

WESTERN SYDNEY UNIVERSITY



BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Minutes of meeting 2017/4 of the Board of Trustees of Western Sydney University, held at 8.30am on Wednesday 9 August 2017 in the Board Room, Building EB, Parramatta South campus.

Present:

Professor Peter Shergold AC (Chancellor)
Professor Barney Glover (Vice-Chancellor and President)
Ms Elizabeth Dibbs (Deputy Chancellor)
Ms Genevieve Gregor (Deputy Chancellor)
Mr Michael Pratt AM (Deputy Chancellor)
Mr Christopher Brown
Ms Alexandra Coleman
Dr Ben Etherington
Mr Peeyush Gupta
Ms Carmel Hourigan
Ms Vivienne James
Ms Winnie Jobanputra
Ms Jenny Purcell
Mr Ian Stone
Ms Gabrielle Trainor AO

Apologies:

Mr John Banks
Emeritus Professor MaryAnn Bin-Sallik AO
Associate Professor Paul Wormell (Chair, Academic Senate)

In Attendance:

Mr Simon Barrie, Pro Vice-Chancellor (Learning Transformations)
Professor Sharon Bell, Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Strategy and Planning)
Ms Sophie Buck, Director, Governance Services
Ms Helen Fleming, University Secretary and General Counsel
Mr Kerry Holling, Chief Information & Digital Officer
Professor Scott Holmes, Deputy Vice-Chancellor and Vice-President
(Research, Engagement, Development and International)
Professor Denise Kirkpatrick, Deputy Vice-Chancellor and Vice -
President (Academic)
Mr Angelo Kourtis, Vice-President (People and Advancement)
Mr Peter Pickering, Vice-President (Finance and Resources)

Ms Sara Godfrey, Executive Officer (Minutes)
Ms Saada Georges, Meeting Support

1. OPENING AND PROCEDURAL MATTERS

[Mr Christopher Brown joined the meeting, via Video Conference, at 8.30 am]

1.1 Welcome

The Chancellor welcomed attendees to the meeting – including two new members, Ms Alexandra Coleman (postgraduate student member) and Ms Carmel Hourigan (graduate member).

The Chancellor advised that this would be the last meeting attended by Deputy Chancellor, Mr Michael Pratt AM, as he would resign from the Board following his appointment as Secretary to the NSW Treasury. The Chancellor warmly thanked Mr Pratt for his service to the Board and the University Infrastructure Committee. The Board indicated that they wished to host a dinner to mark the outstanding contribution that Mr Pratt had made to the governance of Western Sydney University.

1.2 Apologies

The Board noted the apologies.

1.3 Declarations of Material Interests

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

The Chancellor noted that he has retired from the Board of AMP Limited, and advised of his recent appointment as Chair to the Government's review of health professions access to Medicare card numbers, and as the co-Chair to the Government's review of Building Codes of Australia. The Chancellor also advised the Board that he is acting in an advisory capacity to the Impact Assembly at PricewaterhouseCoopers (relevant for item 3.4).

Mr Peeyush Gupta noted his affiliation to Charter Hall Group as a standing declaration.

Ms Gabrielle Trainor AO advised the Board that she had stepped down from recruitment company Clarius Group Limited.

[Mr Ian Stone arrived at 8.33 am]

1.4 Confirmation of Minutes

The Board agreed that the minor amendment to item 5.4, as requested by Dr Etherington, should be incorporated into the minutes of the closed session. With the amendments, the Board passed the following resolution:

Resolution

The Board of Trustees approved the minutes of the 15 June 2017 Strategy Day and the minutes of its 16 June 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

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, 2.2, 3.1, 3.5, 3.6, 5.1, 5.2, 5.3 and 5.5

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

2.1 Chancellor's Report

This item was discussed in closed session.

2.2 Vice-Chancellor's Report

This item was discussed in closed session.

[Professor Denise Kirkpatrick joined at 9.42 am]

3. SIGNIFICANT MATTERS FOR DELIBERATION OR APPROVAL

3.1 Western Growth [Commercial in Confidence]

This item was discussed in closed session.

3.2 Australian Human Rights Commission: University student sexual assault and sexual harassment survey results

The Vice-Chancellor presented a summary of data obtained from the Australian Human Rights Commission's landmark report: *Change the course: National report on sexual assault and sexual harassment at Australian universities*, as it pertains to Western Sydney University, as well as the University's response to the recommendations of the report. The Board welcomed the University's announcement to form a taskforce, led by the Vice-Chancellor, to implement all nine recommendations from the report. The University has been working closely with student leaders and staff as well as advisory groups such as NSW Police and the NSW Health and Sexual Assault Service over the last 12 months, and already has in place a range of strategies as part of the University's zero-tolerance approach to sexual assault and sexual harassment.

The Board commended the University for its quick and considered response to the findings of this report.

3.3 Invitation to join IRU

The Vice-Chancellor presented to the Board the University's opportunity to join the Innovative Research Universities (IRU) network. The IRU was established in 2003 and is an advocacy and policy development group of Australian universities aligned by shared institutional characteristics, values and objectives.

The Board of Trustees approved Western Sydney University's membership at the invitation of the IRU, following the satisfactory completion of the necessary due diligence as recommended by the Board Executive Committee.

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3.4 Project Plan Overview: 21st Century Curriculum Project

The Deputy Vice-Chancellor and Vice-President (Academic) and Pro Vice-Chancellor (Learning Transformations) presented to the Board an update on the University's 21st Century Curriculum Project (21CC) – which will renew Western Sydney University's curriculum to: 1) better leverage and reflect the University's unique institutional partnership strengths and communities; 2) enable the University to innovative at scale to respond to emergent opportunities externally; 3) make the University's curriculum more relevant, accessible and attractive to prospective students, and; 4) enable the University to realise its potential share of Australia's global education brand.

The Board commended the work on this project to date.

[Professor Simon Barrie left the meeting at 11.08 am]

3.5 Student Management System [Commercial in Confidence]

This item was discussed in closed session.

[Mr Christopher Brown left the meeting, via Video Conference, at 11.28 am, following conclusion of this item]

[Mr Kerry Holling left at 11.38 am, following conclusion of this item]

3.6 Westmead Campus Redevelopment Lots 2 and 3 [Commercial in Confidence]

This item was discussed in closed session.

4. PRESENTATIONS

4.1 Senior Executive Presentation – Vice-President, Finance and Resources

This item was deferred to a future meeting.

5. BOARD COMMITTEES AND ADVISORY BODIES

5.1 Finance and Investment Committee

This item was discussed in closed session.

5.2 Audit and Risk Committee

This item was discussed in closed session.

5.3 University Infrastructure Committee

This item was discussed in closed session.

[Mr Christopher Brown joined the meeting, in person, during this item]

5.4 Report from the Chair of Academic Senate

The Committee noted the report from the Chair of Academic Senate.

5.5 Board Executive Committee

This item was discussed in closed session.

6. OTHER MATTERS FOR APPROVAL OR NOTING

6.1 Uses of the University Seal

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.

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7. NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the Board will be held on Wednesday 11 October 2017, at 8.30am, in the Board Room, Building EB, Parramatta South campus.

There being no other business, the meeting closed at 12.32 pm.

Confirmed by:

(Chair)



(Date)

11-10-17
