

COUNCIL NON-CONFIDENTIAL MINUTES



Minutes of the 527th meeting of **COUNCIL** held at **2pm** on **Monday 13 February 2023** in Boardroom 307, Level 3, Chancellery and via Microsoft Teams

PRESENT Mr David Gonski AC, Chancellor
Professor Attila Brungs, Vice-Chancellor and President
Dr Jennifer Alexander
Dr Raji Ambikairajah
Ms Maxine Brenner
The Hon Elizabeth Cheeseman
Mr Jeremy Ellis
Mr Mark Johnson (via Teams)
Mr Joshua Karras
Professor Louise Lutze-Mann
Mr Warwick Negus, Deputy Chancellor
Professor Justine Nolan
Ms Catherine Rowe (via Teams)

APOLOGIES Professor David Cohen, President of the Academic Board
Mr Matthew Grounds AM

IN ATTENDANCE Professor Merlin Crossley, Deputy Vice-Chancellor, Academic Quality (via Teams)
Ms Fiona Docherty, Vice-President, External Engagement
Professor Nicholas Fisk AM, Deputy Vice-Chancellor, Research & Enterprise
Professor Anne Simmons AM, Provost
Mr Andrew Walters, Vice-President, Operations
Associate Professor Bruce Watson, Acting Deputy Vice-Chancellor, Equity Diversity & Inclusion
Scientia Professor George Williams AO, Deputy Vice-Chancellor, Planning & Assurance

Present for item 7
Scientia Professor Sven Rogge, Dean of Science

SECRETARY Mr James Fitzgibbon, Director of Governance and University Secretary
Ms Fatima Velosa, Acting Deputy Director of Governance

For convenience, items were taken out of agenda order.

PROCEDURAL MATTERS

1. Welcome, apologies and leave of absence

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

Council accepted apologies from Professor David Cohen and Mr Matthew Grounds for this meeting.

The Chancellor welcomed everyone to the first Council meeting of 2023, in particular Elizabeth (Liz) Cheeseman to her first meeting of Council, having been appointed to Council until December 2025 by the Minister for Skills and Training.

Council noted that Liz Cheeseman was appointed a Judge of the Federal Court in April 2021 after practising as a solicitor, barrister and Senior Counsel. At the Bar, she specialised in

commercial, corporate, banking, regulatory and insurance law. She also practised in proceeds of crime litigation.

2. Declarations of interest and conflicts of interest

RESOLVED

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

2.1 Register of Interests

RESOLVED

Council received and noted the Register of Interests dated 25 January 2023.

Note for the record

Council noted the following updates from members, which would be reflected in the Register of Interests:

- Mr Grounds is now a Steering Committee member for the Comprehensive Campaign for the St John of God Foundation.
- Mr Negus is now Chairman of Dexus and retired as a director of both UNSW Global and Soul Pattinson on 31 December 2022.
- Dr Ambikairajah advised that effective from 1 February 2023, tertiary education clients were no longer part of her portfolio of work at Amazon.
- Jeremy Ellis is a part-time paralegal at Allens (commercial litigation and investigations).
- Mr Karras is employed with the Department of Health as a Policy Manager.
- Professor Nolan is a member of Westpac's Safer Children Safer Communities Roundtable.

3. Minutes of previous meeting and business arising (other than business on this agenda)

3.1 Minutes of the Council meeting held on 6 December 2022

RESOLVED

Council confirmed the minutes of its meeting held on 6 December 2022 as an accurate record and authorised the Chancellor to sign them, subject to an amendment to Item 18: Business without notice, Item 1 Strategy 2025.

3.2 Matters arising and business carried forward

Council noted the report Matters Arising and Business Carried Forward and that all matters were either listed for discussion or scheduled for 2023.

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.

MANAGEMENT AND STRATEGY

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

5.1 Federal and State Government Relations (including Australian Universities Accord)

5.2 2023 Planning

5.3 QILT Results

5.4 Student Enrolments

5.5 International Student Return

5.6 Trailblazer update

5.7 Report back on strategy item – working group on seed/pre-seed funding

6. Reports on the proceedings of the Academic Board

In the absence of Professor Cohen, the Chancellor took item 6 as read, and noted that the Academic Board had not met since the December Council meeting. Professor Cohen would report on the next Academic Board meeting at the 14 April 2023 Council meeting.

6.1 Report to Council by the President of the Academic Board

RESOLVED

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

6.2 Confirmed Minutes of the Academic Board meeting held on 22 November 2022

RESOLVED

Council received and noted the Confirmed Minutes of the Academic Board meeting held on 22 November 2022.

7. Presentation: Faculty of Science

8. Education Session – Conflicts of Interest

Council noted the pre-reading for the education session in which Mr Fitzgibbon applied the provisions of Schedule 2A Duties of Council Members of the *University of New South Wales Act 1989* (UNSW Act) to several scenarios – applicable also to Council Committee members.

Mr Fitzgibbon presented on:

- Duties of Council members
- Related requirements on the disclosure of material interests set out in:
 - Schedule 2A of the UNSW Act
 - UNSW processes
- What Council members should disclose and when

Council noted the actions taken by Governance when interests are disclosed, including:

- maintaining a register of interests,
- withholding papers, as appropriate,
- determining whether a member who has declared an interest is present during any deliberation or takes part in any decision, and
- deciding how a material interest is dealt with in the minutes of meetings.

Council members noted they should contact the University Secretary immediately if they received information in relation to a matter in which they had a material interest.

Council noted the following Council disclosure process to ensure continuous disclosures and updates to the Register of Interests:

- New member declarations and changes advised throughout the year
- Declarations invited at every meeting
- February and August reviews of the Register of Interests
- December declarations on
 - Related party transactions (for the annual report)
 - Foreign affiliations

Council members noted they should take a broad view in disclosing and self-declaring interests as the University Secretary would assess the declarations, as appropriate. The University also helps Council members to deal with reputation risk if it arises.

Mr Fitzgibbon reminded Council members that declarations were due to him for the annual report and he thanked them for their cooperation in this regard.

The Chancellor thanked Mr Fitzgibbon for his presentation and for his consistently excellent work.

ITEMS FOR APPROVAL AND NOTING

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

10. 2023 Schedule of Council and Council Committee Meeting Dates

RESOLVED

Council received and noted the 2023 Council and Council Committee meeting dates.

11. Business without notice

There was no business without notice.

The Chancellor declared the meeting closed at 4.30pm and moved into the Council Members Only Session.

COUNCIL MEMBERS ONLY SESSION

The Chancellor invited Mr Walters and Professor Williams to attend the Council Members Only Session.

Next Council meeting: Friday 14 April 2023

SIGNED AS A CORRECT RECORD

Presiding Member
Mr David Gonski AC
Chancellor
14 / 04 /2023