

WESTERN SYDNEY UNIVERSITY



BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Minutes of meeting 2018/6 of the Board of Trustees of Western Sydney University, held at 8.00am on Wednesday 5 December 2018, Boardroom, Building EB.2.23, Parramatta campus.

Present:

Board of Trustees

Professor Peter Shergold AC (Chair and Chancellor)
Professor Barney Glover (Vice-Chancellor and President)
Ms Genevieve Gregor (Deputy Chancellor) (*via Zoom*)
Ms Kerry Stubbs (Deputy Chancellor)
Emeritus Professor MaryAnn Bin-Sallik AO
Mr Peeyush Gupta
Mr Christopher Brown AM (*arrived at 8.06am*)
Dr Linda O'Brien AM
Mr Joseph Carrozzi
Ms Alexandra Coleman
Dr Ben Etherington
Ms Nicole Gismondo
Dr David Harland
Ms Carmel Hourigan
Associate Professor Alpha Possamai-Inesedy (Chair of Academic Senate) (*arrived at 8.08am*)
Ms Holly Kramer

Apologies:

Ms Elizabeth Dibbs (Deputy Chancellor)
Ms Gabrielle Trainor AO
Ms Helen Fleming (University Secretary and General Counsel)

In Attendance:

Western Sydney University

Professor Denise Kirkpatrick (Deputy Vice-Chancellor, Academic) (*arrived at 10.00am*)
Mr Peter Pickering (Vice-President, Finance and Resources) (*arrived at 9.00am after item 2.1.1*)
Professor Sharon Bell (Deputy Vice-Chancellor, Strategy and Planning) (*arrived at 9.00am after item 2.1.1*)
Professor Scott Holmes (Senior Deputy Vice-Chancellor) (*arrived at 9.00am after item 2.1.1*)
Professor Deborah Sweeney (Deputy Vice-Chancellor, Research and Innovation) (*arrived at 9.00am after item 2.1.1*)
Mr Angelo Kourtis (Vice-President, People and Advancement) (*arrived at 9.00am after item 2.1.1*)
Ms Sophie Buck (Director, Office of Governance Services)
Ms Christine Sharpe (Executive Governance Officer) (Minutes)
Ms Teneille Rousianos (Administrative Assistant) (Meeting Support)

(*For Item 3.4 only*)

Mr Peter Forster

1. OPENING AND PROCEDURAL MATTERS

1.1 Welcome

The Chair welcomed members and observers, declared the meeting open and confirmed that there was a quorum present.

1.2 Apologies

The Board noted apologies from Ms Elizabeth Dibbs (Deputy Chancellor) and Ms Gabrielle Trainor AO.

1.3 Declarations of Material Interests

The Chair invited Board members to declare any new material interests in relation to any matters on the agenda or their role on the Board more generally.

The Chancellor advised that he has been appointed to the panel conducting the NSW Population Review which is expected to be completed by the end of 2018.

Mr Joseph Carrozzi advised that he is a member of the Football Federation and is no longer the Deputy Chairman for GWS Giants.

Dr Linda O'Brien advised that she is the Chair of the School of Life Foundation.

Mr Christopher Brown advised that he is the Chairman for the Canterbury/Bankstown Forum.

1.4 Confirmation of Minutes

The Board resolved as follows:

Resolution

The Board of Trustees approved the minutes and confidential minutes of its 10 October 2018 meeting.

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1.5 Action Sheets from Previous Meetings

The Board noted the actions taken on items listed.

1.6 Starring of Items

Resolution

The Board of Trustees approved all unstarred items as having been considered and noted, and their respective recommendations as adopted.

[5/12/2018:2]

1.7 Arrangement of Business

The following items were identified as being considered in closed session: 2.1.1, 2.2, 2.2.1, 3.1, 3.2, 3.3, 3.4, 3.5, 3.6, 4.1, 4.2, 4.3, 4.5 and 4.6.

2. CHANCELLOR'S AND VICE-CHANCELLOR'S REPORTS

2.1 Chancellor's Report [Open Session Item]

The Chancellor highlighted aspects of his written report, including his attendance as a speaker at the 'What Should Universities Be?' Symposium and the International Conference on Human Rights Education. The Chancellor agreed to circulate these speeches to the Board.

The Chancellor advised the Board that the Honourable Justice Robert French AC has been requested by the Government to prepare a report on freedom of expression in Australian higher education. Western Sydney University will make a submission by mid-January 2019.

The Chancellor advised the Board of an upcoming meeting with the Hon Dan Tehan MP regarding CGS Funding for 2019. The Chancellor agreed to circulate to Board members the letter from the University to the Minister.

2.1.1 Vice-Chancellor's Performance and University Achievements 2018 [Closed Session Item]

[Ms Genevieve Gregor joined the meeting via Zoom at 8.26am during this item].

This item was considered in closed session.

[The Senior Executive Group joined the meeting at 9.00am after this item].

2.1.2 Forward Item Schedule 2019 [Open Session Item]

The Board noted the 2019 Forward Planning Schedule, and welcomed the suggestion from the Chancellor that University speakers be invited to address topics of interest at a working lunch following each Board meeting in 2019.

2.2 Vice-Chancellor's Report [Closed Session Item]

This item was considered in closed session.

2.2.1 Vice-Chancellor's End of Year Report [Closed Session Item]

This item was considered in closed session.

3. SIGNIFICANT MATTERS FOR DELIBERATION OR APPROVAL

[Professor Kirkpatrick arrived at 10.00am during this item]

3.1 Western Sydney University Structures Progress Report and Concept Proposals November 2018 [Open Session Item]

The Vice-Chancellor introduced this item and thanked Professor Sharon Bell for her work on the project.

Professor Bell spoke to this item, highlighting that the proposed changes address the imperative for structural change outlined in previous reports to the Board. These changes are a necessary step toward the overarching goal of designing the most appropriate structure for a rapidly maturing University to meeting future needs.

The Vice-Chancellor discussed the rate of change within the University and reassured the Board that the University will continue to consult and engage with School and Institute staff. It was agreed that the Board will receive regular updates on the implementation.

[Professor Sharon Bell left the meeting at 10.15am after this item].

3.2 2019-2021 Proposed Budget Parameters [Closed Session Item]

This item was considered in closed session.

3.3 Board of Trustees and Committee Membership Matters [Closed Session Item]

This item was considered in closed session.

[Ms Genevieve Gregor left the meeting at 11.00am after this item].

3.4 Board Performance Review [Closed Session Item]

[Mr Peter Forster joined the meeting at 11.13am for this item]

This item was considered in closed session.

[Mr Peter Forster left the meeting at 11.27am after this item]

3.5 University Corpus: Governance and Operating Protocols [Closed Session Item]

This item was considered in closed session.

3.6 Western Growth - Update [Closed Session Item]

This item was considered in closed session.

4. BOARD COMMITTEES AND ADVISORY BODIES

4.1 Finance and Investment Committee [Closed Session Item]

This item was considered in closed session.

4.2 Audit and Risk Committee [Closed Session Item]

This item was considered in closed session.

4.3 University Infrastructure Committee [Closed Session Item]

This item was considered in closed session.

4.4 Academic Senate [Open Session Item]

The Chair of Academic Senate spoke to aspects of the written report, including the first meeting of the Senate Review Panel in November 2018. A progress report is anticipated by March 2019.

The Chair of Academic Senate informed Board members that a standing item titled "Student Voice" will be on the 2019 Senate agendas, designed to create a mechanism for student participation in, and feedback on, academic governance.

4.5 Board Executive Committee [Closed Session Item]

This item was considered in closed session.

4.6 External Relations Working Party [Closed Session Item]

This item was considered in closed session.

5. OTHER MATTERS FOR APPROVAL OR NOTING

5.1 Uses of the University Seal [Open Session Item]

Resolution

The Board of Trustees approved the affixing of the University Seal to those documents listed in the attached report, pursuant to the University Seal Usage Policy.

[5/12/2018:11]

5.2 Other Business

The Chancellor and Vice-Chancellor thanked the Board for their valuable contribution during 2018.

6. NEXT MEETING AND CLOSURE

The next meeting of the Board will be held on Wednesday 20 February at 8.30 am at the Parramatta South Campus.

There being no other business, the meeting closed at 12.30 pm

Confirmed by:

(Chair)



(Date)

20/2/19
