

**Non-Confidential Minutes
Meeting 03/2020 of Senate (11 June)
Conducted using videoconference
With locations on the North Sydney
and Melbourne Campuses
and remote locations**

Senators at meeting

- The Hon. John Fahey AC GCSG, Chair & Chancellor *
- Mr Julien O'Connell AO, Pro-Chancellor **
- Professor Greg Craven AO GCSG, Vice-Chancellor and President *
- Most Reverend Anthony Fisher OP ***
- The Hon. James Douglas ***
- Mr Stephen Elder OAM KSS ***
- Dr Doseena Fergie OAM ***
- Associate Professor Elspeth Froude *
- Mr Gerard Goodwin-Moore *
- Professor Margot Hillel OAM ***
- Ms Chanchal Kaur *
- Mr Tim Kirk ***
- Mr Karl Morris AO *** (until 12.10 pm)
- Dr Judith Norris ***
- The Hon. Barbara Perry ***
- Ms Annette Schmiede *
- Ms Bernadette Steele **

Apologies

- Mr Ross Fox

Attendees at meeting

- Dr Stephen Weller, Secretary and Chief Operating Officer *
- Dr Diane Barker, Director of Governance *
- Professor John Niland AC, Independent Reviewer *
- Ms Simone Chetcuti, Director, Office of Vice-Chancellor and President *
- Mr Hugh McCuaig, Governance Officer *

The Meeting was conducted using webconference. The platform was Microsoft Teams.

* present in the Peter Cosgrove Centre

** present in the Meeting Room of Associate Vice-Chancellor, Melbourne Campus

*** present using videoconference

Part A – Procedural

1 Welcome and Apologies

The Meeting commenced at 10.00 am.

On behalf of the Senate, the Chancellor welcomed the two newly elected staff members of Senate (with terms of office of three years).

- ♦ Dr Doseena Fergie OAM (academic staff)
- ♦ Gerard Goodwin-Moore (professional staff)

The Chancellor spoke to the biographies of Dr Fergie and Mr Goodwin-Moore as contained in Agenda documentation.

The Chancellor also welcomed Professor John Niland AC, Independent Reviewer, to the meeting as an observer.

Dr Fergie provided an Acknowledgement of Country.

2 Minutes

2.1 Minutes of Meeting held on 8 April 2020

Resolution S 2020/043

Senate confirmed the Minutes of Meeting 02/2020 (8 April) of Senate as a true and accurate record, as detailed in Document 2.1.

2.2 Minute of Curriculum Items

Resolution S 2020/044

Senate confirmed the Minute of curriculum items [Bachelor of Arts (Western Civilisation)]; Higher Education Certificates] considered out of session since the April meeting as a true and accurate record, as detailed in Document 2.2.

3 Business Arising

Senate noted the following Business Arising (from the Actions Register, Agenda Item 13)

3.1 Recruitment of Vice-Chancellor

Item 5.1 from Minutes of Meeting 02/2020 (8 Apr) (refer Agenda Item 5.1 in current agenda).

3.2 Financial Forecast

Item 6.2 from Minutes of Meeting 02/2020 (8 Apr) (refer Agenda Item 6.1 in current agenda).

3.3 Rome Campus Developments

Item 8 from Minutes Meeting 02/2020 (8 Apr) (refer Agenda Item 7 in current agenda).

3.4 Course Rules (Higher Education Certificates)

From curriculum item considered out of session (Higher Education Certificates) (refer Agenda Item 11.1 in current agenda).

4 Register of Interests

Declarations of interests were made as follows which will be recorded in the University Declarations Register:

Detail removed

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Part B – For Discussion (Governance and Strategy)

5 Chancellor's Report

5.1 Queen's Birthday Honours List

On behalf of Senate, the Chancellor congratulated the Pro-Chancellor, Mr Julien O'Connell for being the recipient of the award of Officer (AO) in the General Division of the Queen's Birthday Honours List *for distinguished service to community health in the aged care sector through executive roles, and to higher education.*

The Chancellor also announced the following Queen's Birthday Honours List recipients whom are associated with ACU:

Margie Beck AM (associated with ACU Timor Leste Program), NSW, *for significant service to Australia-Timor Leste relations through teacher education roles.*

Carolyn Dianne Douglas OAM (Volunteer in the ACU Law School), Victoria, *for service to the law, and to the judiciary.*

The Chancellor requested that formal letters of commendation be sent to Ms Beck and Ms Douglas on behalf of the Chancellor and the Senate.

5.2 Recruitment of Vice-Chancellor and President (progress report)

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Resolution S 2020/045

Senate noted the Report from the Chancellor including the progress report for the recruitment of the Vice-Chancellor & President.

6 Vice-Chancellor and President's Report

6.1 COVID-19 Recovery Management Plan

The Vice-Chancellor spoke to the COVID-19 Recovery Management Plan.

Resolution S 2020/046

Senate noted the COVID-19 Recovery Management Plan, as detailed in Document 6.1.

6.2 COVID-19 Financial Impact (incorporating May Forecast)

The Vice-Chancellor spoke to the COVID-19 Financial Impact (incorporating May Forecast). Dr Weller spoke to the detail of the May Forecast. Senate discussed line items of the forecast income and expenses over the 2020-2022 period.
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Resolution S 2020/047

Senate endorsed the COVID-19 Financial Impact Report (incorporating May 2020 Forecast), including the amended financial covenants for 2020-2022 as detailed in Document 6.2.

6.3 Appointment of Chair, Academic Board

The Vice-Chancellor spoke to the report and recommendation for the Appointment of the new Chair of Academic Board who would succeed Professor Hillel. The Vice-Chancellor spoke to the biography of the proposed new Chair, Professor Tim McKenry.

The Chancellor, Vice-Chancellor and Senate commended Professor Hillel for leading academic governance and course and academic policy development during a period of significant growth and diversification for the University.

Resolution S 2020/048

In accordance with Statute 2.5.4 (Appointment of Chair, Academic Board), on the recommendation of the Vice-Chancellor and President, Senate approved the appointment of Professor Tim McKenry as the Chair of the Academic Board with a term of office 7 of August 2020 to 6 August 2023, as detailed in Document 6.3.

6.4 Substantive Report

Senate noted the substantive report from the Vice-Chancellor, which included the following:

- ♦ Enrolments Report
- ♦ Government, Policy and Strategy Report
- ♦ Meetings with Government and Shadow Government Ministers
- ♦ Vice-Chancellor's external engagements, hosted events and speeches
- ♦ Work Health and Safety Report, Quarter 1, 2020
- ♦ Gender Equality Initiatives, Quarter 1, 2020
- ♦ Staff Appointments and Reappointments
- ♦ Board and Committee invitations for the Vice-Chancellor, including the Board of Uphold & Recognise, a non-profit organisation that promotes discussion about how Indigenous Australians can be recognised without disturbing the way the Constitution operates; and the NSW Education Standards Authority (NESA) Initial Teacher Education Committee to 31 December 2020
- ♦ Media Reports
- ♦ Reports from the Provost (incorporating Education & Innovation portfolio)
- ♦ Chief Operating Officer; Vice President; Deputy Vice-Chancellor, Research; Deputy Vice-Chancellor, Co-ordination

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Resolution S 2020/049

Senate noted the Vice-Chancellor's Report, as detailed in Document 6.1.

7 Rome Campus

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Resolution S 2020/050

Senate:

- i. Noted the Rome Campus Report, as detailed in Document 7.

8 Melbourne Campus Development

Dr Weller spoke to the Melbourne Campus Development Report.

Resolution S 2020/051

Senate noted the Melbourne Campus Development Report.

9 Blacktown Campus Development

Dr Weller spoke to the Blacktown Campus Development Report. Text removed

Resolution S 2020/052

Senate noted the Blacktown Campus Development Report.

10 Governance

10.1 External Governance Review

Dr Weller provided an update on the Mandatory External Governance Review and spoke to the report.

Resolution S 2020/053

Senate:

- i. Noted the update on the progress of the two external reports that will form the independent review of governance, as detailed in Document 10.1; and
- ii. Noted the associated timelines for the delivery and actioning of each report.

10.2 Statute 2.5 (Governing Bodies – Academic Board)

Dr Weller spoke to the proposed amendments to Statute 2.5 (Governing Bodies – Academic Board) in relation to membership of the positions of Deputy Provost and Pro Vice-Chancellor (Global & Education Pathways).

Resolution S 2020/054

Senate approved amendments to Statute 2.5 (Governing Bodies – Academic Board), as detailed in Document 10.2.

10.3 Statute 9 (Campus Student Association and other Student Organisations)

Dr Weller spoke to the proposed amendments to Statute 9 (Campus Student Association and other Student Organisations) including the broadening of the voting electorate (ballot only) for the President of ACU National Student Association (ACUNSA) to all students of the University and provision for the President [and Vice-President (Research)] to be elected for a second (one year) term of office.

Resolution S 2020/055

Senate approved amendments to Statute 9 (Campus Student Association and other Student Organisations), as detailed in Document 10.3.

10.4 Contract Execution Register

Dr Weller spoke to the Contract Execution Register for the period March to May 2020. Text removed

Resolution S 2020/056

Senate noted the Contract Execution Register for the period 24 March 2020 to 27 May 2020, as detailed in Document 10.4

10.5 Chapter Reports

10.5.1 New South Wales

No report since the last Senate meeting

10.5.2 Victoria

No report since the last Senate meeting

10.5.3 Queensland

No report since the last Senate meeting

10.5.4 ACT

Ms Norris spoke to the Report from 19 March 2020 Meeting of the ACT Chapter

Resolution S 2020/057

Senate noted the Report from the ACT Chapter from its meeting of 19 March 2020, as detailed in Document 10.5.4.

Part C – For Discussion (Reporting Committees)

11 Academic Board

11.1 Report from Meeting of 29 April 2020

Professor Hillel spoke to the Report from the Academic Board from its meeting of 29 April 2020.

Resolution S 2020/058

Senate noted the Report from the Academic Board Meeting of 29 April 2020, as detailed in Document 11.1.

11.2 Course Rules for Higher Education Certificates

Resolution S 2020/059

Following on from Resolution S 2020/041 (Circular Resolution) providing in-principle approval for the University to offer new Higher Education Certificates online with immediate effect, Senate noted and endorsed the course proposals and course rules for the Undergraduate Certificate in Educational Studies; Graduate Certificate in Teaching; Undergraduate Certificate in Public Health; Undergraduate Certificate in Sports Science; and Undergraduate Certificate in Information Technology, as detailed in Document 11.2.

11.3 Bachelor of Arts (Western Civilisation)

Professor Hillel summarised the resolution contained in the Minute (refer Agenda Item 2.2) for the establishment of the Bachelor of Arts (Western Civilisation) commencing in Semester 1, 2021.

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12 Sub-Committees of Senate

12.1 Finance and Resources Committee

Mr O'Connell spoke to the Report from the Finance and Resources Committee from its meeting of 18 May 2020.

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Resolution S 2020/060

Senate noted the Report from the Finance and Resources Committee Meeting of 18 May 2020, as detailed in Document 12.1.

12.2 Audit and Risk Committee

No Report since the last meeting

12.3 Senate Standing Committee

No Report since the last meeting

12.4 Honorary Awards Committee

No Report since the last meeting

Part D – For Noting

13 Actions Register

Refer Business Arising (Agenda Item 3).

14 General Business

14.1 Presentations at Senate Meetings

The Chancellor requested that presentations resume at meetings.

14.2 Farewell Event for Professor Hillel

To honour of the contributions which Professor Hillel has made to the Senate since her appointment as the Chair of the Academic Board in 2014, the Chancellor stated that a special acknowledgement will be featured as part of the Senate Dinner scheduled to be held on the evening of the Senate Planning Day on Wednesday, 5 August.

15 Next Meeting

Senators noted that the next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, 6 August 2020 at the MacKillop Campus in North Sydney (preceded by the Planning Day and Dinner on the previous day, Wednesday, 5 August)

16 Closing Prayer

Senators recited the Closing Prayer.

17 Close of Meeting

The Chancellor thanked Senators, including the two new members, for their contributions to Senate and the meeting. The Chancellor thanked Professor Niland, Dr Weller and attendees for their roles during the meeting. The meeting finished at 1.10 pm.