

WESTERN SYDNEY UNIVERSITY



BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Minutes of meeting 2018/1 of the Board of Trustees of Western Sydney University and Strategy Session, held at 8.30am on Wednesday 21 February 2018 in the Boardroom, Building EB, Parramatta South campus.

- 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)
Emeritus Professor MaryAnn Bin-Sallik AO
Mr Christopher Brown AM
Mr Joseph Carrozzi
Ms Alexandra Coleman
Dr Ben Etherington
Ms Nicole Gismondo
Dr David Harland
Ms Carmel Hourigan
Ms Holly Kramer
Dr Linda O'Brien AM
Associate Professor Alpha Possamai-Inesedy (Chair of Academic Senate)
Ms Kerry Stubbs
Ms Gabrielle Trainor AO (*present for the Board meeting only*)
- Apologies:** Mr Peeyush Gupta
- In Attendance:** Western Sydney University
Professor Scott Holmes (Senior Deputy Vice-Chancellor)
Professor Deborah Sweeney (Deputy Vice-Chancellor, Research and Innovation)
Professor Sharon Bell (Deputy Vice-Chancellor, Strategy and Planning)
Professor Denise Kirkpatrick (Deputy Vice-Chancellor & Vice-President, 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)
Professor Anthony Uhlmann (Director, Writing and Society Research Centre) (*for Item 4.1 only*)

Ms Sophie Buck (Director, Office of Governance Services)
Ms Christine Sharpe (Senior Governance Officer) (Minutes)
Ms Saada Georges (Governance Officer) (Meeting Support)
- Ethics Centre
Mr John Neil, Co-Head of Advice and Education at the Ethics Centre (*for Item 2 of the Strategy Session only*)

1. OPENING AND PROCEDURAL MATTERS

1.1. Welcome

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

1.2. Acknowledgement of Country

Emeritus Professor MaryAnn Bin-Sallik AO presented an acknowledgment of country.

1.3. Apologies

The Board noted the apology from Mr Peeyush Gupta.

1.4. Declarations of Material Interests

The Chair invited Board members to declare any new material interests in relation to any matters on this agenda or their role on the Board more generally. Ms Alexandra Coleman noted that she is a student member of the National Tertiary Education Union.

1.5. Confirmation of Minutes

The Board passed the following resolution:

Resolution

The Board of Trustees approved the minutes and the confidential minutes of its 6 December 2017 meeting.

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1.6. Action Sheets from Previous Meetings

The Board noted the action taken on items listed.

1.7. Starring of Items

Resolution

The Board of Trustees approved all unstarred items being taken as considered and all recommendations and attachments for them adopted.

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1.8. Arrangement of Business

The following items were identified as being considered in closed session: 2.1, 2.3, 3.2, 5.1, 5.2, 5.3 and 5.5.

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

2.1. Vice-Chancellor's Performance Plan [Closed Session Item]

This item was considered in closed session.

[Ms Gabrielle Trainor AO arrived at 10.00am.]

2.2. Chancellor's Report [Open Session Item]

The Chancellor highlighted aspects of his written report, including the launch of the State of the World's Children Companion with UNICEF. The Chancellor also spoke of his attendance at the Western Sydney Community Forum with the Premier and indicated that he had presented a personal scholarship to a Western Sydney University student working in the community sector.

The Chancellor noted that as convenor of the University Chancellors Council (UCC) he has been successful in introducing the AICD 'Foundations of University Governance' program, which ran in Sydney and Melbourne in February 2018, and that a number of our Board members had attended. Two additional programs are scheduled for the second half of 2018. The Chancellor also reported on the recent meeting of the Ethical Framework Working Party working with a number of the current Board members.

The Chancellor advised the Board of his intention to hold an election for a third Deputy Chancellor. The person elected would assist in the upcoming graduation ceremonies as well as becoming Chair of one of the three key Board Committees. A Notice of Election will be circulated following the meeting.

2.3. Vice-Chancellor's Report [Closed Session Item]

This item was considered in closed session.

3. SIGNIFICANT MATTERS FOR DELIBERATION OR APPROVAL

3.1. Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Education Policy [Open Session Item]

The Senior Deputy Vice-Chancellor introduced this item and asked the Board to approve the revised and renamed *Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Peoples Education Policy*. These changes were a result of this policy being identified in the NSW Audit Office's 2015 annual review, and as such a comprehensive review commence in October 2016.

This Policy is a comprehensive review of the *Indigenous Education Policy*. The Policy has been benchmarked against policies at other universities, national and international standards and requirements that relate to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Peoples' education; research; and measures adopted in other organisations.

Resolution

The Board of Trustees approved the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Education Policy.

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3.2. Naming of Buildings – Liverpool Campus, School of Medicine Building and the Moot Court [Closed Session Item]

This item was considered in closed session.

3.3. Disestablishment of a Senior Position [Open Session Item]

The Vice-Chancellor introduced this item and asked the Board to approve the disestablishment of the current position of Deputy Vice-Chancellor and Vice-President Research, Engagement, Development and International (REDI) in

response to the approval of two new positions within the Senior Executive Group approved by the Board at its 6 December 2017 meeting.

Resolution

The Board of Trustees approved the disestablishment of the current position of Deputy Vice-Chancellor and Vice-President Research, Engagement, Development, and International (REDI), in accordance with Section B (Human Resources Delegation) of the Delegations (Administrative Policy).

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3.4. Western Growth – Update [Open Session Item]

The Vice-President (Finance and Resources) spoke to the status of the Western Sydney Growth – Stage 2 program, and to its individual projects.

3.5. The National Institute of Complementary Medicine Institute Status Update Report [Open Session Item]

The Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Research and Innovation) introduced this item and asked the Board to approve NICM to be designated as a University Research Institute titled NICM Health Research Institute in accordance with the University's Research Institute Policy.

Resolution

The Board of Trustees approved the establishment of NICM Health Research Institute as a University Research Institute.

[2/21/2018:9]

4. Presentation

[Professor Uhlmann joined the meeting at 11.20 for this item]

4.1. The Writing and Society Research Centre [Open Session Item]

Professor Anthony Uhlmann attended the meeting to provide Board members with an overview of The Writing and Society Research Centre. Professor Uhlmann highlighted the funding received in Categories 1, 2 and 3 between 2013-2017, Scholarly Research funding from the Australian Research Council, funding for the Sydney Review of Books, philanthropic support from the Crown Foundation, and the engagement projects with disadvantaged young people from Western Sydney.

Professor Uhlmann spoke about the importance of International Engagement and advised that the centre has been working with the China Writers' Association since 2011 and the move to Parramatta South in 2018 will help develop a partnership with the Whitlam Institute staging public events and seminars at the Female Orphan School.

The Board commended the work of The Writing and Society Research Centre and thanked Professor Uhlmann for this presentation.

[Professor Uhlmann left the meeting at 11.40am, following conclusion of 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 upcoming independent review of Academic Senate. This review will satisfy the requirements under Standard 6.1.3(d) of the *Higher Education Standards Framework (Threshold Standards) 2015* for universities to conduct a periodic independent review of the academic governance process.

Resolution

The Board of Trustees approved:

- 1. The conduct of an independent review of Academic Senate and its standing committees, with terms of reference as endorsed by Academic Senate at its meeting on 8 December 2017.**
- 2. That the current *Implementation Guidelines for Review of Academic Senate* be retired.**

[2/21/2018:12]

5.5. Board Executive Committee [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.

[2/21/2018:14]

7. NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the Board will be held on 4 April 2018 at 8.30am in the Boardroom, 2.23, Building EB, Parramatta South campus.

Confirmed by:

(Chair)



(Date)

30/4/18
