

# SENATE

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## Non-Confidential Minutes

Meeting 05/2021 of the Senate was held at 9:30am on Wednesday 4 August 2021 via webconference (Microsoft Teams).

**Members present:** Mr Julien O'Connell AO, Pro-Chancellor, Acting Chancellor and Chair  
Professor Zlatko Skrbis, Vice-Chancellor and President  
Most Reverend Anthony Fisher OP, Archbishop of Sydney  
The Hon. James Douglas, Panel Nominee (Queensland)  
Mr Stephen Elder OAM KSS, Chapter Nominee (Victoria)  
Mr Ross Fox, Chapter Nominee (ACT)  
Associate Professor Elspeth Froude, elected Academic Staff member  
Ms Emily Ginis, Student Member  
Mr Gerard Goodwin-Moore, elected Professional Staff member  
Mr Tim Kirk, Panel Nominee (ACT)  
Professor Tim McKenry, Chair, Academic Board  
The Hon. Barbara Perry, Panel Nominee (NSW)  
Dr Josephine Ryan, elected Academic Staff member  
Ms Annette Schmiede, Chapter Nominee (NSW)  
Ms Bernadette Steele, Panel Nominee (VIC)

**Apologies:** Dr Judith Norris, elected Academic Staff member  
Mr Karl Morris AO, Chapter Nominee (Queensland)

**Attendees present:** Professor Dermot Nestor, Executive Dean, Faculty of Theology and Philosophy (for Agenda Item 9)  
Professor Belinda Tynan, Provost  
Dr Stephen Weller, Secretary to Corporation and Chief Operating Officer  
Dr Diane Barker, Director, Governance  
Ms Simone Chetcuti, Director, Office of Vice-Chancellor and President  
Mr Hugh McCuaig, Governance Officer  
Ms Tarryn Bennett, Governance Officer

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#	Item
<b>Procedural Matters</b>	
☆ 1.	Welcome and Apologies
	The Acting Chancellor welcomed Senators and attendees to the meeting and noted apologies from Dr Judith Norris and Mr Karl Morris AO.
☆ 2.	Acknowledgment of Country and Opening Prayer
	Ms Emily Ginis provided the Acknowledgement of Country. Most Reverend Anthony Fisher OP led Senators and attendees in reading the Opening Prayer.
☆ 3.	Register of Interests
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☆ 4.	Starring of Items
	<b>Resolution S 2021/095</b> <i>Senate adopted the proposed resolutions against unstarred items.</i>
☆ 5.	Minutes of Meeting 04/2021 (9 June) of Senate
	<b>Resolution S 2021/096</b> <i>Senate confirmed the Minutes of Meeting 04/2021 (9 June) of Senate as a true and accurate record.</i>
☆ 6.	Business Arising
	No matters were raised under Business Arising.
<b>Standing Items and Presentations</b>	
☆ 7.	Acting Chancellor's Report
	The Acting Chancellor provided a summary of the events in which he had participated since the June Meeting, including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Parliamentary Friends of ACU Event; and</li> <li>• Celebration of the ACU Honorary Award, Doctor of the University, in honour of Sr Mary O'Shannassy SGS OAM JP Melbourne.</li> </ul>
	<b>Resolution S 2021/097</b> <i>Senate noted the report from the Acting Chancellor.</i>

☆	8.	Vice-Chancellor and President's Report
		<p>The Vice-Chancellor and President provided an overview of his report (per meeting papers item 8), with the following highlighted in addition to the report:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Recruitment of the Deputy Vice-Chancellor, Research has been paused, with Professor James McLaren appointed to act in the position in the interim. Text removed.</li> </ul>
		<p><b>Resolution S 2021/098</b> <i>Senate noted the Report from the Vice-Chancellor and President.</i></p>
☆	8.1	2021 Vice-Chancellor's Priorities
		<p>The Vice-Chancellor and President provided an overview of the review of priorities (per meeting papers item 8.1, Appendix 3).</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Text removed.</li> </ul>
		<p><b>Action 2021/001:</b> Text removed.</p>
		<p><b>Resolution S 2021/099</b> <i>Senate approved the outcome of the light-touch review of the 2021 Vice-Chancellor Annual Priorities with all priorities retained.</i></p>
	8.2	Callinan Boardroom on Melbourne Campus
		<p>The Vice-Chancellor and President provided an overview of the proposal to transfer the name 'Sir Bernard Callinan Boardroom' from the current location at 250 Victoria Parade to the newly constructed video conference facility in Drake House. It was advised that the transfer has the support of the Callinan family.</p> <p>Senators discussed:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The importance and continuity of Sir Bernard Callinan's legacy.</li> </ul>
		<p><b>Resolution S 2021/100</b> <i>Senate approved the transfer of the name 'Sir Bernard Callinan Boardroom' from the current location at 250 Victoria Parade to the newly constructed video conference facility in Drake House.</i></p>
	8.3	Provost Portfolio Update
		<p>The Provost provided an overview of the review of priorities (per meeting papers item 8.3).</p>
		<p><b>Resolution S 2021/101</b> <i>Senate noted the Provost Portfolio Update.</i></p>
☆	9.	Presentation from Professor Dermot Nestor, Executive Dean, Faculty of Theology and Philosophy
		<p><b>Resolution S 2021/102</b> <i>Senate noted the presentation from Professor Dermot Nestor, Executive Dean, Faculty of Theology and Philosophy.</i></p>
☆	9.1	Future of Adelaide Campus

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		<b>Action 2021/002:</b> Text removed.
		<p><b>Resolution S 2021/103</b>          Senate:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. noted the verbal report, 'Future of Adelaide Campus' provided by Professor Dermot Nestor, Executive Dean, Faculty of Theology and Philosophy;</li> <li>ii. provided in principle support to prepare a paper and set of recommendations regarding the discontinuation of the use of the 'Campus' status for the existing Adelaide Campus for the consideration of Senate.</li> </ul>
<b>Items for Approval</b>		
10.	Academic Board	
	<p><b>Resolution S 2021/104</b>          Senate noted the Report from the Chair of the Academic Board from its meeting of 7 July 2021.</p>	
	10.1	Bachelor of Criminology and Criminal Justice
		<p><b>Resolution S 2021/105</b>          Senate approved the course proposal for the Bachelor of Criminology and Criminal Justice, to be offered on the Blacktown, Brisbane, Melbourne and North Sydney campuses, from Semester 1, 2022.</p>
11.	Senate Standing Committee	
	<p><b>Resolution S 2021/106</b>          Senate noted the report from the Senate Standing Committee from its meeting of 13 July 2021.</p>	
	11.1	Statute 9 Campus Student Associations and Other Organisations
		<p><b>Resolution S 2021/107</b>          Senate approved the amendment of Statute 9 - Campus Student Associations and Other Organisations, as presented, with immediate effect.</p>
12.	Finance and Resources Committee	
	<p><b>Resolution S 2021/108</b>          Senate noted the report from the Finance and Resources Committee from its meeting of 15 July 2021.</p>	
13.	Audit and Risk Committee	
	<p><b>Resolution S 2021/109</b>          Senate noted the report from the Audit and Risk Committee from its meeting of 19 July 2021.</p>	
14.	Risk Appetite Statement	
	Text removed.	
		<p><b>Resolution S 2021/110</b>          Senate:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. Noted Resolution S 2021/084 from Meeting 04/2021 (9 June) of Senate that Senate approved the Risk Appetite Maturity Program;</li> <li>ii. Approved the Risk Appetite Statement subject to Text removed.</li> </ul>

☆ 15.	ACU Online Business Case
	<p>The Provost presented ACU Online (per meeting materials item 15)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Text removed.</li> </ul>
	<b>Action 2021/003:</b> Text removed.
	<p><b>Resolution S 2021/111</b> Senate:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Considered and noted the background, purpose and intent for ACU Online as outlined in the ACU Online business case.</li> <li>Considered and noted the expenditure and operating budget as outlined in the ACU Online business case and financial model.</li> <li>Considered and noted the risks and mitigation associated with requested capital investment and return on this investment.</li> <li>Considered and noted the feedback from the Senate sub-committees on the ACU Online business case and the associated feedback and actions taken.</li> <li>Considered and noted the commencement of delivery and recruitment activities to establish ACU Online.</li> <li>Considered and noted the establishment of the ACU Online campus to support the new online portfolio.</li> </ol>
<b>Items for Noting</b>	
16.	Honorary Awards Committee (no report)
17.	Graduation/Conferral Report
	<p><b>Resolution S 2021/112</b> Senate noted the Graduation / Conferral Report for the Autumn Graduation period 2021.</p>
18.	State Chapters
18.1	NSW Chapter
	<p><b>Resolution S 2021/113</b> Senate noted the Report from the NSW Chapter from its meeting of 3 May 2021.</p>
18.2	Victorian Chapter
	<p><b>Resolution S 2021/114</b> Senate noted the Report from the Victorian Chapter from its meeting of 15 June 2021.</p>
18.3	No report from the Queensland Chapter
18.4	ACT Chapter
	<p><b>Resolution S 2021/115</b> Senate noted the Report from the ACT Chapter from its meeting of 27 May 2021.</p>
19.	Melbourne Campus Development
	<p><b>Resolution S 2021/116</b> Senate noted the Melbourne Campus Development Progress Report.</p>

20.	Contract Execution Register
	<p><b>Resolution S 2021/117</b>  <i>Senate:</i>          (1) noted the Contract Execution Register for contracts executed pursuant to section 127(1) of the Corporations Act for the period 22 May 2021 to 9 July 2021; and          (2) Text removed.</p>
<b>General Business and Close of Meeting</b>	
21.	General Business
	<p>The Secretary proposed a Circular Resolution regarding establishment of a Campus Student Association for Blacktown called St Josephine Bakhita Campus Student Association, so that students can participate in the 2022 student elections.</p> <p>Senators thanked Mr Hugh McCuaig for his support of Senate.</p>
	<p><b>Action 2021/004:</b> Issue a Circular Resolution regarding establishment of a Campus Student Association for Blacktown. <b>Responsible:</b> Governance Officer, Senate <b>When:</b> 10/08/21</p>
22.	Closing Prayer
	Senators and attendees read the Closing Prayer.
23.	Next Meeting (14 October, MacKillop Campus, North Sydney)
	<p>Senate noted that the next meeting of Senate is to be held on Thursday, 14 October at the North Sydney Campus (MacKillop).</p> <p>The meeting closed at 2:28pm.</p>