

Non-Confidential Minutes of Meeting of ACU Senate
Meeting 01/2020 on 12 February at 9.45 am
The Boardroom, Veritas Building
Signadou Campus
223 Antill St, Watson, Canberra

Senators at meeting

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

Apologies

None

ACU Staff at meeting

- Dr Stephen Weller, Secretary and Chief Operating Officer
- Dr Diane Barker, Director of Governance
- Ms Simone Chetcuti, Director, Office of Vice-Chancellor and President
- Mr Hugh McCuaig, Governance Officer

The Meeting was preceded by Mass which was held at 9.00 am in the Signadou Chapel. The Mass was presided by the Nuncio, H.E. Archbishop Adolfo Tito Yllana. The Meeting followed the 11 February Blessing of the Canberra Health Science Facilities and Dinner in honour of the contributions made to Senate by Most Reverend Christopher Prowse DD and Ms Moira Najdecki.

Part A – Procedural

1 Welcome to Country

The Welcome to Country was given by Arika Errington, Indigenous Student Success Officer in Dhara Daramoolen. Ms Errington presented the Canberra Campus *Welcome to Country* video as part of the thanks to the Ngunnawal people. Dr Tjanara Goreng Goreng, Research Scholar, Centre for Aboriginal Economic Policy Research, Australian National University and academic at ACU sang a traditional song from her country as part of the Welcome.

2 Welcome and apologies

The Chair welcomed Senators and attendees to the meeting.

The Chancellor welcomed the Student Member for 2020 to the meeting, Chanchal 'Preet' Kaur who is in the final year of a Bachelor of Laws/Bachelor of Arts at the Mackillop Campus. The Chancellor stated that Ms Kaur is engaged in numerous leadership roles within the University, as an ACU ambassador and a competition director for the Mackillop Law Society and a fourth-year representative. Ms Kaur has also been involved in the Refugee Law Project.

Apologies as per above were received and noted.

3 Minutes of Meeting held on 4 December 2019

Text removed

Resolution S 2020/001

The Minutes of Meeting 06/2019 (4 December) of Senate were confirmed as a true and accurate record, as detailed in Document 3.

4 Business Arising

4.1 Freedom of Speech, Item 12.1 from Minutes

The Chancellor stated that this item would be referred to the April Meeting.

4.1 Strategic Plan Key Performance Indicators, Item 12.1 from Minutes

The Chancellor stated that this item would be referred to the April Meeting.

5 Register of Interests

1. Text removed

Part B – For Discussion (Governance and Strategy)

6 Chancellor's Report

6.1 Achievement against Focus Areas (2019)

(Vice-Chancellor and President)

The Vice-Chancellor spoke to, and Senate discussed, the Report on the 2019 Achievement against Focus Areas.

Resolution S 2020/002

Senate noted the Achievement against Focus Areas (2019) for the Vice-Chancellor & President, as detailed in Document 6.1

6.2 Vice-Chancellor and President's 2020 Focus Areas

The Vice-Chancellor spoke to, and Senate discussed, the Report on the 2020 Focus Areas (Vice-Chancellor & President).

Resolution S 2020/003

Senate noted and endorsed the Vice-Chancellor & President's 2020 Focus Areas, as detailed in Document 6.2.

6.3 Tabled publications

Senators received:

- ♦ ACU Constitution;
- ♦ 2020 Campus Ministry Staff and Student booklets;
- ♦ *ACU Art Collection: A New Perspective*

6.4 Retirement of Justice James Douglas from the Supreme Court of Queensland

The Chancellor acknowledged Justice James Douglas' retirement from the Supreme Court of Queensland and Senators offered their sincere congratulations.

7 Confidential Item

8 Vice-Chancellor and President's Report

The Vice-Chancellor spoke to the Report which included:

- ♦ Text removed
- ♦ NSW Higher Education Strategy
- ♦ Government, Policy and Strategy Report
- ♦ ACU Media Reports
- ♦ Gender Equity Initiatives Report
- ♦ Staff Appointments and Reappointments
- ♦ Text removed
- ♦ Media Reports
- ♦ Vice-Chancellor's external engagements, hosted events and speeches
- ♦ Reports from the Provost; Chief Operating Officer; Vice President; Deputy Vice-Chancellor, Research; Deputy Vice-Chancellor, Education and Innovation; Deputy Vice-Chancellor, Co-ordination

8.1 Confidential Item

8.2 Retirement of Provost, Professor Pauline Nugent

The Vice-Chancellor advised that Professor Pauline Nugent would resign as Provost of the University effective 31 August 2020. Professor Nugent had been appointed Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Academic) in 2011 and Provost in 2012. The Vice-Chancellor undertook to provide an update to Senate on 08 April about future plans regarding the role of Provost. Various events would be held in honour of Professor Nugent to recognise her contributions to the University.

8.3 Naming of the Blacktown Campus

Senate discussed options for the naming of the Blacktown Campus.

Resolution S 2020/006

Senate approved the name *St Josephine Bakhita Campus*, for the Blacktown Campus.

8.4 Enrolments

The Vice-Chancellor provided an update on, and Senate discussed, the University's enrolments.

Resolution S 2020/009

Senate noted the Vice-Chancellor's Report, as detailed in Document 8.

9 Confidential Item

10 Melbourne Campus Development

Dr Weller outlined performance against the timelines and budgets for the Saint Teresa of Kolkata Building and the 81 Victoria Parade building project on the Melbourne Campus.

11 Blacktown Campus Development

Dr Weller spoke to the Blacktown Campus Development Report.

12 Student Services and Amenities Fee Report

Dr Weller spoke to the use of funds in 2019 and planned allocations for 2020 as contained in the Student Services and Amenities Fee Report. Dr Weller also outlined the revised process and timeline for engaging with ACUNSA (ACU National Student Association) in relation to the identification of priorities for the use of funds.

Resolution S 2020/011

Senate noted the Student Services and Amenities Fee Report for 2019/2020, as detailed in Document 12.

13 Governance

13.1 Statute 2.5 (Governing Bodies – The Academic Board)

Dr Weller provided the background for the proposed amendments to Statute 2.5 (Governing Bodies – The Academic Board).

Resolution S 2020/007

Senate:

1. approved the amendments to Statute 2.5 as detailed in Appendix 1 of Document 13.1; and
2. approved a consequential amendment to Statute 9.1.14(g) as detailed in this paper.

13.2 Contract Execution Register

Dr Weller spoke to the Contract Execution Register for the period November 2019 to January 2020.

Resolution S 2020/008

Senate noted the Contract Execution Register for contracts executed pursuant to section 127(1) of the Corporations Act for the period 20 November 2019 to 22 January 2020, as detailed in Document 13.1.

13.3 Senate Review

Dr Weller provided an update in relation to the independent review of Senate and academic governance which would be conducted during 2020 under the lead of Professor John Nyland and stated that Professor Niland would attend the April meeting of Senate.

13.4 Chapter Reports

13.4.1 New South Wales

No Report for this meeting.

13.4.2 Victoria

Senate noted the Report from the 19 November 2019 Meeting of the Victorian Chapter.

13.4.3 Queensland

No Report for this meeting.

13.4.4 ACT

Senate noted the Report from 5 December 2019 Meeting of the ACT Chapter.

Resolution S 2020/012

Senate noted the Reports received from the Victorian Chapter (Meeting of 19 November 2019) and ACT Chapter (Meeting of 5 December 2019).

Part C – For Discussion (Reporting Committees)

14 Academic Board

Professor Hillel spoke to the Report of the Academic Board meeting of 27 November 2019.

Resolution S 2020/013

Senate noted the Report from the Academic Board meeting of 27 November 2019, as detailed in Document 14.

15 Sub-Committees of Senate

15.1 Finance and Resources Committee

No report since the last meeting of Senate.

15.2 Audit and Risk Committee

No report since the last meeting of Senate.

15.3 Senate Standing Committee

The Chancellor outlined the areas of discussion from the 11 February 2020 Meeting of the Senate Standing Committee, including:

- ♦ the skills matrix;
- ♦ Chapter and Panel positions;
- ♦ Upcoming staff elections to be held during February/March;
- ♦ Sub-Committee membership;
- ♦ Delegations Policy.

Refer Agenda Item 7 (Vice-Chancellor & President Remuneration).

15.4 Honorary Awards Committee

The Chancellor indicated that there had been no report since the last meeting of Senate; and that the next meeting would be held subsequent to the Senate Meeting (12 February).

Part D – For Noting

16 Actions Register

Refer Business Arising (Agenda Item 4).

17 General Business

17.1 Confidential Item

17.2 Coronavirus

Senate discussed the sector response to Nova Coronavirus and the response which had been taken by ACU in communication with students and staff. The University was focused on safeguarding the health and safety of the university and broader communities, while trying to minimise disruption to study, exams and assessment on students.

18 Next Meeting

It was noted that the next meeting of Senate would be held on Wednesday, 8 April 2020 at the MacKillop Campus in North Sydney.

19 Closing Prayer

Senators recited the Closing Prayer.

The Meeting closed at 3.05 pm.

