

WESTERN SYDNEY UNIVERSITY



BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Minutes of meeting 2018/5 of the Board of Trustees of Western Sydney University, held at 8.15am on Wednesday 10 October 2018, Conference Room 4, Peter Shergold Building, 169 Macquarie Street, Parramatta.

- Present:**
- Board of Trustees
 - Professor Peter Shergold AC (Chair and Chancellor)
 - Professor Barney Glover (Vice-Chancellor and President)
 - Ms Elizabeth Dibbs (Deputy Chancellor)
 - Ms Genevieve Gregor (Deputy Chancellor)
 - Ms Kerry Stubbs (Deputy Chancellor)
 - Mr Peeyush Gupta
 - Mr Christopher Brown AM (*arrived at 8.30 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)
 - Ms Holly Kramer
- Apologies:**
- Dr Linda O'Brien AM
 - Ms Gabrielle Trainor AO
 - Emeritus Professor MaryAnn Bin-Sallik AO
 - Professor Sharon Bell (Deputy Vice-Chancellor, Strategy and Planning)
 - Professor Scott Holmes (Senior Deputy Vice-Chancellor)
 - Professor Deborah Sweeney (Deputy Vice-Chancellor, Research and Innovation)
- In Attendance:**
- Western Sydney University
 - Professor Denise Kirkpatrick (Deputy Vice-Chancellor, Academic)
 - Mr Peter Pickering (Vice-President, Finance and Resources)
 - Mr Angelo Kourtis (Vice-President, People and Advancement)
 - Ms Helen Fleming (University Secretary and General Counsel)
 - Ms Hannah Mclean (Acting Director, Office of Governance Services)
 - Ms Christine Sharpe (Executive Governance Officer) (Minutes)
 - Mrs Belinda Salvatori (Executive Assistant to The Chancellor) (Meeting Support)
- (*For Item 4.1 only*)
- Professor Simon Barrie (Pro Vice-Chancellor, Learning Transformations)

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 Dr Linda O'Brien AM, Ms Gabrielle Trainor AO, Emeritus Professor MaryAnn Bin-Sallik AO, Professor Scott Holmes (Senior Deputy Vice-Chancellor), and Professor Sharon Bell (Deputy Vice-Chancellor, Strategy and Planning).

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. Deputy Chancellor Ms Dibbs noted her appointment as the Western City District Commissioner for the Greater Sydney Commission.

1.4 Confirmation of Minutes

The Board resolved as follows:

Resolution

The Board of Trustees approved the minutes and confidential minutes of its 8 August 2018 meeting.

[10/10/2018:1]

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.

[10/10/2018:2]

1.7 Arrangement of Business

The following items were identified as being considered in closed session: 3.1, 3.1.1, 3.1.2, 3.2, 5.1, 5.2, 5.3, 5.5, 5.6 and 5.7.

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 the successful Open Days on the Liverpool and Parramatta campuses.

The Chancellor spoke on the University's Town and Gown Gala Dinner. The Chancellor informed Board members that 92 tables have been sold with the hope to sell one more. The event anticipates 1,000 guests which is 50% up from 2016.

The Chancellor spoke on the tabled document on the University's philanthropic achievements over the last four years. The Chancellor noted the total donations received, the number of scholarships awarded and the funds that will be paid in future years.

The Chancellor informed Board members that himself, members of the Board and staff from the University attended the National Conference on University Governance. The feedback was positive and the session on Academic Freedom was well received. The Chancellor also informed Board members that he has now stepped down as the convenor of the University Chancellors Council.

The Chancellor provided an update on the Ethical Framework and an upcoming workshop which will be facilitated by The Ethics Centre. The workshop will present four hypothetical scenarios for discussion.

The Chancellor informed the Board that Peter Forster has completed the interviews for the Board Review and a report will be provided at the December meeting.

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

The Vice-Chancellor presented his report and highlighted a number of issues.

Western Sydney Aerotropolis and "Multiversity"

The Vice-Chancellor provided an update on the recent announcement by the Premier of NSW of the Western Sydney University engagement with the NUW Alliance (comprising UNSW, Newcastle and Wollongong Universities) to explore the opportunity to establish a multi-university campus at the proposed Western Sydney Aerotropolis.

Joint Program in Medicine with Charles Sturt University

The Vice-Chancellor provided an update on the joint medical program with CSU.

Professor Kirkpatrick advised the Board of a successful two-day event held in Orange with a strong focus on community consultation and curriculum planning. A research sub-committee has also been established.

Load Update

The Vice-Chancellor provided an update on student load figures. Student load has stabilised as expected with a slight increase in the total load. Board members noted that the University is retaining existing students at a higher rate.

Chinese Medical Centre

On 25 September, the University held the inaugural meeting of the Chinese Medicine Centre Governing Council. There were a number of Chinese media outlets in attendance with a strong coverage in China.

Jacka Foundation of Natural Therapies

The Vice-Chancellor discussed the recent announcement of a \$6 million commitment to the National Institute for Complementary Medicine (NICM) Health Research Institute over a 15-year period.

Peter Zelas Library Opening

On 27 September, the Blacktown Clinical School Library was formally named in honour of Professor Peter Zelas OAM.

Liverpool campus

On 8 November, the University will formally name the foyer of the Ngara Ngura Building the “Aunty Mae Foyer” in honour of Dr Aunty Mavis (Mae) Robinson.

Rotary Club of Narellan Ball

On 11 August, the Vice-Chancellor attended the Rotary Club of Narellan Ball. A number of significant donations were made including a \$330,000 to the University for scholarships and medical research.

Social Media Update

The Vice-Chancellor provided an update on the continued growth across the University’s social media channels.

Shared Services Update

The Vice-Chancellor provided an update on the response to the Post Implementation Review. The University has acknowledged the impact to Academic staff and the need to continue to improve service delivery.

It was agreed that a report will be provided to the Board at the April 2019 meeting on how the issues are being addressed against the Service Level Agreements currently being finalised.

3. SIGNIFICANT MATTERS FOR DELIBERATION OR APPROVAL

3.1 Western Growth - Update [Closed Session Item]

This item was considered in closed session.

3.1.1 Milperra Campus Divestment – Expression of Interest [Closed Session Item]

This item was considered in closed session.

3.1.2 Bankstown City Campus Updated [Closed Session Item]

This item was considered in closed session.

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

This item was considered in closed session.

4. PRESENTATIONS

4.1 21 Century Curriculum Reform Project [Open Session Item]

[The Pro Vice-Chancellor, Learning Transformations, Professor Simon Barrie, joined the meeting for this Item]

The Pro Vice-Chancellor, Learning Transformations presented to the Board on the 21C (21st Century) Curriculum Reform Project. Professor Barrie highlighted the Analysis and Planning, School and University Pilots and Future of Working Forums, Flagship Curriculum Projects, Curiosity Pods and Integrate and Optimise activities that have been undertaken in 2018 and planned for 2019.

[The Pro Vice-Chancellor, Learning Transformations, Professor Simon Barrie, left the meeting following conclusion of this this item]

5. BOARD COMMITTEES AND ADVISORY BODIES

5.1 Finance and Investment Committee [Closed Session Item]

This item was considered in closed session.

5.2 Audit and Risk Committee [Closed Session Item]

This item was considered in closed session.

5.3 University Infrastructure Committee [Closed Session Item]

This item was considered in closed session.

5.4 Academic Senate [Open Session Item]

The Chair of Academic Senate spoke to aspects of the written report, including the Academic Senate Review. A panel of three externals and three students has been formed and the first meeting is scheduled for 8 November 2018.

The Chair of Academic Senate provided an update on University Medals. A report has been submitted to Academic Senate with feedback from Schools who supported the approach of awarding medals across all Schools. The Chair of Academic Senate has met with the Pro Vice-Chancellor (Research and Graduate Studies) who agreed to continue awarding students with a GPA of 6.0 and should move to include various Masters Degrees with an achievement of 85 or above.

The Chair of Academic Senate advised the Board that a regular report on the 21 Century Curriculum Project is provide to the members of Academic Senate. The Master of Marketing will be showcased at the October meeting.

5.5 Board Executive Committee [Closed Session Item]

This item was considered in closed session.

5.6 External Relations Working Party [Closed Session Item]

This item was considered in closed session.

5.7 Foundation Council [Closed Session Item]

This item was considered in closed session.

6. OTHER MATTERS FOR APPROVAL OR NOTING

6.1 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.

[10/10/2018:8]

7. NEXT MEETING AND CLOSURE

The next meeting of the Board will be held on Wednesday 5 December 2018 at 8.30 am at the Parramatta South Campus.

There being no other business, the meeting closed at 12.15 pm

Confirmed by:

(Chair)



(Date)

5/12/18
