Minutes of the 517th meeting of COUNCIL held at 2 pm on Monday 16 August 2021 via Zoom.

PRESENT
Mr David Gonski AC, Chancellor
Mr Warwick Negus, Deputy Chancellor (arrived at 3.20 pm)
Professor Ian Jacobs, President and Vice-Chancellor
Professor David Cohen, President of the Academic Board
Dr Jennifer Alexander
Dr Raji Ambikairajah
Ms Maxine Brenner
Mr Matthew Grounds AM
Mr Mark Johnson
Professor Louise Lutze-Mann
Professor Kristy Muir
Mr James Rogers
Mr Constantine Tsounis
Ms Jennifer Westacott AO

APOLOGIES
Mr Jack Campbell

IN ATTENDANCE
Professor Eileen Baldry AO, Deputy Vice-Chancellor, Equity Diversity & Inclusion
Professor Merlin Crossley, Deputy Vice-Chancellor, Academic & Student Life
Ms Fiona Docherty, Vice-President, External Engagement
Professor Nicholas Fisk AM, Deputy Vice-Chancellor, Research & Enterprise
Ms Sarafina Mohamed, Chief Operating Officer, President and Vice-Chancellor's Office
Professor Anne Simmons AM, Provost
Mr Andrew Walters, Vice-President, Operations
Scientia Professor George Williams AO, Deputy Vice-Chancellor, Planning & Assurance

Mr Chris White, Special Adviser Foreign Engagement & Compliance was present for item 5.4

Ms Deena Amorelli, Chief Human Resources Officer was present for items 8.5 and 12

SECRETARY
Ms Elizabeth Grinston, General Counsel and University Secretary
Mr James Fitzgibbon, Director of Governance
Mr Mark Smith, Deputy Director of Governance

For convenience, agenda items were taken out of order.

PROCEDURAL MATTERS

1. Welcome, apologies and leave of absence
The Chancellor extended his respects to Elders past, present and emerging, and acknowledged the Traditional Custodians of all the lands from which members were joining the meeting.

Council accepted an apology from Mr Jack Campbell for this meeting.

The Chancellor informed Council that Professor Muir would be joining the Ramsay Foundation from January 2022 and would not be eligible to sit on Council as one of the elected academic staff members.
The Chancellor recommended, and Council agreed, that given the 2022 round of Council elections that the position remain vacant and that Council would not appoint an academic staff member until 30 June 2022 based on the results of the 2022 Council elections.

Council took the opportunity to congratulate Professor Muir and noted there would be further opportunities to acknowledge the outstanding work Professor Muir had provided to Council and its Committees later in the year.

2. Declarations of interest and conflicts of interest

RESOLVED
Council received and noted the declarations and conflicts of interest provided at this meeting.

Note for the record
Council noted the advice from Mr Grounds that he:
• became Co-Executive Chairman of Barrenjoey Capital Partners Group; and
• ceased to be a minority shareholder of Think Procurement.

Mr Tsounis took the opportunity to inform Council that he was now a Vice-President of the Arc Postgraduate Council.

2.1 Register of Interests

RESOLVED
Council received and noted the Register of Interests provided at this meeting.

3. Minutes of previous meetings and business arising (other than business in this agenda)

3.1 Minutes of Council meetings held on 7 June and 20 July 2021

RESOLVED
Council confirmed the minutes of the meetings held on 7 June and 20 July 2021 as an accurate record and authorised the Chancellor to sign them.

3.2 Matters arising and business carried forward
Council noted that all matters arising and business carried forward were either completed or in progress.

4. Adoption of items for noting and approval, and starring of items
Council received and carried a motion for the adoption of the non-confidential and confidential items for approval and noting.

The Chancellor informed members that Ms Deena Amorelli, Chief Human Resources Officer, would be attending Council to speak to items 8.5 and 12 and he would be moving item 8.5 to be dealt with after item 11.

MANAGEMENT AND STRATEGY

5. Report of the President and Vice-Chancellor to Council

5.1 Response to Current Lockdown
5.2 UNSW International Student Diversification Update
5.3 Post Implementation Review of Workplace Change (2020)
5.4 Foreign Arrangements and Interference Update
6. **Report on the proceedings of the Academic Board**

Professor Cohen spoke to this item and highlighted:

- the June 2021 meeting of the Academic Board was the last meeting for a number of elected members with new members commencing from 1 July 2021;
- assessment remained a concern for the student body and the Board was expecting a report from the Assessment Working Party regarding potential changes to assessment;
- the Risk in Academic Teaching quality – Council noted that the Division of Academic and Student Life was developing metrics for the monitoring of academic risks. Professor Cohen advised that he would provide Council with further information on the academic risks as this matter progresses; and
- the responses for myExperience and QILT scores – Council noted that the University was undertaking research into having a better understanding regarding the differences between the scores. Professor Lutze-Mann highlighted that the myExperience dealt with teaching while a number of other factors ‘came into play’ in relation to the QILT.

The Chancellor thanked Professor Cohen for his report.

6.1 **Report to Council by President of the Academic Board**

**RESOLVED**

Council received and noted the report to Council by the President of the Academic Board.

6.2 **Signed Minutes of Academic Board Meeting held on 22 June 2021**

**RESOLVED**

Council received and noted the Signed Minutes of the Academic Board Meeting held on 22 June 2021.

6.3 **Report on the establishment of a Degree, Diploma, Certificate or Other Award Program by the Academic Board**

**RESOLVED**

Council received and endorsed the Report on the establishment of a Degree, Diploma, Certificate or Other Award Program by the Academic Board.

6.4 **Appointment of such other persons to the Academic Board**

**RESOLVED**

Council:

1. received and noted the paper Appointment of such other persons to the Academic Board; and
2. approved the appointment of Professor Alex Steel, Director Teaching Strategy, to the Academic Board under the Such other Persons membership for the term 16 August 2021 to 30 June 2023.

6.5 **Appointment of Academic Board nominee to the Honorary Degrees Committee**

**RESOLVED**

Council:

1. received and noted the paper Appointment of Academic Board nominee to the Honorary Degrees Committee; and
2. approved the appointment of Professor Anna Munster as an Academic Board nominee on the Honorary Degrees Committee for the term 1 January 2022 to 31 December 2023.

7. Finance and Strategy Committee Report

   7.1 Unconfirmed Minutes of Finance and Strategy Committee Meeting held on 3 August 2021
   7.2 Q2 2021 Forecast
   7.3 June 2021 Group Financial Summary
   7.4 2020 Annual Report – Responsible Investment

8. Audit Committee Report

   8.1 Unconfirmed Minutes of Audit Committee Meeting held on 21 July 2021
   8.2 Report on red-rated Internal Audit Actions
   8.3 2020 Annual Reports on Student Conduct and Complaints and Research Integrity
   8.4 2020 Annual Report – Sexual Misconduct
   8.5 Contingent Workforce Update

9. Risk Committee Report

   9.1 Unconfirmed Minutes of Risk Committee Meeting held on 2 August 2021
   9.2 Research Ethics and Compliance Annual Report (includes Annual Radiation Report and Annual Bio-Safety)

10. Honorary Degrees Committee

   10.1 Unconfirmed Minutes of Honorary Degrees Committee Meeting held on 20 July 2021
   10.2 Recommendations from Honorary Degrees Committee

11. Information Technology Committee – Terms of Reference and Membership

12. Education Session: University Prevention of and Response to Sexual Misconduct

ITEMS FOR APPROVAL AND NOTING

13. Register of Use of Seal and University Name and Arms

RESOLVED
Council received and noted the report of Approved Policy Documents for the period 26 May to 4 August 2021.

15. Amendments to the Delegations of Authority

RESOLVED
Council:
1. received and noted the report Amendments to the Delegations of Authority; and
2. approved the amendments to the Delegations of Authority, to take effect from 16 August 2021.

16. UNSW Canberra Unfunded Superannuation payment

17. Business without notice

Item 1 : Length of Meeting

RESOLVED
Council resolved to extend the 16 August 2021 meeting for a period not exceeding one hour pursuant to the requirements of Council resolutions CL96/60 and CL03/25.

18. COUNCIL MEMBERS ONLY SESSION

Management left the room before the start of the Council members only session.

There being no other business, the Chancellor declared the meeting closed at 5.10 pm and moved into the Council Members Only Session.

The next Council meeting will be held on 11 October 2021.

SIGNED AS A CORRECT RECORD
Presiding Member

Mr David Gonski AC
Chancellor
11/10/2021