

# WESTERN SYDNEY UNIVERSITY



## BOARD OF TRUSTEES

**Minutes** of meeting 2017/6 of the Board of Trustees of Western Sydney University, held at 8.30am on Wednesday 6 December 2017 in the Boardroom, Building EB, Parramatta South campus.

### **Present:**

#### Board of Trustees members

Professor Peter Shergold AC (Chair and Chancellor)  
Ms Elizabeth Dibbs (Deputy Chancellor)  
Professor Barney Glover (Vice-Chancellor and President)  
Mr John Banks  
Ms Alexandra Coleman  
Ms Genevieve Gregor (Deputy Chancellor)  
Mr Peeyush Gupta  
Ms Vivienne James  
Ms Winnie Jobanputra  
Associate Professor Paul Wormell (Chair of Academic Senate)  
Mr Christopher Brown AM  
Dr Ben Etherington  
Ms Gabrielle Trainor AO  
Ms Jenny Purcell  
Ms Kerry Stubbs  
Mr Ian Stone

### **Apologies:**

Emeritus Professor MaryAnn Bin-Sallik AO  
Ms Carmel Hourigan

### **In Attendance:**

#### Western Sydney University staff

Professor Scott Holmes, Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Research, Engagement, Development, International)  
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  
Ms Sophie Buck, Director, Office of Governance Services  
Ms Sara Godfrey, Executive Governance Officer (Minutes)  
Ms Saada Georges, Governance Officer (Meeting Support)  
Ms Nicole Gismondo (Undergraduate Student member of the Board of Trustees effective 1 January 2018)  
Dr David Harland (Professional Staff member of the Board of Trustees effective 1 January 2018)  
Mr Matt Bosanic (Undergraduate Student) *(for item 4.5 only)*  
Ms Rebecca Hill (Undergraduate Student) *(for item 4.5 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. Apologies**

The Board noted the apologies from Emeritus Professor MaryAnn Bin-Sallik AO and Ms Carmel Hourigan. The Chair advised members that Mr Christopher Brown AM would join the meeting later.

### **1.3. 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 Gabrielle Trainor AO noted her appointment as a director to the Board of the Australian Sports Commission (ASC) and as a director of the Major Transport Infrastructure Board (Vic). Professor Peter Shergold noted his recent appointment as President of the Institute of Public Administration of Australia (IPAA). Mr Peeyush Gupta declared a conflict of interest (as a non-executive director of Charter Hall Direct Property Management Ltd and Charter Hall Wale Ltd) under Item 3.3.1 and recused himself in relation to that matter.

### **1.4. Confirmation of Minutes**

*[This item was considered following morning tea, which took place 10.46 am – 11.01 am. A corrected copy of the Closed Minutes of the 11 October 2017 meeting of the Board of Trustees was tabled for approval.]*

The Board passed the following resolution:

#### Resolution

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**The Board of Trustees approved the minutes and the confidential minutes of its 11 October 2017 meeting.**

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### **1.5. Action Sheets from Previous Meetings**

The Board noted the action taken on items listed.

### **1.6. Starring of Items**

#### Resolution

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

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### **1.7. Arrangement of Business**

The following items were identified as being considered in closed session: 2.1, 2.1.1, 2.2.1, 3.1, 3.2, 3.3, 3.3.1, 3.5, 4.1, 4.2, 4.3, 4.4, and 4.6.

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

### **2.1. Chancellor's Report [Closed Session Item]**

This item was considered in closed session.

#### **2.1.1. Vice-Chancellor's Performance Plan [Closed Session Item]**

This item was considered in closed session.

*[Mr Christopher Brown arrived at 9.22am during this item].*

#### **2.1.2. 2018 Forward Program Items [Open Session Item]**

The Board noted the paper.

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

The Vice-Chancellor spoke to the status of the Government's proposed Higher Education Support Legislative Amendment (HESLA) Bill. While it is unlikely the HESLA Bill will be passed by the Senate in the immediate future, the University has factored possible funding cuts in to the 2018-2020 budget through holding a contingency.

The Vice-Chancellor updated the Board on the launch of the Ramsay Centre for Western Civilisation. The University has submitted an expression of interest (EOI) in becoming a university partner of the Centre. Assessments of EOIs are underway and an outcome is expected in early December 2017.

The Vice-Chancellor recognised the success of the Western Sydney University's Solar Car Team, which recently finished sixth in the world and first in the Australian car grouping.

The Vice-Chancellor informed the Board that the University has submitted its application for the renewal of university registration with the Tertiary Education Quality and Standards Agency's (TEQSA). The Vice-Chancellor thanked Professor Denise Kirkpatrick, Deputy Vice-Chancellor & Vice-President (Academic) and the team for their support through the renewal process.

The Vice-Chancellor provided an update on the University's progress in developing the new Staff Enterprise Agreements and thanked Professor Denise Kirkpatrick, Deputy Vice-Chancellor & Vice-President (Academic), Susan Hudson, Executive Director – Human Resources, Professor Kevin Dunn, Dean of the School of Social Sciences and Psychology, Professor Gregory Kolt, Dean of the School of Science and Health and Natasha Maiolo, Senior Employment Lawyer, for their work on the University negotiating team.

The Vice-Chancellor spoke to the HSC True Rewards Program, and provided an update on the Shared Services program.

#### **2.2.1 Vice-Chancellor's Year in Review [Closed Session Item]**

This item was considered in closed session.

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

*[Significant Matters for Deliberation or Approval were discussed following Item 4.5– Report from the Chair of Academic Senate, which was brought forward following morning tea, 11.01 am]*

#### **3.1. Budget 2018-2020 [Closed Session Item]**

This item was considered in closed session.

#### **3.2. Membership of the Board of Trustees and election of Deputy Chancellors [Closed Session Item]**

This item was considered in closed session.

#### **3.3. Western Growth – Stage 2 Update [Closed Session Item]**

This item was considered in closed session.

##### **3.3.1. Westmead Proposal Lots 2 & 3 [Closed Session Item]**

This item was considered in closed session.

#### **3.4. Consultation on Mid-Term Review of Strategic Plan [Closed Session Item]**

This item was considered in closed session.

#### **3.5. Establishment of New Senior Positions and Associated University Divisions [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. Combined Board Committees - Western Growth [Closed Session Item]**

This item was considered in closed session.

#### **4.5. Academic Senate [Open Session Item]**

The Chair of Academic Senate welcomed Student Observers Mr Matt Bosanic and Ms Rebecca Hill to the meeting. He spoke to aspects of his written report - including on the Review of the Red Tape Taskforce, which was an initiative of the Board of Trustees. It was noted that Board members are welcome to attend an Academic Senate meeting, as well as Vice-Chancellor and Chair of Academic Senate Forums. The Chancellor and Vice-Chancellor thanked Associate Professor Paul Wormell for his final report as Chair of the Academic Senate.

*[Mr Matt Bosanic and Ms Rebecca Hill, Student Observers, left the meeting at 11.11 am]*

- 4.6. Board Executive Committee [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*

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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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**5.2. Other Business**

The Chancellor noted the valuable contribution made to the Board by the outgoing members: Mr John Banks, Ms Vivienne James, Ms Winnie Jobanputra and Associate Professor Paul Wormell. On behalf of the University he commended their service and commitment.

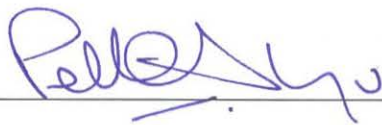
**6. NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting of the Board will be held on Wednesday 21 February 2018, at 8.30am, in the Board Room, Building EB, Parramatta South campus.

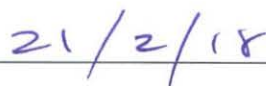
There being no other business, the meeting closed at 12.57 pm.

Confirmed by:

(Chair)

  
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