

# WESTERN SYDNEY UNIVERSITY



## BOARD OF TRUSTEES

**Minutes** of meeting 2018/3 of the Board of Trustees of Western Sydney University, held at 1.00pm on Wednesday 13 June 2018, Level 9, Liverpool City 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)  
Ms Kerry Stubbs (Deputy Chancellor)  
Mr Christopher Brown AM  
Mr Joseph Carrozzi (*from 1.33 pm onwards*)  
Mr Peeyush Gupta (*from 1.39 pm onwards*)  
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)

### **Apologies:**

Ms Gabrielle Trainor AO  
Emeritus Professor MaryAnn Bin-Sallik AO

### **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, 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 Sophie Buck (Director, Office of Governance Services)  
Ms Sara Godfrey (Executive Governance Officer) (Minutes)  
Ms Teneille Rousianos (Administrative Assistant) (Meeting Support)

#### *(For Item 4.2 only)*

Professor Gregory Kolt (Dean, School Of Science and Health)  
Professor Annemarie Hennessy (Dean, School of Medicine)  
Professor Michele Simons (Dean, School of Education)  
Associate Professor Deborah Hatcher (Dean, School of Nursing and Midwifery)  
Professor Simeon Simoff (Dean, School of Computing, Engineering and Mathematics)

Professor Kevin Dunn (Dean, School of Social Sciences and Psychology)  
Professor Peter Hutchings (Dean, School of Humanities and Communication Arts)  
Dr Stephen Janes (Deputy Dean, School of Law)

## **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. The Chair noted the success of the official opening of the new Liverpool City Campus – the Ngara Ngura Building, and thanked Board members for participating. Together with the Chancellor and Vice-Chancellor, the Treasurer, The Hon Scott Morrison MP, unveiled a plaque to commemorate the occasion.

### **1.2 Apologies**

The Board noted apologies from Emeritus Professor MaryAnn Bin-Sallik AO 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. No new declarations were made.

### **1.4 Confirmation of Minutes**

The Board resolved as follows:

*Resolution*

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**The Board of Trustees approved the minutes and confidential minutes of its 4 April 2018 meeting and noted the minute of the rotary resolution of 30 April 2018.**

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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**

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

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## **1.7 Arrangement of Business**

The following items were identified as being considered in closed session: 2.2, 3.2, 3.3, 3.4, 5.1, 5.2, 5.3, 5.5, 5.6 and 6.2.

## **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 Voluntary Code of Best Practice for the Governance of Australian Public Universities. This Code was amended at the Universities Australia and University Chancellors Council joint meeting on 15 May 2018 and provides support and guidance to university governing bodies and university leadership.

#### *Resolution*

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**The Board of Trustees noted and adopted the Voluntary Code of Best Practice for the Governance of Australian Public Universities, and agreed to report on the University's alignment with the Code in its annual report.**

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The Chancellor spoke on the University's 2018 Town and Gown Dinner, to be held on 20 October 2018 in the Grand Pavilion, Rosehill Gardens Racecourse. The Chancellor thanked those Board members who had assisted with selling tables and securing sponsorships and encouraged others to support the event by helping to do the same.

The Chancellor informed Board members of the 11<sup>th</sup> National Conference on University Governance, to be held 3-5 October 2018 at the Adelaide Convention Centre. Those interested in attending should contact the Director of Governance Services. The Chancellor also informed Board members that the AICD will be running two more courses this year, one in Melbourne (19-21 September) and one in Perth (14-16 November).

The Chancellor advised Board members that the Board of Trustees evaluation will take place this year and will be conducted by Peter Forster. The online survey will be circulated in August, and interviews with Board and Committee members will occur in September.

The Chancellor informed Board members that he and the Vice-Chancellor have asked the Deputy Vice-Chancellor, Strategy and Planning, to work on the draft ethical framework. It was noted that an updated framework will be presented to the Board at its meeting on 8 August 2018. The Chancellor assured Board members that the draft Investment Policy will be reviewed by the Finance and Investment Committee once the ethical framework is finalised.

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

This item was considered in closed session.

## **3. SIGNIFICANT MATTERS FOR DELIBERATION OR APPROVAL**

### **3.1 Western Growth – Update [Closed Session Item]**

This item was considered in closed session.

### **3.2 Campbelltown Sports and Health Centre of Excellence [Closed Session Item]**

This item was considered in closed session.

### **3.3 Engineering Innovation Hub [Closed Session Item]**

This item was considered in closed session.

### **3.4 Cleaning Services Contract [Closed Session Item]**

This item was considered in closed session.

### **3.5 Analysis of the Quarter 1 Forecast [Open Session Item]**

The Vice-President (Finance and Resources) spoke to the status of the Quarter 1 Forecast compared to the 2018 Budget. It was noted that the Quarter 1 Forecast reflects the realignment of organisational structures, post Early Voluntary Retirement Scheme, transfers of shared services structures, other change proposals and the reorganisation of Divisions.

## **4. PRESENTATIONS**

### **4.1 University Impact Case Studies 2018 [Open Session Item]**

The Deputy Vice-Chancellor, Research and Innovation, presented on the recent research impact assessment exercise. The Board noted that it is important for the University to gather impact case studies.

### **4.2. School Deans [Open Session Item]**

The nine University Deans presented on key issues in their respective Schools.

## **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 opportunity for Academic Senate members to look at the final version of the 2018-2020 Strategic Plan. The Chair of Academic Senate advised Board members that the Academic Senate's Annual Work Plan is currently being updated. The Plan is closely aligned with *Securing Success* and key strategy projects.

The Chair of Academic Senate informed Board members that the Director of Audit and Risk

Assessment had presented the Audit and Risk Workplan at the 20 April meeting of Academic Senate. The Chair of Academic Senate and the Director of Audit and Risk will continue to meet to ensure closer collaboration between Senate and the Office of Audit and Risk.

The Chair of Academic Senate agreed to provide the Board of Trustees with an update on the number of University Medals and Graduation with Distinctions awarded at its next meeting on 8 August 2018.

#### **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.

### **6. OTHER MATTERS FOR APPROVAL OR NOTING**

The Vice-Chancellor informed Board members of a special event that took place on 6 June at the Parramatta South campus. The Chancellor and Vice-Chancellor welcomed all the former Vice-Chancellors of the University for the formal unveiling of Professor Deryck Schreuder's portrait and to view the repositioned portraits of Chancellor and Vice-Chancellors on Level 2 of Building EB.

#### **6.1 Uses of the University Seal [Open Session Item]**

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**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.**

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**6.2 Revocation of Award [Closed Session Item]**

This item was considered in closed session.

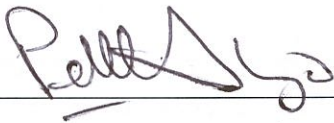
**7. NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting of the Board will be held on Wednesday 8 August 2018 at 8.30 am at the Parramatta South Campus.

There being no other business, the meeting closed at 4.47 pm.

Confirmed by:

(Chair)

  
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