

SENATE

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Non-Confidential Minutes

Meeting 04/2021 of Senate was held at 9:45 am on Wednesday 9 June 2021 in the Peter Cosgrove Centre, Tenison Woods House, 8 Napier Street, North Sydney Campus (MacKillop). The meeting was chaired from the Office of the Campus Dean, Ballarat Campus (Aquinas). The meeting was held on the two campuses with the use of webconference primarily for Victorian Senators noting State border restrictions at the time of the meeting. The Meeting was preceded by Mass in the John Fahey Memorial Chapel of Our Lady Seat of Wisdom for North Sydney Senators and attendees.

The meeting was followed by the renaming event for the Chapel on the MacKillop Campus to the *John Fahey Memorial Chapel of Our Lady Seat of Wisdom*, and Blessing of the new commemorative plaques which had been placed outside the Chapel and which include a biography of the former Chancellor's life.

Members present: Mr Julien O'Connell AO, Pro-Chancellor, Acting Chancellor and Chair (Ballarat Campus)
Professor Zlatko Skrbis, Vice-Chancellor and President (North Sydney Campus)
Most Reverend Anthony Fisher OP, Archbishop of Sydney (North Sydney Campus)
The Hon. James Douglas, Panel Nominee (Queensland) (North Sydney Campus)
Mr Stephen Elder OAM KSS, Chapter Nominee (Victoria) (webconference)
Mr Ross Fox, Chapter Nominee (ACT) (North Sydney Campus)
Associate Professor Elspeth Froude, elected Academic Staff member (North Sydney Campus)
Ms Emily Ginis, Student Member (North Sydney Campus)
Mr Gerard Goodwin-Moore, elected Professional Staff member (North Sydney Campus)
Mr Tim Kirk, Panel Nominee (ACT) (webconference)
Professor Tim McKenry, Chair, Academic Board (webconference)
Mr Karl Morris AO, Chapter Nominee (Queensland) (North Sydney Campus) (to 12.00 pm)
Dr Judith Norris, elected Academic Staff member (North Sydney Campus)
The Hon. Barbara Perry, Panel Nominee (NSW) (North Sydney Campus)
Dr Josephine Ryan, elected Academic Staff member (webconference)
Ms Annette Schmiede, Chapter Nominee (NSW) (North Sydney Campus)
Ms Bernadette Steele, Panel Nominee (Victoria) (webconference)

Apologies: None

Attendees present: Professor Hayden Ramsay, Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Co-ordination) (for Item 9) (North Sydney Campus)
Mr Patrick Langrell, Senior Manager, Operations and Programs, Co-ordination Portfolio (for Item 9) (North Sydney Campus)
Professor Belinda Tynan, Provost (Ballarat Campus)
Dr Stephen Weller, Secretary and Chief Operating Officer (North Sydney Campus)
Ms Simone Chetcuti, Director, Office of Vice-Chancellor and President (North Sydney Campus)
Mr Hugh McCuaig, Governance Officer (North Sydney Campus)

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Procedural Matters	
☆	1. Welcome and Apologies
	The Acting Chancellor welcomed Senators and attendees to the meeting.
☆	2. Acknowledgment of Country and Opening Prayer
	Mr Morris provided the Acknowledgement of Country. Senators and attendees read the Opening Prayer.
☆	3. Register of Interests
	No interests were declared.
☆	4. Starring of Items
	<i>Resolution S 2021/063</i> <i>Senate adopted the proposed resolutions against unstarred items.</i>
☆	5. Minutes
	<i>Resolution S 2021/064</i> <i>Senate confirmed the Minutes of Meeting 03/2021 (22 April) of Senate as a true and accurate record.</i>
☆	6. Business Arising
	6.1 Constitution Review
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	6.2 Confidential Item

Standing Items and Presentations		
☆	7.	Acting Chancellor's Report
		<p>The Acting Chancellor provided a summary of the events in which he had participated since the April Meeting including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ♦ Sydney Catholic Business Network Lunch ♦ 'Partners discussion regarding Aged Care Royal Commission outcomes' meeting ♦ Universities Australia Conference 2021 (Virtual) ♦ ACU Committee of Identity Meeting and ACU 2021 Annual General Meeting ♦ PM Glynn Advisory Council meeting ♦ Launch of the permanent exhibit, American Visionary: John F. Kennedy's Life and Times ♦ Civic Reception to mark the Centennial Celebrations of the United Grand Lodge of Ancient, Free and Accepted Masons of Queensland
	7.1	Selection of Chancellor
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		<i>Resolution S 2021/067</i> <i>Senate noted the progress report for the Selection of Chancellor.</i>
☆	8.	Vice-Chancellor and President's Report
	8.1	Report from Vice-Chancellor (incorporates Appendices 8.1.1 to 8.1.5)
		<p>The Vice-Chancellor spoke to his report including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ♦ Virtual Meeting with Pope Francis ♦ Turning a 200-year legacy into a blueprint for the next generation ♦ Father Anthony Casamento appointed to Editorial Board of Education Catholica ♦ Catholic Precinct/Hub in the Blacktown CBD ♦ ACU joins Business Western Sydney ♦ Saint Josephine Bakhita Blacktown Campus Update ♦ Waratah Research Network ♦ Accolades for ACU researchers ♦ Significant Appointments ♦ Advancement and Alumni Update ♦ Commonwealth Budget 2021-22 ♦ International education: ten-year strategy and shorter-term planning ♦ Victorian State Budget 2021-22 ♦ Victorian Higher Education Strategic Infrastructure Fund (VHESIF) ♦ Federal Inquiry into Initial Teacher Education ♦ TEQSA consultation: assessment of research quality at Australian Universities ♦ NSW State Government Hansard ♦ Student Enrolment Update – Load vs Target ♦ Gender Equality Initiatives Report, Q1, 2021

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ♦ Report on Significant Events ♦ Political Engagement ♦ Key Correspondence <p>Text removed</p>
		<p><i>Resolution S 2021/068</i> <i>Senate received the Report from the Vice-Chancellor and President.</i></p>
	8.2	Digital Education
		Refer presentation from Provost (Agenda Item 10).
	8.3	Facts and Figures
		Refer presentation from Provost (Agenda Item 10).
	8.4	Emerging Initiatives
		<i>Supporting Veterans and their Families</i>
		<p>The Vice-Chancellor spoke to the document <i>VC Submission to Senate – Supporting Veterans and their Families</i>. The Vice-Chancellor outlined the basis for ACU to support Australia’s ex-service personnel including assistance with integration in areas such as education, employment, and social life enabling transition into civilian life. The Vice-Chancellor stated that the university is unique in terms of its capacity to support the educational and wellbeing needs of veterans and their families. The Vice-Chancellor updated Senate on the range of activities which ACU is currently undertaking to assist Australian veterans (including skills development, support services, partnerships) and introduced discussion in terms of how the programs could be expanded in addition to discussion around associated issues and/or risks which need to be considered.</p>
☆	9.	Presentation: Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Coordination)
		<p>The Acting Chancellor welcomed Professor Hayden Ramsay, Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Co-ordination) and Patrick Langrell, Senior Manager, Operations & Programs, Co-ordination Portfolio to the meeting. Prof Ramsay spoke to the presentation which covered Campus Leadership, Institutes, Church Relations/Catholic Networks, and Libraries / First People and Ethics. Prof Ramsay introduced Senators to the ACU Ethics Strategy and the objectives of, and audiences for, <i>EthicsFinder</i> which is an expertly curated ethics search engine hosted by ACU. Mr Langrell provided detail and a demonstration of the site. Senate congratulated Prof Ramsay, Mr Langrell and collaborating ACU staff on the initiative.</p>
☆	10.	Presentation: Provost (incorporates items under Vice-Chancellor’s Report)
		<p>The Provost provided a presentation which included student enrolments against load, enrolment planning, student engagement, introduction of Intelliboard (new reporting plugin) in the student administration system, student retention. In regard to online learning, the presentation evolving student demand for online learning, online learning objectives and strategy informed by considerations of equity of access to education</p>

	across a range of communities and demographic groups and program diversification. Text removed
Items for Approval	
11.	Report from the Academic Board
	Resolution S 2021/069 Senate received and noted the Report from the Academic Board from its Meeting of 12 May 2021.
11.1	Graduate Diploma in Design and Technologies Education
	<i>Resolution S 2021/070 Senate approved the new course proposal for the Graduate Diploma in Design and Technologies Education, to be offered at Strathfield Campus, for implementation from Semester 2, 2021.</i>
11.2	Graduate Certificate in Aged Care Management
	<i>Resolution S 2021/071 Senate approved the new course proposal for the Graduate Certificate in Aged Care Management, to be offered online by ACU, from Semester 2, 2021.</i>
11.3	Diploma in Exercise Science
	<i>Resolution S 2021/072 Senate approved the new course proposal for the Diploma in Exercise Science, to be offered on the Blacktown, Brisbane and Melbourne campuses, for implementation from Semester 1, 2022.</i>
11.4	Graduate Certificate in Culinary Nutrition Science
	<i>Resolution S 2021/073 Senate approved the new course proposal for the Graduate Certificate in Culinary Nutrition Science, to be offered on the Melbourne and North Sydney campuses, for implementation from Professional Term 2, 2022.</i>
11.5	Master of Dietetic Practice
	<i>Resolution S 2021/074 Senate approved the new course proposal for the Master of Dietetic Practice, to be offered on the Melbourne and North Sydney campuses, for implementation from Professional Term 2, 2022.</i>

11.6	Master of Sports and Exercise Physiotherapy
	<i>Resolution S 2021/075 Senate approved the new course proposal for the Master of Sports and Exercise Physiotherapy and Exit only Awards (Graduate Certificate in Sports and Exercise Physiotherapy and Graduate Diploma in Sports and Exercise Physiotherapy), to be offered online with on-campus intensive components at the Ballarat, Brisbane, Melbourne and North Sydney campuses, and offshore to approved cohorts for implementation from Semester 1, 2022.</i>
11.7	Master of Sports and Exercise Physiotherapy / Master of High Performance Sport
	<i>Resolution S 2021/076 Senate approved the new course proposal for the Master of Sports and Exercise Physiotherapy/Master of High Performance Sport,, to be offered online with on-campus intensive components at the Ballarat, Brisbane, Melbourne and North Sydney campuses, and offshore to approved cohorts for implementation from Semester 1, 2022.</i>
11.8	Diploma in Biomedical Science
	<i>Resolution S 2021/077 Senate approved the new course proposal for the Diploma in Biomedical Science, to be offered on the Brisbane, Melbourne and North Sydney campuses, for implementation from Semester 1, 2022.</i>
11.9	Diploma in Nutrition Science
	<i>Resolution S 2021/078 Senate approved the new course proposal for the Diploma in Nutrition Science, to be offered on the Blacktown, Melbourne and North Sydney campuses, for implementation from Semester 1, 2022.</i>
11.1	Diploma in Business
	<i>Resolution S 2021/079 Senate approved the new course proposal for the Diploma in Business, to be offered on the Ballarat, Blacktown, Brisbane, Canberra, Melbourne, North Sydney and Strathfield campuses, for implementation from Semester 1, 2022.</i>
11.1	Diploma in Information Technology
	<i>Resolution S 2021/080 Senate approved the new course proposal for the Diploma in Information Technology, to be offered on the Ballarat, Blacktown, Brisbane, Canberra, Melbourne, North Sydney and Strathfield campuses, for implementation from Semester 1, 2022.</i>

12.	Report from the Senate Standing Committee	
	<i>Resolution S 2021/081</i> <i>Senate received the Report from the Senate Standing Committee from its Meeting of 11 May 2021.</i>	
	12.1	Statute 8 Elections
		<i>Resolution S 2021/082</i> <i>Senate approved the introduction of Statute 8.4—Elections to the Committees of Academic Board, and the amendments to Statutes 8.1 and 8.3, as detailed in Appendices 1–3 of Document 12.1.</i>
13.	Report from the Audit and Risk Committee	
	<i>Resolution S 2021/083</i> <i>Senate received the Report from the Audit and Risk Committee from its Meeting of 12 May 2021.</i>	
	13.1	Risk Appetite Maturity Program
		<i>Resolution S 2021/084</i> <i>Senate approved the Risk Appetite Maturity Program.</i>
	13.2	Modern Slavery Statement 2021
		<i>Resolution S 2021/085</i> <i>Senate approved the Modern Slavery Statement 2021.</i>
14.	Voting on and Recording Resolutions of Senate – and Circular Resolutions	
	<i>Resolution S 2021/086</i> <i>Senate approved amendments to Statute 1.2: Meetings, as detailed in Appendix 1 of Document 13.</i>	
Items for Noting		
15.	Report from Finance and Resources Committee	
	<i>Resolution S 2021/087</i> <i>Senate received the Report from the Finance and Resources Committee from its Meeting of 17 May 2021.</i>	
16.	Honorary Awards Committee (no report)	
17.	State Chapters	
	17.1	No report from the NSW Chapter
	17.2	No report from the Victorian Chapter
	17.3	<i>Resolution S 2021/088</i> <i>Senate noted the Report from the Queensland Chapter from its meeting of 18 May 2021.</i>
	17.4	No report from the ACT Chapter

18.	Strategic Plan Performance Report (1st Quarter 2021)	
	<i>Resolution S 2021/089</i> <i>Senate noted the Performance Report against the Strategic Plan 2020-2023 for the 1st Quarter 2021.</i>	
19.	Student Experience and Outcomes Report (1st Quarter 2021)	
	<i>Resolution S 2021/090</i> <i>Senate noted the Student Experience and Outcomes Report for the 1st Quarter 2021.</i>	
20.	Melbourne Campus Development	
	<i>Resolution S 2021/091</i> <i>Senate noted the Melbourne Campus Development Progress Report.</i>	
21.	Contract Execution Register	
	<i>Resolution S 2021/092</i> <i>Senate noted the Contract Execution Register for contracts executed pursuant to section 127(1) of the Corporations Act for the period 7 April 2021 to 21 May 2021.</i>	
22.	Work, Health and Safety Report	
	<i>Resolution S 2021/093</i> <i>Senate noted the Work Health and Safety Report, 1st Quarter 2021.</i>	
General Business and Close of Meeting		
23.	General Business	
	23.1	Confidential item
		<i>Text removed</i>
24.	Closing Prayer	
	Senators read the Closing Prayer.	
	The meeting closed at 2.25 pm. It was noted that the next meeting is on 4 August on the Brisbane Campus (McAuley).	