

COUNCIL NON-CONFIDENTIAL MINUTES

Minutes of the 540th meeting of **COUNCIL** held at **2pm** on **Monday 14 April 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 (<i>via Teams from 2.08 pm</i>) Mr Matthew Grounds AM (<i>via Teams from 3.10 pm</i>) Mr Mark Johnson Professor Scott Kable, President of the Academic Board Mr Warwick Negus, Deputy Chancellor (<i>via Teams from 3.52 pm</i>) Professor Justine Nolan Mr James Raggatt Ms Catherine Rowe Aunty Maxine Ryan Mr Pepsi Sharma
APOLOGIES	Ms Maxine Brenner Dr Lana Tatour
IN ATTENDANCE	Mr David Cross, Chief of Staff, Vice-Chancellor's Office Professor Merlin Crossley AM, Deputy Vice-Chancellor, Academic Quality 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 Assurance and Legal Officer Professor Leanne Holt, Deputy Vice-Chancellor, Indigenous Professor Vlado Perkovic, Provost Ms Libby Stratford, Acting Vice-President, Operations/ Chief Financial Officer Present: Item 5.5 Ms Fiona Maclean, Executive Director, Operations Ms Adeleine Siva, Program Director, Academic Calendar Project Item 10 Ms Sarah Dunbar, Director, Academic Quality
SECRETARY	Mr James Fitzgibbon, Director of Governance and University Secretary Dr Amrita Mukhopadhyay, Senior Governance Administrator <i>For convenience, items were taken out of agenda order.</i>

PROCEDURAL MATTERS

1. Welcome, apologies and leave of absence

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

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.

No interests were declared.

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

3.1. Minutes of Council meeting – 17 February 2025

RESOLVED

Subject to inclusion of the table amendments, Council approved the minutes of its meeting held on 17 February 2025 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 that there is only one matter outstanding which will be addressed today.

RESOLVED

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

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

The Chancellor invited members to star items 11.1 – 11.4 if they wanted them discussed.

No items were starred.

RESOLVED

Council adopted the unstarred items 11.1 – 11.4 for approval and noting.

The Hon. Justice Cheeseman joined the meeting.

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 meeting noting the discussion items, reports and presentations at the meeting. He briefed Council on the change in the Annual Report 2024 submission timeline, the 2025 Academic Board workplan, the 6 May Academic Board meeting pipeline, the introduction of pre-meetings for the Academic Board Advisory Committee and the Academic Board Student Representative Group (ABSRG) meeting held on 1 April 2025. Student members of Council provided their insight into ABSRG meetings and thanked the President of the Academic Board for facilitating the initiative.

RESOLVED

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

6.2. Academic Board Annual Report 2024

RESOLVED

Council noted the Academic Board Annual Report 2024.

6.3. Report on the establishment of a degree, diploma, certificate or other award program by the Academic Board

RESOLVED

Council noted the Academic Board approval of its report on the establishment of a degree, diploma, certificate or other award program by the Academic Board.

6.4. Minutes of meeting – 18 March 2025

RESOLVED

Council noted the unconfirmed minutes of the Academic Board meeting held on 18 March 2025.

7. Audit Committee report and recommendations

8. Information Technology Committee Report

9. Safety and Risk Committee report and recommendations

10. University and CRICOS re-registration submission

11. Items for Approval and Noting

11.1. Approved policy documents

RESOLVED

Council noted the report of approved policy documents for the period 28 January to 28 March 2025.

11.4 Code of Governance Principles and Practice for Australia's Public Universities

RESOLVED

Council noted the publication by the Chancellors Council of a new Voluntary Code – the *Code of Governance Principles and Practice for Australia's Public Universities*.

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
2 June 2025