

SENATE

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Meeting 03/2021 of Senate was held from 10:30am on Wednesday 22 April 2021 in Room 420.5.41, Mary Glowrey Building, St Patrick’s Campus (Melbourne).

The meeting was preceded by a presentation at 9:00am on developments with the Teresa of Kolkata Building which was followed by a brief tour of the building site. Senators then participated in a campus Anzac Day Memorial service at 10:00am at the Flagpoles. The meeting proper commenced at 10:30am.

At 5:30pm, Senators were invited to be part of Mass at St Patrick’s Cathedral, celebrated by Archbishop Peter Comensoli DD which was followed by the Vice-Chancellor’s Inaugural Lecture which commenced at 7:00pm in the Philippa Brazill Lecture Theatre.

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
The Hon. James Douglas (apology for start of meeting due to flight arriving 9.30 am)
Mr Stephen Elder OAM KSS
Mr Ross Fox
Associate Professor Elspeth Froude
Ms Emily Ginis
Mr Gerard Goodwin-Moore
Mr Tim Kirk
Professor Tim McKenry
Dr Judith Norris
The Hon. Barbara Perry
Dr Josephine Ryan
Ms Annette Schmiede
Ms Bernadette Steele

Apologies: Dr Diane Barker, Director, Governance
Mr Karl Morris AO

Attendees present: Mr Justin Alcorn, Project Manager, Watpac Construction Pty Ltd (for Agenda Item 8, Melbourne Campus Development) and construction site tour
Father Anthony Casamento csma, Vice-President & Director, Identity and Mission (for Agenda Item 9, Presentation)
Ms Simone Chetcuti, Director, Office of Vice-Chancellor and President
Mr John Kouris, State Development Manager (VIC/SA) (for Agenda Item 8, Melbourne Campus Development) and construction site tour
Mr Hugh McCuaig, Governance Officer
Professor Belinda Tynan, Provost
Dr Stephen Weller, Secretary and Chief Operating Officer

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Part A - PROCEDURAL													
1.	Welcome and Apologies												
2.	Acknowledgment of Country and Opening Prayer												
	<p>The Acknowledgement of Country was given by Mr Kirk.</p> <p>The Opening Prayer was led by Archbishop Fisher together with Senators.</p>												
3.	Minutes												
3.1	Minutes of Meeting held on 11 February 2021												
	<i>Resolution S 2021/024 Senate confirmed the Minutes of Meeting 01/2021 (11 February) of Senate as a true and accurate record.</i>												
3.2	Minute from Meeting of 7 April 2021 (Directors Report and Financial Statements for 2020)												
	<i>Resolution S 2021/025 Senate confirmed the Minute of Meeting 02/2021 (7 April) of Senate (2020 Directors Report and Financial Statements) as a true and accurate record.</i>												
4.	Business Arising												
4.1	Voting on resolutions at meetings												
	Item 6.3 from Meeting 01/2021 (11 February) (refer Item 10.5 of Minutes).												
5.	Register of Interests												
	Text removed												
Part B – FOR DISCUSSION (GOVERNANCE AND STRATEGY)													
6.	Acting Chancellor's Report												
	<p>The Acting Chancellor provided a summary of the events in which he had participated since the February meeting in his capacity as Acting Chancellor:</p> <table border="1" style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <tbody> <tr> <td style="text-align: center;">Wednesday 24 February</td> <td>The Annual Hon Barry O'Keefe AM QC DUniv (HonorisCausa) (ACU) Virtual Memorial Lecture</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="text-align: center;">Friday 26 February</td> <td>Sydney Catholic Business Network Lunch</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="text-align: center;">Monday 8 March</td> <td>Farewell for Professor Elizabeth Labone</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="text-align: center;">Friday 12 March</td> <td>Meeting with Mayor of Blacktown and Blessing and Opening of Australian Catholic University's Saint Josephine Bakhita Campus, Blacktown</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="text-align: center;">Tuesday 16 March</td> <td>ACU Victorian Chapter meeting</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="text-align: center;">Wednesday 17 March</td> <td>St Patrick's Day Morning Tea (Advancement and Alumni)</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	Wednesday 24 February	The Annual Hon Barry O'Keefe AM QC DUniv (HonorisCausa) (ACU) Virtual Memorial Lecture	Friday 26 February	Sydney Catholic Business Network Lunch	Monday 8 March	Farewell for Professor Elizabeth Labone	Friday 12 March	Meeting with Mayor of Blacktown and Blessing and Opening of Australian Catholic University's Saint Josephine Bakhita Campus, Blacktown	Tuesday 16 March	ACU Victorian Chapter meeting	Wednesday 17 March	St Patrick's Day Morning Tea (Advancement and Alumni)
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	Thursday 25 March	University Chancellors Committee meeting (webconference)
	Friday 26 March	Mass of Installation for Professor Zlatko Skrbis
	Thursday 8 and Friday 9 April	ACU Autumn Graduations, Ballarat
	Wednesday 14 April	Vice-Chancellors Welcome Liturgy, celebrated by Archbishop Christopher Prowse (Canberra)
	Thursday 15 April	ACU Autumn Graduations, Canberra
	Monday 19 April	ACU Chancellor search committee meeting
	Tuesday 20 April	PM Glynn Institute - Giving Circles
	Wednesday 21 April	Welcome Mass and Dinner for Australian Catholic University's Fourth Vice-Chancellor and President Professor Zlatko Skrbis (Ballarat)
6.1	Selection of Chancellor	
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	<i>Resolution S 2021/027</i> <i>Senate noted the Report from the Acting Chancellor.</i>	
7.	Vice-Chancellor and President's Report	
	<p>The Vice-Chancellor spoke to his Report which covered:</p> <p><i>Report on Significant Events</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mass of Installation – Friday, 26 March 2021 • Inaugural Ramsay Scholars Welcome and Presentation – Tuesday 16 March 2021 • McAuley Campus Welcome Reception Archbishop Coleridge – Wednesday 3 March 2021 • The Annual Hon Barry O'Keefe AM QC DUniv (HonorisCausa) lecture – Wednesday 24 February 2021 • Academic Board Governance Day – Tuesday 16 February 2021 <p>Specific discussion included the following topics:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Saint Josephine Bakhita Campus, Blacktown • Government Policy and Strategy Report • Federal Review of Initial Teacher Education • Enrolment Update • Joint 2021 John Henry Newman Lecture – ACU and UNDA • Week of Action in support of the Uluru Statement from the Heart • Gender Equality • QILT (Quality Indicators for Learning & Teaching) Results • Adelaide Campus • Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Research) retirement • Executive Dean of Faculty of Health Sciences appointment • Executive Dean of Faculty of Education and Arts recruitment • Executive Remuneration Review • Commercial Activities Report • Aligning ACU's Budget with Priority Settings • Universities Australia (UA) Review • Philanthropy and Advancement • Travel Policy update 	

		<i>Resolution S 2021/028</i> <i>Senate received the Report from the Vice-Chancellor and President.</i>	
7.1	Emerging Initiatives		
	7.1.1	Ageing and Aged Care in Australia	
		The Vice-Chancellor introduced the theme of <i>Ageing and Aged Care in Australia</i> as an emerging opportunity to be adopted by the University.	
		<i>Resolution S 2021/029</i> <i>Senate noted the Emerging Initiatives discussion paper Ageing and Aged Care in Australia.</i>	
7.2	COVID-19 Recovery Budget Progress Report		
	Dr Weller spoke to the March COVID-19 Recovery Budget Progress Report.		
	<i>Resolution S 2021/030</i> <i>Senate noted the March 2021 COVID-19 Budget Progress Report.</i>		
8.	Melbourne Campus Development		
	A presentation on developments with the Teresa of Kolkata Building, as detailed in Attachment 8, was given by Mr John Kouris, State Development Manager (VIC/SA). Mr Kouris was accompanied by Mr Justin Alcorn, Project Manager, Watpac Construction Pty Ltd.		
	<i>Resolution S 2021/031</i> <i>Senate noted the Melbourne Campus Development Progress presentation, as detailed in Document 8.</i>		
9.	Portfolio Update: Vice-President and Identity and Mission		
	A presentation was given by Fr Anthony Casamento providing an update for the Vice-President portfolio encompassing Identity & Mission, The La Salle Academy, Campus Ministry, ACU Engagement, Centre for Liturgy and the Rome Campus.		
	<i>Resolution S 2021/032</i> <i>Senate noted the presentation given by the Vice-President, Fr Anthony Casamento CSMA, Update for the Vice-President portfolio, as detailed in Document 9.</i>		
10.	Governance		
	10.1	Corporate Governance Review Report	
		Dr Weller spoke to the Corporate Governance Review Report. It was agreed that the Review Report should be referred to Senate Planning Day scheduled for 4-5 August. Text removed	
		<i>Resolution S 2021/033</i> <i>Senate noted the Independent Review of Corporate Governance at Australian Catholic University Report by John Niland AC Professor Emeritus, Jan – Dec 2020, as detailed in Document 10.1.</i>	
	10.2	Constitution Review	
		Dr Weller spoke to the Constitution Review document. Text removed	
		<i>Resolution S 2021/034</i>	

		<i>Senate noted the discussion paper prepared for the Annual General Meeting of Corporation Members to be held on 5 May 2021 in relation to the review of the Constitution of Australian Catholic University Limited, as detailed in Document 10.2.</i>
10.3	ACU Strategic Plan 2020 – 2023 Year in Review 2020 Performance Report	
	Dr Weller spoke to the ACU Strategic Plan 2020 – 2023 Year in Review 2020 Performance Report.	
	<i>Resolution S 2021/035 Senate noted the ACU Strategic Plan 2020 – 2023 Year in Review 2020 Performance Report.</i>	
10.4	Freedom of Speech and Intellectual Freedom	
	Dr Weller spoke to the Freedom of Speech and Intellectual Freedom document. Dr Weller referred to the passage of the Higher Education Support Amendment (Freedom of Speech) Bill 2020 through the Parliament on 15 March 2021 which had the effect of substituting the concept of 'free intellectual inquiry in learning, teaching and research' with 'freedom of speech and academic freedom'; and inserting a definition of 'academic freedom' into the HES Act.	
	<i>Resolution S 2021/036 Senate noted the amendments to the Higher Education Support Act 2003 (Cth) and the foreshadowed amendments to Statute 13 – Freedom of Speech and Intellectual Freedom, as detailed in Document 10.4.</i>	
10.5	Voting on and Recording Resolutions of Senate	
	Dr Weller spoke to the document, <i>Voting on and Recording Resolutions of Senate</i> . It was agreed that this item be referred to the 9 June Meeting and incorporates protocols for circular resolutions (Agenda Items 6.3 from meeting of 11 February 2021 and 13.1 from the 3 December 2020 meetings refer).	
10.6	Confidential Item	
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10.7	Statute 2 Governing Bodies	
	Dr Weller spoke to proposed amendments to Statute 2.3 (Audit and Risk Committee) and Statute 2.5 (Academic Board).	
	10.7.1	Statute 2.3 The Audit and Risk Committee
		<i>Resolution S 2021/038 Senate approved amendments to Statute 2.3 Audit and Risk Committee, as detailed in Document 12.1.</i>
	10.7.2	Statute 2.5 The Academic Board
		It was agreed that the Agenda Item, Statute 2.5 (The Academic Board) be referred to the 9 June meeting.

10.8	Regulations for Honorary Degrees	
	Dr Weller spoke to proposed amendments to the Regulations for Honorary Degree to extend the nominations process to ACU Alumni.	
	<i>Resolution S 2021/039</i> <i>Senate approved amendments to the:</i> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <i>i. Regulations for the Award of the Honorary Degree of Doctor of the University and Doctor of Laws, as detailed in Appendix 1; and</i> <i>ii. Regulations for the Award of the Honorary Degree of Master of Arts, as detailed in Appendix 2 of Document 10.8.</i> 	
10.9	Work Health and Safety Report	
	Senate noted the 1st Quarter 2021 Work Health and Safety Report would be referred to the 9 June meeting.	
10.10	Contract Execution Register	
	Dr Weller spoke to Contract Execution Register Report for the period 26 January 2021 to 6 April 2021.	
	<i>Resolution S 2021/040</i> <i>Senate noted the Contract Execution Register for contracts executed pursuant to section 127(1) of the Corporations Act for the period 26 January 2021 to 6 April 2021.</i>	
10.11	Chapter Reports	
	Senate noted the following Chapter Reports.	
	10.11.1	New South Wales
		Report from 1 March 2021 Meeting of the NSW Chapter.
	10.11.2	Victoria
		Report from 16 March 2021 Meeting of the Victorian Chapter.
	10.11.3	Queensland
		No report since last meeting
	10.11.4	ACT
		Report from 11 March 2021 Meeting of the ACT Chapter.
	<i>Resolution S 2021/041</i> <i>Senate received and noted the Reports from the 1 March 2021 Meeting of the NSW Chapter, 16 March 2021 Meeting of the Victorian Chapter and the 11 March 2021 Meeting of the ACT Chapter.</i>	

Part C – FOR DISCUSSION (REPORTING COMMITTEES)	
11.	Academic Board
11.1	Report from Meeting of 17 February 2021
	Professor McKenry spoke to the Report from the Academic Board from its meeting of 17 February 2021.
	<i>Resolution S 2021/042 Senate received and noted the Report from the Academic Board from its Meeting of 17 February 2021.</i>
11.2	Report from Meeting of 17 March 2021
	Professor McKenry spoke to the Report from the Academic Board from its meeting of 17 March 2021
	<i>Resolution S 2021/043 Senate received and noted the Report from the Academic Board from its Meeting of 17 March 2021.</i>
11.2.1	Academic Integrity Review
	<i>Resolution S 2021/044 Senate approved the Response Plan to the Academic Integrity Review.</i>
11.2.2	Living and Learning Community Strategy
	<i>Resolution S 2021/045 Senate approved the Living and Learning Community Strategy from the Chief Operating Officer's Portfolio.</i>
11.2.3	Student Life Strategy
	<i>Resolution S 2021/046 Senate approved the Student Life Strategy from the Chief Operating Officer's Portfolio.</i>
11.2.4	Sport Health and Wellbeing Strategy
	<i>Resolution S 2021/047 Senate approved the Sport Health and Wellbeing Strategy from the Chief Operating Officer's Portfolio.</i>
11.2.5	Master of Teaching (Primary) (Leading Learning)
	<i>Resolution S 2021/048 Senate approved the new course proposal, Master of Teaching (Primary) (Leading Learning), to be offered in multi-mode at the Melbourne campus, for implementation from Summer Term 2022.</i>
11.2.6	Master of Digital Health
	<i>Resolution S 2021/049 Senate approved the new course proposal, Master of Digital Health, to be offered online from Semester 2, 2021.</i>

	11.2.7	Graduate Diploma in Digital Health
		<i>Resolution S 2021/050 Senate approved the new course proposal, Graduate Diploma in Digital Health, to be offered online from Semester 2, 2021.</i>
	11.2.8	Graduate Certificate in Digital Health
		<i>Resolution S 2021/051 Senate approved the new course proposal, Graduate Certificate in Digital Health, to be offered online from Semester 2, 2021.</i>
	11.3	Confidential Item
12.	Sub-Committees of Senate	
	12.1	Senate Standing Committee
		Meeting of 9 February 2021 The Acting Chancellor spoke to the Report from the Senate Standing Committee from its Meeting of 9 February 2021.
		<i>Resolution S 2021/053 Senate received and noted the Report from the Senate Standing Committee from its Meeting of 9 February 2021.</i>
	12.2	Senate Standing Committee
		Minute of Item considered out of session, <i>Confidential Item.</i>
	12.3	Finance and Resources Committee
		Meeting of 22 March 2021 The Acting Chancellor spoke to the Report from the Finance and Resources Committee from its Meeting of 22 March 2021.

	12.3.1	Confidential Item
	12.3.2	Online Education Strategy
		It was agreed that Agenda Item 12.3.2, Online Education Strategy, be referred to the 9 June meeting.
		<i>Resolution S 2021/056 Senate received and noted the Report from the Finance and Resources Committee from its Meeting of 22 March 2021.</i>
12.4	Finance and Resources Committee	
	Minute of Confidential Item	
12.5	Audit and Risk Committee	
	Meeting of 15 March 2021	
	Dr Weller spoke to the Report from the Audit and Risk Committee from its Meeting of 15 March 2021.	
	<i>Resolution S 2021/058 Senate received and noted the Report from the Audit and Risk Committee from its Meeting of 15 March 2021.</i>	
12.6	Honorary Awards Committee	
	The Acting Chancellor spoke to the Report from the Honorary Awards Committee from its meeting of 11 February 2021. The report included recommendations in relation to amendments to the Regulations for Honorary Awards, as addressed substantively at Agenda Item 10.8	
	12.6.1	Doctor of Laws recommendation: Professor Greg Craven AO GCSG
		<i>Resolution S 2021/059 Senate approved that the Honorary Degree of Doctor of Laws be awarded to Professor Greg Craven AO GCSG in recognition of a life of outstanding service to the community, the Catholic Church and, in particular, his contribution to Australian Catholic University as Vice-Chancellor from 2008 to 2021.</i>

	12.6.2	Emeritus Professor recommendation: Professor Michelle Campbell
		<i>Resolution S 2021/060 Senate approved that the honorary title of Emeritus Professor be granted to Professor Michelle Campbell.</i>
		<i>Resolution S 2021/061 Senate received and noted the Report from the Honorary Awards Committee from its Meeting of 11 February 2021.</i>
Part D – FOR NOTING		
13.	General Business	
	13.1	Confidential Item
	13.2	Amendment to Minutes from Meeting of 3 December 2020
		<i>Resolution S 2021/062 Senate noted an amendment to the minutes from Meeting 06/2020 (3 December) whereby Dr Doseena Fergie OAM should not have been recorded as an apology as the date of resignation preceded the meeting date.</i>
14.	Closing Prayer	
	Senators read the Closing Prayer.	
15.	Close of Meeting and Next Meeting	
	The Meeting closed at 3.05 pm. Senators noted the next meeting of Senate is scheduled for Wednesday, 9 June at the MacKillop Campus (North Sydney).	