election; and
- The need for broad representation.

RESOLVED 12/36

RESOLVED that the:

1. establishment of the Student Advisory Board be approved in principle; and

2. the establishment of the Student Experience Committee of Council be approved with:
   a. Terms of Reference as attached to the paper submitted to Council;
   b. Permanent membership as detailed in the Terms of Reference; and
   c. Interim membership of:
      i. Deputy Chancellor, Chair
      ii. Greg Jones, Council Member
      iii. Sandra Nori, Council Member
iv. DVC Provost
v. DVC Students and Registrar
vi. Director, Campus Life
vii. Director, Student Wellbeing
viii. Dean Higher Degree Research
ix. Director of Learning and Teaching
x. One student representative

Andrew Bissett joined the meeting at 5.10pm

12. HEALTH AND SAFETY REPORT
(Agenda item 4.2)

Mr Sprague spoke to the report and responded to questions from the meeting.

Council discussed the need for a safety culture across the University.

The Vice-Chancellor advised health and safety will be a focus of the Executive Leadership Team and the reporting will be reviewed to ensure the most useful information is being reviewed by Council.

Council discussed and noted the report.

13. STUDENT OMBUDSMAN REPORT
(Agenda Item 4.3)

The Chancellor spoke to the report.

Council discussed and noted the report.

14. GENERAL COUNSEL REPORT
(Agenda Item 4.4)

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

Council discussed and noted the General Counsel Report.

15. INVESTOR PRESENTATION
(Agenda Item 4.5)

Mr Gorman provided Council with an update on proceedings at the Finance and Facilities Committee recently held, including that the Committee reviewed:

- Consolidated results at the half year;
- Financial projections for the full year;
- Underlying snapshot of the University; and
- Performance of the Hospital with the CEO of the Hospital providing a presentation on performance, forecasts and initiatives for increasing occupancy.

Mr Gorman agreed to circulate the forecast 2012 result as included in the CFO report to the most recent Finance and Facilities Committee meeting.
Mr Gorman advised there has been no further advancement on the issue of unfunded superannuation liabilities since the last update.

Mr Gorman spoke to the Investor presentation provided to bondholders annually.

Council discussed and noted the update on the University’s financial performance and presentation provided to investors.

16. ANALYSIS OF DISCIPLINE COMMITTEE CASES
(Agenda Item 4.6)

17. ADOPTION OF NEW GOVERNING BODY RULES AND ADVISORY BOARD CHARTER - MUSEC
(Agenda Item 5.1)
RESOLVED 12/37

RESOLVED, that the Macquarie University Special Education Centre’s (MUSEC) current constitution be repealed and governing rules and an advisory board charter in the form of the templates drafted by the Office of General Counsel be adopted.

18. LIBRARY FRIENDS FOUNDATION DISSOLUTION
(Agenda Item 5.2)
RESOLVED 12/38

RESOLVED, that the Macquarie University Library Friends Foundation (Foundation) be dissolved and that all moneys held by the University for the Foundation be used for the purposes of providing for the interest of Macquarie University Library within Macquarie University and the community at large, in accordance with the provisions of the Constitution of the Foundation.

19. UNIVERSITY BLUES AWARDS
(Agenda Item 5.3)
RESOLVED 12/39

RESOLVED that, as recommended by the U@MQ Ltd Blues Award Committee, the Blues and Half Blue Awards as detailed in the paper provided to Council be approved.

20. CALENDAR OF 2013 DATES
(Agenda Item 5.4)

Council noted the paper and that this was discussed and noted under Item 3.1.

21. AMENDMENT TO POWER OF ATTORNEY
(Agenda Item 5.5)
RESOLVED 12/40

RESOLVED, that:

1. the Power of Attorney, as attached to the paper provided to Council, is
approved effective immediately; and
2. the previous Power of Attorney is revoked.

22. REPORT OF DOCUMENTS EXECUTED UNDER POWER OF ATTORNEY (Agenda Item 5.6)

Council noted the paper.

23. POLICY REVIEW PROCESS (Agenda Item 5.7)

Professor Sachs spoke to the paper and responded to questions from the meeting. Professor Sachs agreed to follow up the status of the HDR Out of Time Policy with the DVC Research and advise Professor Kane.

Council discussed and noted the paper.

24. OTHER BUSINESS

Ms Brodie advised Council members that a collection of research outputs from Academic Staff was available for Council members review after the meeting and also available online.

Next meeting

Council noted the next Council meeting is scheduled for 5 December 2012 with a seminar discussing the major planning initiative and process and the planning for the University’s 50th anniversary to precede the meeting at 3.00pm.

CLOSURE

There being no further business, the meeting concluded at 6.15pm.

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Chancellor