

SENATE

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Meeting 06/2021 of the Senate will be conducted using webconference (Microsoft Teams)

Date: Thursday, 14 October 2021

Time: 9.00 am to 3.00 pm

Location: 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 (QLD)
Mr Stephen Elder OAM KSS, Chapter Nominee (VIC)
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
Mr Karl Morris AO, Chapter Nominee (QLD)
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)
Dr Judith Norris, elected Academic Staff member

Apologies: Nil

Attendees present: Professor James McLaren, Interim Deputy Vice Chancellor (Research and Enterprise) (*for Agenda Item 12.1*)
Professor Suzanne Chambers AO, Executive Dean, Faculty of Health Sciences (*for Agenda Item 12.2*)
Professor Belinda Tynan, Provost
Dr Stephen Weller, Secretary to Corporation and Chief Operating Officer
Dr Diane Barker, Director, Governance
Mr Omer Yezdani, Director, Planning and Strategic Management (*for Agenda item 11.1*)
Ms Simone Chetcuti, Director, Office of Vice-Chancellor and President
Dr Matthew Charet, National Manager Governance (*for Agenda items 10, 10.1, 12.1 and 12.2*)
Ms Tarryn Bennett, Governance Officer

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#	Item
Procedural Matters	
☆ 1.	Welcome and Apologies
	The Acting Chancellor welcomed Senators and attendees to the meeting and expressed condolences for Vale Fr John Neill OP, suggesting a commemorative Mass at a future meeting of Senate.
☆ 2.	Acknowledgment of Country and Opening Prayer
	Mr Gerard Goodwin-Moore provided the Acknowledgement of Country. Most Reverend Anthony Fisher OP led Senators and attendees in reading the Opening Prayer.
☆ 3.	Register of Interests
	No new interests were declared.
☆ 4.	Starring of Items
	Resolution S 2021/120 <i>Senate adopted the proposed resolutions against unstarred items.</i>
☆ 5.	Minutes of Previous Meetings
	Action 2021/005: Consider an independent expert on the ACU Online Control Group Panel / Steering Committee. Responsible: Provost When: 16/11/21 (for 2 December Senate Meeting).
	Resolution S 2021/121 <i>Senate:</i> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. confirmed the Minutes of Meeting 05/2021 (4 August) of Senate as a true and accurate record; 2. confirmed the minutes of the circular resolution regarding Blacktown Campus Student Association declared on 10 August 2021 as a true and accurate record; and 3. confirmed the minutes of the circular resolution regarding Disestablishment of the Adelaide Campus declared on 30 August 2021 as a true and accurate record.
6.	Actions Schedule
	Resolution S 2021/122 <i>Senate noted the Actions Schedule.</i>
☆ 7.	Business Arising
Standing Items and Presentations	
☆ 8.	Report from Acting Chancellor
	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"> • ACU Victorian Chapter Meeting;

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • University Australia Meetings; • ACU Committee of Identity Meeting; • Senate Standing Committee; • Finance and Resources Committee; • Virtual recognition of prior learning (RPL) launch. Recognising Veterans at ACU; • Remembering Senator Neville Bonner with Michelle Grattan AO, Chief Political Correspondent, The Conversation & Associate Professor Michael Reynolds, Australian Catholic University; and • Vice-Chancellor Notre Dame Meeting.
8.1	2022 Senate Meeting Dates
	The Secretary to Corporation provided a brief overview of the 2022 Senate Meeting Dates.
	<p>Resolution S 2021/123 <i>Senate noted the 2022 schedule of meetings of Senate and Senate committees, as presented.</i></p>
☆ 9.	Report from Vice-Chancellor
	<p>The Vice-Chancellor and President (VC) provided an overview of the Report from the Vice-Chancellor and highlighted the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ACU has maintained its position in the top 300 universities in the <i>Times Higher Education (THE)</i> World University Rankings 2022; • The Academic Ranking of World Universities (ARWU) 2021 institutional ranking list has been released with ACU again appearing in the 501-600 band; • VC has been elected as Vice-President of the Australian Higher Education Industrial Association (AHEIA); • A Weekly Wellness Break for staff has been introduced in recognition of the challenges posed by COVID-19. • 2021 Vice-Chancellor’s Staff Excellence Awards have received an unprecedented response this year to the call for nominations, with the highest number of nominations in ACU’s history; • ACU have entered a partnership with the Sovereign Order of Malta (SOM) agreeing to national collaboration in community engagement: partnering on a range of life-changing initiatives, and working with groups who experience disadvantage and marginalisation; • ACU Recognition of Prior Learning for Veterans launched on 31 August at a national event; • The 2021 results for the Quality Indicators of Learning and Teaching (QILT) Graduate Outcomes Survey – Longitudinal, which cover medium-term graduate outcomes in Australia, were released in September. ACU is ranked 1st for medium-term full-time employment for undergraduates and 4th for postgraduates; • The Federal Government has approved the NSW International Student Arrivals Plan; • Text removed. • ACU’s Prize for Poetry was an exceptional success with over 700 poems submitted by across Australia. The 2021 winner was is Ms Anna Murchison for her poem, Child of Gath-hepher. • Mr Jim Brennan has commenced as the new Chair of ACU’s Elite Athlete and Performer Program (EAPP); • Thirteen ACU alumni and students competed in the 2021 Tokyo Olympics and Paralympics – five alumni and three students in the Olympics, and four alumni and one student in the Paralympics; • Text removed. • Vale Father John Neill OP passed away on 21 August. His visionary leadership played a pivotal role in the establishment of Australian Catholic University. As a foundation member of ACU’s Corporation (1991) and member of ACU Senate (1992 – 1998), Fr Neill was a passionate advocate for the role of Catholic Higher Education in Australia. His positive impact on the lives of many ACU staff and students in its foundational years, will be fondly remembered and greatly missed; • Text removed.

	Action 2021/006: Text removed.	
	Action 2021/007: Prepare and send a letter of congratulations from Senate to Carolyn Masel, second place winner of ACU's Prize for Poetry. Responsible: Corporation Secretary and Governance Officer When: 10/11/21.	
☆	10.	Report from Provost
		The Provost provided an overview of the Report from Provost and Presented the Provost Portfolio Update per Attachment A. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Text removed.
		Action 2021/008: Text removed.
		Action 2021/009: Text removed.
		Resolution S 2021/124 Senate noted the submission of the Provost Portfolio Update.
☆	10.1	ACU Online Program Update
		The Provost provided an overview of the ACU Online Program Update and addressed the response to action 2021/003 per item 10 Attachment A. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Text removed.
		Action 2021/010: Text removed.
		Action 2021/011: Text removed.
		Resolution S 2021/125 Senate noted the ACU Online Program Update.
	11.	Report from Chief Operating Officer
		Provided a brief overview of the reports on the agenda under the Report from the Chief Operating Officer.
☆	11.1	Strategic Plan Performance Report
		The Chief Operating Officer noted an adjusted format of the Strategic Plan Performance Report has been provided. The Director, Planning and Strategic Management provided an overview of the Strategic Plan Performance Report per 11.1 Attachment 1. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Text removed.
		Action 2021/012: Text removed.

		<p>Resolution S 2021/126 <i>Senate noted the Strategic Plan 2020 - 2023 Performance Report.</i></p>
	11.2	Gender, Equity, Diversity and Inclusion Strategy
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Text removed. • The transition from the Workplace Gender Equality Act to Science in Australia Gender Equity (SAGE). The process has commenced to follow the SAGE accreditation.
		<p>Resolution S 2021/127 <i>Senate noted the university's Gender Equality, Diversity, and Inclusion Strategy 2021-2025.</i></p>
	11.3	Work, Health and Safety Report Quarter 2 2021
		<p>Resolution S 2021/128 <i>Senate noted the Work Health and Safety Report, Quarter 2 2021.</i></p>
	11.4	Melbourne Campus Development Report
		The Chief Operating Officer provided a brief update on the progress of the Mother Teresa Building.
12.	Presentations	
☆	12.1	Presentation from Professor James McLaren, Interim Deputy Vice Chancellor (Research and Enterprise)
		<p>The Acting Chancellor welcomed Professor James McLaren to the meeting.</p> <p>Professor James McLaren presented the Research and Enterprise Update and highlighted the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Text removed. • The achievements in the Times Higher Education World University Rankings since 2017, leading to securing the 250-300 band which places ACU in the Top 10 Catholic Universities internationally; • Percent of Web Science Documents in Top 10% and 1% of Cited Documents which placed ACU second in all of Australia for Cited Documents; • Text removed. • Next steps in Research and Enterprise. • Text removed.
		<p>Resolution S 2021/129 <i>Senate noted the presentation from Professor James McLaren, Interim Deputy Vice Chancellor (Research and Enterprise)</i></p>
☆	12.2	Presentation from Professor Suzanne Chambers AO, Executive Dean, Faculty of Health Sciences
		<p>The Acting Chancellor and VC welcomed Suzanne Chambers to the meeting.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Professor Suzanne Chambers AO presented Next Steps for the Faculty of Health Sciences. • Text removed.
		<p>Resolution S 2021/130</p>

		Senate noted the presentation from Professor Suzanne Chambers AO Executive Dean, Faculty of Health Sciences
Items for Approval		
☆	13.	Report of the Academic Board
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Chair of Academic Board provided an overview of the Report of the Academic Board. Text removed.
		<p>Resolution S 2021/131 Senate:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> noted Report to Senate from Meeting 05/2021 of Academic Board, held on 15 September 2021; approved the new course proposal for the Graduate Certificate in Mental Health for Teachers and Educators for delivery via ACU Online, as detailed in Attachment A, for implementation effective 2022; and approved the new course proposal for the Graduate Certificate in Healthcare Ethics for delivery via ACU Online, as detailed in Attachment B, for implementation effective 2022.
☆	14.	Report of the Senate Standing Committee
		<p>Resolution S 2021/132 Senate noted the Report from meeting 04/2021 of the Senate Standing Committee held on 16 September 2021.</p>
☆	14.1	Statute 6.2 Honorary Degrees (Masters level)
		<p>Resolution S 2021/133 Senate:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Approved the Committee's recommendation that the award of the honorary degree of Master of Arts (Honoris Causa) be discontinued (based on the recommendation of the Honorary Awards Committee); Approved amendments to Statute 6.2 Honorary Degrees to give effect to this discontinuation; and Approved the rescission of the Regulations for the Award of the Honorary Degree of Master of Arts, with effect from 14 October 2021.
☆	14.2	Delegations of Authority Policy and Register
		<p>Resolution S 2021/134 Senate:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> approved the proposed amendments to the Delegations of Authority Policy and Register; and Text removed.
	14.3	Protected Disclosures
		<p>Resolution S 2021/135 Senate approved the amendments to the Protected Disclosures Procedures.</p>
☆	14.4	Review of the Constitution of Australian Catholic University Limited
		Text removed.
		<p>Resolution S 2021/136</p>

		<i>Senate noted the progress towards the review of the Constitution of Australian Catholic University Limited.</i>	
☆	15.	Report of the Finance and Resources Committee	
		Resolution S 2021/137 <i>Senate noted the report from meeting 04/2021 of the Finance and Resources Committee, held on 22 September 2021.</i>	
	16.	Report of the Audit and Risk Committee (no report since the last Senate meeting)	
		Text removed.	
☆	17.	Report of the Honorary Awards Committee	
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Text removed. 	
		Action 2021/013: Text removed.	
		Action 2021/014: Text removed.	
		Resolution S 2021/138 <i>Senate:</i> 1. <i>Noted the Report from Meeting 02/2021 of the Honorary Awards Committee held on 4 August;</i> Text removed.	
Items for Noting			
	18.	Reports from State Chapters	
		18.1	Report from the ACT Chapter
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		18.2	Report from the NSW Chapter
		18.3	Report from the QLD Chapter
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☆		18.3.1	Campus Leadership
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			Action 2021/015: Text removed.
			Resolution S 2021/139 Text removed.

	18.4	Report from the VIC Chapter	
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Text removed. 	
☆	18.4.1	Campus Leadership	
		Text removed.	
19.	Contract Execution Register		
	<p>Resolution S 2021/140 <i>Senate noted the Contract Execution Register for contracts executed pursuant to section 127(1) of the Corporations Act 2001 (Cth) and the Power of Attorney registered BK 4677 No 305 for the period 9 July 2021 to 27 September 2021.</i></p>		
General Business and Close of Meeting			
20.	General Business		
21.	Closing Prayer		
	Most Reverend Anthony Fisher OP led Senators and attendees in the Closing Prayer.		
22.	Next Meeting (2 December, MacKillop Campus, North Sydney)		