

Non-Confidential Minutes of Meeting of ACU Senate
Meeting 03/2019 on 13 June at 9.00 am
Held in The Polding Room
Level 18, Tenison Woods House
8-20 Napier Street, North Sydney

Senators at meeting

- The Hon. John Fahey AC, Chair & Chancellor
- Mr Julien O'Connell AM, Pro-Chancellor
- Professor Greg Craven AO GCSG, Vice-Chancellor and President
- Most Reverend Anthony Fisher OP, Archbishop of Sydney
- Mr Michael Benson
- The Hon. Justice James Douglas
- Mr Stephen Elder OAM KSS
- Mr Ross Fox
- Associate Professor Elspeth Froude
- Professor Margot Hillel OAM
- Mr Tim Kirk
- Dr Judith Norris
- The Hon. Barbara Perry
- Dr Josephine Ryan
- Ms Annette Schmiede

Apologies

- Ms Danielle Leahy
- Ms Bernadette Steele

ACU Staff at meeting

- Dr Stephen Weller, Secretary and Chief Operating Officer
- Dr Diane Barker, Director of Governance
- Professor Michelle Campbell, Executive Dean of Health Sciences (for Presentation, Agenda Item 6)
- Mr Paul Campbell, Deputy Chief Operating Officer (for Blacktown Campus Item, Agenda Item 9)
- Ms Simone Chetcuti, Director, Office of Vice-Chancellor and President
- Mr Hugh McCuaig, Governance Officer

The meeting was held on the day following the Senate Planning Day and Dinner. Mass was held before the meeting in Our Lady Seat of Wisdom Chapel and was celebrated by Most Reverend Anthony Fisher OP. Subsequent to the Meeting, a special event for the Blessing of the Triptych was held in Our Lady Seat of Wisdom Chapel.

Part A – Procedural

1 Welcome and apologies

The Chancellor welcome to their first meeting:

- Most Reverend Anthony Fisher OP, Archbishop of Sydney (Senate position of Nominee of ACBC Australian Catholic Bishops Conference, replacing Most Reverend Christopher Prowse DD);
- Mr Ross Fox, Director, Catholic Education, Archdiocese of Canberra and Goulburn (Nominee of ACT Chapter, replacing Ms Moira Najdecki);
- Associate Professor Elspeth Froude, Deputy Head of School of Allied Health NSW (Senate position of elected Member of Staff);
- Dr Judith Norris, Senior Lecturer in Educational Leadership (Senate position of elected Member of Staff)

2 Minutes of Meeting held on 11 April 2019

Resolution S 2019/035A

The Minutes of Meeting 02/2019 (11 April) of Senate were confirmed as a true and accurate record, as detailed in Document 2.

3 Business arising

The Chancellor referred to the following matters of business from Meeting 02/2019 (11 April) and subsequent action:

- Blacktown Campus, Item 6 from Minutes of Meeting 02/2019; refer Agenda Item 9 of agenda for Meeting 03/2019;
- Governance Committees Review, Item 10.1 from Minutes of Meeting 02/2019; refer Agenda Item 10.2 of agenda for Meeting 03/2019.

3.1 Annual General Meeting

Dr Weller provided a summary of proceedings and approvals from the 2019 Annual General Meeting of the Corporation in relation to the noting of the Directors' Report and Financial Statements for 2019; and the appointment of Senators under clause 13.2(f) of the Constitution (Chapter) and clause 13.2(g) of the Constitution (Panel).

3.1.1 Appointment of Chancellor

Dr Weller advised that, in accordance with Resolution ACU Co 2019/004, the President of Corporation recommended, and the Members approved, the re-appointment of the Honourable John Fahey AC as Chancellor of Australian Catholic University in accordance with clause 20.1(c) of the Constitution for a further term of five (5) years commencing 4 September 2019.

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4 Register of Interests

There were no declarations of interest against specific agenda items.

Part B – For Discussion (Governance and Strategy)

5 Chancellor's Report

5.1 2019 Senate Planning Day (12 June)

The Chancellor thanked Senators for their contributions to the deliberations of the Planning Day held on the previous day, covering the areas of:

- ♦ Post-Election strategy / Government Relations
- ♦ Senate Review and Debrief
- ♦ Brand Profile and Update
- ♦ Strategic Plan (2020 - 2023)
- ♦ Infrastructure Plan

5.2 Freedom of Speech

Following on from initial discussion at the Planning Day, the Chancellor reported to Senate on the meeting which had taken place between University Chancellors and former High Court Chief Justice The Hon Robert French AC who had been commissioned by the Federal Government to conduct a review of free speech in universities and had produced a model-code of campus free speech protection as set out in the report (*French Review*). The Chancellor stated that the University fundamentally supported freedom of expression and academic inquiry and sought the input from Senators as to an appropriate response to the Review in consideration of the characteristics and mission of the University. *Additional text removed.*

5.3 Participation in Events since the Last Meeting

The Chancellor informed Senate that he had participated in events since the April Meeting of Senate including the following:

- ♦ Launch of Today's Tyrants: Responding to Dyson Heydon. Launched by The Hon. Alexander Downer AC, Sydney
- ♦ Autumn Graduations: Faculty of Education and Arts & Faculty of Theology and Philosophy (including Honorary Doctorate Conferral for Archbishop Denis Hart DD), Melbourne
- ♦ Honorary Doctorate Celebration for Archbishop Denis Hart, Melbourne
- ♦ Board of Identity Meeting 01/2019, Melbourne
- ♦ ACU 2019 Annual General Meeting, Melbourne
- ♦ AICD Foundations of University Governance: Panel session and program dinner, Sydney
- ♦ Emerge Foundation – Legends of Sport Lunch, Sydney
- ♦ Lunch in honour of Rev. Friedrich Bechina, Undersecretary for the Vatican Congregation for Catholic Education
- ♦ Universities Australia and Universities Chancellors Council – Dinner, Melbourne
- ♦ University Chancellors Committee Meeting, Melbourne

6 Vice-Chancellor and President's Report

The Vice-Chancellor spoke to the Report which included:

- ♦ Variation of Title and Reporting Amendment – Pro Vice-Chancellor, Global and Education Pathways
- ♦ Enrolments
- ♦ Rome Campus
- ♦ Announcement of the official title of the Institute for Philosophy
- ♦ University Arts and Culture Strategy
- ♦ Chair of Board of Identity
- ♦ Work, health and safety
- ♦ Senior staff reappointments
- ♦ Reports from the Provost; Chief Operating Officer; Vice President; Deputy Vice-Chancellors, Research; Deputy Vice-Chancellor, Education and Innovation; Deputy Vice-Chancellor, Co-ordination
- ♦ Vice-Chancellor's external engagements, hosted events and speeches

Government, Policy and Strategy

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After the tragic events of 15 April 2019 in Paris, France and 23 April 2019 in Colombo, Sri Lanka respectively, the Vice-Chancellor and President had written to international partners from each nation to offer the support of the University.

Mr Les Murray AO, eminent poet and contemporary writer, Honorary Doctorate recipient of ACU in 2016, who passed away on 29 April 2019.

The Honourable Robert (Bob) James Lee Hawke AC, 23rd Prime Minister of Australia and third longest serving leader of Australia, who oversaw a number of policy reforms including the HECS Funding Model for Universities, who passed away on 16 May 2019.

6.1 Proposed position of Pro-Vice-Chancellor (Arts and Academic Culture)

The Vice-Chancellor spoke to the paper (Appendix A) providing an outline of the rationale to create a new Senior Executive position of Pro-Vice-Chancellor (Arts and Academic Culture) which included an objective to enable ACU to foster and develop a greater national and international profile in the liberal. Additional text removed.

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Resolution S 2019/036A

In accordance with Clause 23.1 of the ACU Constitution, Senate approved:

- i. the creation of the role Pro-Vice-Chancellor (Arts and Academic Culture);
- ii. the appointment of Professor Michael Ondaatje to the role Pro-Vice-Chancellor (Arts and Academic Culture) for a period of 5 years commencing 13 June 2019, as detailed in Document 6.1.

Senate also approved the appointment of the role of Pro-Vice-Chancellor (Arts and Academic Culture) as a member of the Academic Board (noting alignment to S 2019/040).

6.2 Acting Vice-Chancellor Arrangements

Resolution S 2019/037

In accordance with the Delegations of Authority Policy and Register (Clause 6.19), Senate approved:

- i. Dr Stephen Weller, Chief Operating Officer, as Acting Vice-Chancellor from 15 June 2019 to 30 June;
- ii. Professor Pauline Nugent, Provost, as Acting Vice-Chancellor from 1 July to 16 July 2019.

7 Presentation

Professor Michelle Campbell, Executive Dean of Health Sciences, provided a presentation on the achievements of the Faculty of Health Sciences against its strategic plan, as detailed in Document 6.

Text around discussion removed

8 Melbourne Campus Development (Update)

Dr Weller provided an update on construction development on the Melbourne Campus, as detailed in Document 8. It was agreed that continued efforts would be made to identify a suitable list of potential names for 81 Victoria Parade, Melbourne for the future consideration of Senate.

9 Establishment of the Blacktown Campus

Dr Weller introduced the item of the establishment of the Blacktown Campus, as detailed in the Report from the Standing and Finance Committee (Document 12.1). Dr Weller introduced Mr Paul Campbell, Deputy Chief Operating Officer to the meeting. Text removed

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Most Reverend Archbishop Fisher stated his support for establishing the Blacktown Campus to service and support the educational and training needs of the population of Western Sydney.

Dr Weller advised that a revised paper would be considered by the Finance and Resources Committee on 15 July and referred to the 8 August meeting of Senate (additional text removed).

Resolution S 2019/038

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10 Governance

10.1 Senate Review

Dr Weller spoke to the *Senate Review* paper.

Resolution S 2019/039

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10.2 Statute 2 (Governing Bodies) and Regulations

Dr Weller spoke to the paper containing background and recommendations in response to Academic Board membership changes from the February Meeting; and Governance Committees Review recommendations from the April Meeting.

Resolution S 2019/040

Senate approved:

- i. The proposed amendments to Statute 2 – Governing Bodies;
- ii. The consequential amendments to the Index and Explanatory Memorandum to the Statutes;
- iii. The rescission of Senate’s Sub-Committees’ Terms of Reference as set out in Appendix 8;
- iv. Statute 12.1 - Award of title of Emeritus Professor; and
- v. Regulations for the Award of the Honorary Title of Emeritus Professor; as documented in Document 10.2.

10.3 Senate Sub-Committee Membership Review

Dr Weller spoke to the recommendations contained in the paper.

Resolution S 2019/041

In accordance with the relevant provisions of Statute 2, Senate approved the revised contingent membership for the following sub-committees of Senate:

- a) Finance and Resources Committee;
- b) Audit and Risk Committee; and
- c) Honorary Awards Committee,

in accordance with column 4 of Table 1 of Document 10.3.

10.4 Contract Execution Register

Dr Weller spoke to the Contract Execution Register.

Resolution S 2019/042

Senate noted the Contract Execution Register for contracts executed pursuant to section 127(1) of the Corporations Act for the period 28 March to 27 May 2019, as detailed in Document 10.4.

10.5 Chapter Reports

10.5.1 New South Wales

Ms Schmiede spoke to the Report from NSW Chapter (11 March); and provided a verbal outline of the agenda, presentations and discussion from the most recent meeting of the NSW Chapter (3 June).

Resolution S 2019/043

Senate noted the formal Report from 11 March 2019 Meeting of the New South Wales Chapter, as detailed in Document 10.5.1

10.5.2 Victoria

No Report for this meeting of Senate.

10.5.3 Queensland

An update was provided in regard to enrolment planning vis a vis the *Queensland Cliff Year*, and there was discussion as to the analysis which had been undertaken in relation to the viability of a Law School in Brisbane.

Resolution S 2019/044

Senate noted the Report from 21 May 2019 Meeting of the Queensland Chapter, as detailed in Document 10.5.3

10.5.4 ACT

Resolution S 2019/045

Senate noted the Report from 28 March 2019 Meeting of the ACT Chapter, as detailed in Document 10.5.4

Part C – For Discussion (Reporting Committees)

11 Academic Board

Professor Hillel spoke to the Report from the Meeting of the Academic Board of 8 May 2019:

11.1 Graduate Certificate in Governance and Management

Professor Hillel stated that, as the new course *Graduate Certificate in Governance and Management* was proposed to be offered in multimode delivery with staggered commencement dates, four sections were required.

11.1.1 Melbourne and North Sydney Campuses

Resolution S 2019/046

Senate approved the new course proposal for the Graduate Certificate in Governance and Management in attendance and multi-mode at the Melbourne and North Sydney campuses for implementation from Semester 2, 2019.

11.1.2 Brisbane Campus

Resolution S 2019/047

Senate approved of the new course proposal for the Graduate Certificate in Governance and Management in attendance and multi-mode at the Brisbane campus for implementation from Professional Term 1, 2020.

11.1.3 Online Mode

Resolution S 2019/048

Senate approved the new course proposal for the Graduate Certificate in Governance and Management to be offered online from Professional Term 1, 2021.

11.1.4 Offshore Mode

Resolution S 2019/049

Senate approved the new course proposal for the Graduate Certificate in Governance and Management to be offered offshore from Professional Term 1, 2021.

12 Sub-Committees of Senate

12.1 Finance and Resources Committee (formerly Standing and Finance Committee)

The Pro-Chancellor spoke to the Report from the Standing and Finance Committee from the Meeting of 13 May 2019. There was discussion in relation to the Forecast Financial Statements as at March 2019; and the Staff Trend Report (1st Quarter 2019).

Resolution S 2019/050

Senate noted the Report from the Meeting of the Standing and Finance Committee of 13 May 2019, as detailed in Document 12.1.

12.2 Audit and Risk Committee

No report since the last meeting.

12.3 Honorary Awards Committee

No report since the last meeting.

12.4 Senate Standing Committee (formerly Nominations and Remuneration Committee)

No report since the last meeting

Part D – For Noting

13 Actions Register

Senate noted the Actions Register as follows:

- 13.1 Governance Committees Review, Item 10.1 from Minutes of Meeting 02/2019 (11 April); refer Agenda Item 10.2 of current agenda;
- 13.2 Blacktown Campus, Item 6 from Minutes of Meeting 02/2019 (11 April); refer Agenda Item 9 of current agenda;
- 13.3 –.

14 General Business

14.1 Constitution (Term of office of the Student Member of Senate)

Mr Benson asked a question on the matter of whether a provision should be included in the ACU Constitution (clause 13.7 refers) which would permit the Student Member of Senate to fill the position for a second term of office of one year, that is, two years in total (provided qualified to do so). It was suggested that this matter be considered in the context of the full range of student leadership positions in the University including the revised student representative positions on the Academic Board.

14.2 PM Glynn Institute

The Chancellor requested that Senate be provided with a copy of the publication *Federation Man of Letters* produced by the PM Glynn Institute.

15 Next Meeting

It was noted that the next meeting would be held on Thursday, 8 August 2019 at the MacKillop Campus in North Sydney.

16 Closing Prayer

Senators recited the Closing Prayer.

The Meeting closed at 1.00 pm.