

COUNCIL NON-CONFIDENTIAL MINUTES

Minutes of the 539th meeting of **COUNCIL** held at **2.10pm** on **Monday 17 February 2025** in Boardroom 307, Level 3, Chancellery and via Microsoft Teams

PRESENT

Mr David Gonski AC, Chancellor
Dr Jennifer Alexander
Professor Attila Brungs, Vice-Chancellor and President
The Hon. Justice Elizabeth Cheeseman (*via Teams*)
Mr Matthew Grounds AM (from 2.49 pm *via Teams*)
Mr Mark Johnson (left from 3.00-3.45 pm)
Professor Scott Kable, President of the Academic Board
Mr Warwick Negus, Deputy Chancellor
Professor Justine Nolan
Mr James Raggatt
Ms Catherine Rowe
Aunty Maxine Ryan
Mr Pepsi Sharma
Dr Lana Tatour

APOLOGIES

Ms Maxine Brenner

IN ATTENDANCE

Mr David Cross, Chief of Staff, Vice-Chancellor's Office
Professor Merlin Crossley AM, Deputy Vice-Chancellor, Academic Quality (*via Teams*)
Professor the Hon. Verity Firth AM, Vice-President, Societal Impact, Equity and Engagement
Professor Bronwyn Fox AO, Deputy Vice-Chancellor, Research and Enterprise
Professor Colin Grant, Deputy Vice-Chancellor, Global
Ms Clair Hodge, Chief Legal and Assurance Officer
Professor Leanne Holt, Deputy Vice-Chancellor, Indigenous
Professor Sarah Maddison, Deputy Vice-Chancellor, Education and Student Experience
Professor Vlado Perkovic, Provost
Mr Andrew Walters, Vice-President, Operations

Present:

Items 8.1, 8.2

Mr Timothy Beattie, Chief Property Officer

Ms Amelia Anderberg, Director, Asset Management

SECRETARY

Mr James Fitzgibbon, Director of Governance and University Secretary
Dr Amrita Mukhopadhyay, Senior Governance Administrator

For convenience, items were taken out of agenda order.

PROCEDURAL MATTERS

1. Welcome, apologies and leave of absence

The meeting commenced at 2.10pm, following the special session on the academic calendar.

The Chancellor welcomed the members and attendees and noted the apology.

The Chancellor invited Aunty Maxine to perform a Welcome to Country, which she generously provided.

2. Declarations of interest and conflicts of interest

The Chancellor invited members to disclose any interests or conflict of interests relevant to items for discussion at the meeting.

The Chancellor advised that:

- He has ceased to be the President of the Art Gallery of NSW Trust;
- The Vice-Chancellor is the Chair of the Committee for Sydney Research Committee;
- Maxine Brenner has been appointed as a Director of Brambles Ltd; and
- Matthew Grounds:
 - has been appointed as a panel member to Adara Partners; and
 - has ceased to be a steering committee member of the Comprehensive Campaign for St John of God Foundation and an advisory council member of the NSW State Treasurer's Business Advisory Council.

No further interests were declared.

2.1. Register of Interests

RESOLVED

Council noted the Register of Interests.

3. Minutes of previous meeting and business arising (other than business in this agenda)

3.1. Minutes of Council meeting held on 2 December 2024

RESOLVED

Council approved the minutes of its meeting held on 2 December 2024 as an accurate record and authorised the Chancellor to sign them.

3.2. Matters arising and business carried forward

The Chancellor discussed the report on matters arising and business carried forward, noting two items (academic calendar and research initiatives) will be addressed today, and one item will be covered at the 14 April 2025 Council meeting.

RESOLVED

Council noted the report on matters arising and business carried forward.

4. Adoption of items for noting and approval and starring of items

The Chancellor invited members to star items 10-12 if they wanted them discussed. No items were starred.

RESOLVED

Council adopted the unstarred items 10 - 12 for approval and noting.

MANAGEMENT AND STRATEGY

5. Report of the Vice-Chancellor and President to Council

6. Report on the proceedings of the Academic Board

The President of the Academic Board spoke to the items.

6.1. Report to Council by President of the Academic Board

The President of the Academic Board provided an overview of the recent Academic Board undertakings and informed Council about the following matters:

- the Student Representative Group Information session held on 11 February 2025 to facilitate the onboarding of all newly elected students to Academic Board and Faculty Boards;
- the Academic Board workplan and the status of the 35 recommendations of the external review of academic governance:
 - 32 recommendations were accepted, one was partially accepted and two were rejected;
 - 10 recommendations have been completed; and
 - the remaining 23 recommendations are in progress with projected completion of all but three recommendations by the end of this year.

The Chancellor thanked the President of the Academic Board for the update.

RESOLVED

Council noted the report of the President of the Academic Board.

6.2. Minutes of the Academic Board meeting held on 19 November 2024 (confirmed)

RESOLVED

Council noted the confirmed minutes of the Academic Board meeting held on 19 November 2024.

7. Report on the proceedings of the Safety and Risk Committee

8. Estate Strategy

9. University and CRICOS re-registration update

Items for Approval and Noting

10. Approved policy documents

RESOLVED

Council noted the report of approved policy documents for the period 19 November 2024 to 31 January 2025.

11. Early Career Academics support programs

RESOLVED

Council noted the report on the early career academic support programs offered at UNSW.

12. 2025 Council and Council Committee meeting dates

RESOLVED

Council noted the 2025 Council and Council committee meeting dates.

Business without notice

The Chancellor asked members if there were any items of business without notice.
No items were raised.

SIGNED AS A CORRECT RECORD

Presiding Member
Mr David Gonski AC
Chancellor
14 April 2025