Minutes of the 489th Meeting of the Macquarie University Council held at the Chancellery, 19 Eastern Road, Macquarie University, North Ryde at 4.00pm on 20 June 2019.

Present: Presiding Member and Deputy Chancellor, Ms L Mason
Vice-Chancellor, Professor S B Dowton
Chair of Academic Senate, Professor M Herberstein
Dr W Bradford
Professor C Dean
Dr E Grosvenor
Ms D Hadwen
Mr J Wigglesworth
Mr F Zipfinger
Mr A Hablutzel
Ms J Qian (from 4.20 pm)

In attendance: Ms H Mackinnon, Director and Chief of Staff, Office of the Vice-Chancellor; Ms Kim Withers, Office of the Vice-Chancellor, Mr Luke Rovenstine, Office of Vice-Chancellor and Ms Janna Zeglis, Office of General Counsel.

Apologies: Mr C Darvall

Secretariat: Ms C Kirby

1. ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF COUNTRY

The Deputy Chancellor provided an Acknowledgement of Country.

2. QUORUM AND APOLOGIES

An apology for his absence was received from Mr Darvall.

The Deputy Chancellor confirmed that a quorum was present.

3. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Council noted there were no new declarations of interest.

4. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION
(Agenda item 1.3)

It was agreed to note the items at 6.1 and 6.2.

5. MATTERS RAISED BY COUNCIL MEMBERS
(Agenda item 1.4)

The Deputy Chancellor advised that no matters had been raised by Council members prior to the Meeting that had not already been included on the agenda excepting:

- a recent newspaper article concerning arrangements for University use of the Vice-Chancellor’s residence; and
• the re-appointment of Mr David McKean as an external member of the Audit and Risk Committee.

These matters were included for discussion under agenda item 7.1 (Other Business).

6. SUMMARY OF RESOLUTIONS TO BE PASSED
(Agenda item 1.5)

Council noted the items seeking approval and requiring resolutions to be passed.

7. VICE-CHANCELLOR’S STRATEGIC UPDATE
(Agenda item 2.1)

The Vice-Chancellor took the report as read and highlighted specific items which Council discussed, including:

• background to, and update on, the Review of University Free Speech (Review) conducted by Mr Robert French. The Academic Senate is considering the Review and will bring the outcome of its considerations to Council. Professor Herberstein briefed Council on how the Academic Senate is approaching its considerations;
• enrolment numbers and trends and activities in international recruitment;
• improvement in the performance of Macquarie University Hospital;
• ongoing work in curriculum architecture; and
• progress of capital works.

The Vice-Chancellor advised the Council that the Chief Information Officer, Mr David Reeve, has resigned from the University to take up another position. An interim CIO will be appointed, and the appointment process is advanced. Key skills and experience required for the position have been identified.

Council discussed and noted the report.

8. STRATEGIC PRESENTATION – HEARING STRATEGY
(Agenda item 2.2 taken together with item 2.3)

9. STRATEGIC PRESENTATION – RESEARCH STRATEGY AND PERFORMANCE
(Agenda item 2.3 taken together with item 2.2)

Professor Sakkie Pretorius provided Council with a presentation on research strategy and performance and the hearing strategy, including:

• the strategic principle of research at the University which allies fundamental understanding with utility;
• the research framework, priorities and objectives;
• the effect of changes since 2015 in: funding and accounting rules and standards; reduced Federal research funding; reporting requirements and the funding model;
• how the University is performing against key indicators of research income; higher degree completions; publications and research quality and impact; and
• a diverse, integrated and University wide approach to hearing and other current initiatives.
Council discussed and noted the presentation.

10. MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 4 APRIL 2019 FOR APPROVAL (Agenda item 3.1)

The Deputy Chancellor took the draft minutes of the meeting held on 4 April 2019 as read.

RESOLVED 19/10

Council RESOLVED (unanimously) to approve the minutes of the meeting of the Council held on 4 April 2019 as a true and correct record of the meeting held on that date.

11. MATTERS ARISING (Agenda Item 3.2)

Council noted the status of the Matters Arising.

12. DRAFT MINUTES FROM THE FINANCE & FACILITIES COMMITTEE MEETINGS HELD ON 17 AND 27 MAY 2019 (Agenda item 3.3)

The Vice-Chancellor took the report and minutes of the Finance & Facilities Committee meetings held on 17 and 27 May 2019 as read.

Council discussed and noted the report and minutes of the Finance & Facilities Committee meetings held on 17 and 27 May 2019.

13. MINUTES FROM THE STUDENT EXPERIENCE COMMITTEE (Agenda item 3.4)

Ms Qian took the report and minutes from the Student Experience Committee meetings held on 21 March and 6 June 2019 as read, highlighting:

• the digital strategy and framework; and
• the process of appointment of the Chair of the SRC.

Council discussed and noted the report and minutes from the Student Experience Committee meetings held on 21 March and 6 June 2019.

14. VERBAL UPDATE ON THE AUDIT & RISK COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 20 JUNE 2019 (Agenda item 3.5)

Mr Zipfinger provided an update on the Audit and Risk Committee meeting held on 20 June 2019 including:

• the recent appointment of an interim Risk and Assurance Manager;  
• the effect and application of changed accounting standards; and  
• reports received by the Committee.
15. **REPORT FROM THE UNIVERSITY DISCIPLINE COMMITTEE**  
(Agenda item 3.7)  
The Chair of the Academic Senate took the summary report from the University Discipline Committee as read.  
Council discussed and noted the report.

16. **DRAFT MINUTES FROM THE MQ HEALTH BOARD MEETINGS**  
(Agenda item 3.8)  
The Vice-Chancellor took the report and minutes of the MQ Health Board Meetings as read, highlighting:  
- the annual statements; and  
- implementation of a Board scorecard which will come to Council through the MQ Health Board minutes.  
Council discussed and noted the report and minutes of the MQ Health Board meetings.

17. **VICE-CHANCELLOR’S REPORT**  
(Agenda item 4.1)  
The Vice-Chancellor took the report as read and highlighted the following areas, which Council discussed:  
- work done on gender equity; and  
- ARC Centre of Excellence application.  
The Vice-Chancellor also advised the Council of the resignation of the Executive Dean of Science and Engineering and the appointment of the Deputy Dean of the Faculty to act as Executive Dean.  
Council discussed and noted the report.

18. **ACADEMIC SENATE REPORT**  
(Agenda item 4.2)  
The Chair of the Academic Senate took the report from the Academic Senate meeting as read and advised that the business of Academic Senate is continuing as usual.  
Council noted the report and congratulated the Chair on her re-election as Chair of Academic Senate.

19. **HEALTH AND SAFETY REPORT**  
(Agenda Item 4.3)  
The Vice-Chancellor took the report as read, highlighting renewed focus on wellness.  
Council discussed and noted the report.
20. APPROVAL FOR DEREGISTRATION OF AUSTRALIAN PROTEOME ANALYSIS FACILITY LTD  
(Agenda item 5.1.1)

The Vice-Chancellor took the Submissions to Council for voluntary deregistration of Australian Proteome Analysis Facility Ltd (APAF Ltd) as read, highlighting that the activities of the company will continue but are being brought into the University thereby making the business entity redundant.

RESOLVED 19/12

Council RESOLVED (unanimously) to:

1. to note the recommendation of the Board of Directors of Australian Proteome Analysis Facility Ltd (APAF) for the deregistration of APAF; and
2. in accordance with paragraph 4(iii) of section 5 of the Macquarie University Controlled Entities Policy, to approve the voluntary deregistration of APAF, subject to the successful resolution of any outstanding matters.

21. APPROVAL FOR DEREGISTRATION OF CMBF LTD  
(Agenda item 5.1.2)

The Vice-Chancellor took the Submissions to Council for voluntary deregistration of CMBF as read, highlighting that the activities of the company will continue but are being brought into the University thereby making the company redundant.

RESOLVED 19/13

Council RESOLVED (unanimously) to:

1. to note the recommendation of the Board of Directors of CMBF Ltd (CMBF) for the deregistration of CMBF; and
2. in accordance with paragraph 4(iii) of section 5 of the Macquarie University Controlled Entities Policy, to approve the voluntary deregistration of CMBF, subject to the successful resolution of any outstanding matters.

22. POWER OF ATTORNEY REGISTER  
(Agenda item 6.1)

Council noted the documents signed under Power of Attorney dated 16 March 2019 to 4 June 2019.

23. LETTER FROM EMERITUS COUNCIL MEMBER  
(Agenda item 6.2)

Council noted the thank you letter received from Emeritus Council Member, Greg Jones.

24. OTHER BUSINESS  
(Agenda item 7.1)

a) The Deputy Chancellor advised that the current term of Mr David McKe as an external member of the Audit and Risk Committee will expire on 30 June. Mr
Zipfinger advised that the reappointment of Mr McKean was supported by the Committee.

*Council RESOLVED (unanimously) to re-appoint Mr David McKean as an external member of the Audit and Risk Committee for a two-year term from 1 July 2019 to 30 June 2021.*

The meeting moved to confidential session for discussion of the following item:

b) The Vice-Chancellor briefed Council in relation to a media report on financial arrangements concerning University use of Vice-Chancellor accommodation and responded to questions.

Council noted that the next regular meeting of the Council is scheduled for 22 August 2019 at 4.00pm at the North Ryde campus.

**CLOSURE**

There being no further business, the meeting concluded at 7.00pm.

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Deputy Chancellor as Presiding Member of Council under Clause 7(2), Schedule 1, Macquarie University Act, 1989