

# Minutes of Council Meeting No. 77

held at 4.30 pm on Wednesday 1 August 2001 in the Council Room

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## Present:

Ms W McCarthy (Chancellor)  
Professor D Aitkin  
Professor M Brennan  
Ms J Coggins  
Ms Y Hanbidge  
Mr B Hayward  
Ms F Hinton  
Mr D Kleeman

Mr D Marsden-Ballard  
Ms J Morton  
Ms F Powell  
Mr H Powell  
Mr M Rosser  
Dr M Sargent [from 6.10 pm]  
Ms A Shaddock  
Dr H Watson  
Mr S Wong  
Ms K Bisset (Acting Secretary)

**Apologies:**

Ms D Casey  
Ms I Fraser [on leave of absence]  
Ms A Trimmer

**In Attendance:**

Professor M Edwards  
Professor M Carroll  
Professor A Cripps  
Professor K Kennedy  
Mr A Westerman  
Ms C Wise  
Ms M Brooks (Minutes Secretary)

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**Item 1        Confirmation of Agenda and Welcome to new Members**

Council confirmed the order of the agenda with Items 4 to 10 inclusive listed for discussion, and Item 4 to be discussed *in camera* upon the arrival of the Deputy Chancellor.

The Chancellor welcomed new Council members and invited all members to join University of Canberra Foundation Board members for dinner at the conclusion of proceedings. Members observed that it would be useful to circulate a short synopsis of each Council member for information.

**Item 2:        Minutes of Previous Meetings**

Council received the minutes of Council Meeting No. 75 of Wednesday 11 April 2001 and Council Meeting No. 76 of Wednesday 6 June.

### **Resolution No. C77/1**

Council agreed to accept the minutes of Council Meeting No. 75 of 11 April 2001 and Council Meeting No. 76 of 6 June as true records of proceedings.

### **Item 3 Confirmation of Flying Minute**

Council noted decisions taken by flying minute of 29 June 2001.

#### **A Appointment of Professor of Urban Management**

Council was asked to confirm the decision taken by flying minute to appoint Professor Brian Roberts to the position of Professor of Urban Management.

#### ***Resolution No. C77/2***

Council confirmed the decision to appoint Brian Roberts to the position of Professor of Urban Management for a period of five years.

#### **B Amendments to University of Canberra Union Constitution**

Council was asked to confirm the decision taken by flying minute to approve amendments to the University of Canberra Union Constitution. Council noted that the changes were essentially editorial in nature and were in line with previous Council resolutions.

#### ***Resolution No. C77/3***

Council confirmed the decision to amend the following sections of the University of Canberra Union Constitution:

- Section 1 (b), (c), and (d)
- Section 7 (a)
- Section 14 (a) (vi), (vii), (viii), (ix), (x) and (xi)
- Section 16 (a) and (c)
- Section 21 (a)
- Section 24 (c) (i) and (ii)
- Section 24 (e) (i), (ii), (iii), and (iv)
- Section 24A (a), (b), (c), (d) and (e)
- Section 27 (b)

Section 36 (b)

## **Item 4      Confidential Matters**

The meeting was closed for discussion of this Item.

### **A      Confidential Report from Chancellor concerning recruitment of a new Vice-Chancellor**

The Vice-Chancellor, Acting Secretary and Minutes Secretary were asked to withdraw for discussion of this item.

The Chancellor outlined all the steps taken since being requested by Council in February to proceed with the executive search.

The Chancellor outlined the process Braithwaite Steiner Pretty had gone through and the meetings held on a regular basis between the executive search firm and the Council's Executive Search Committee, including the participation of Ms Christine Wise until the point of interview.

Interviews were held over two days at the Hilton Airport Hotel, Sydney, where eight candidates were interviewed. Four were short-listed and referee checks were carried out and ranked. The outstanding candidate on every ranking was Professor Roger Dean.

The three members of the Executive Search Committee spoke independently of their reasons for believing that Professor Dean was the best candidate for the job. His resume was circulated to all members of Council with the recommendation that he be offered the position of Vice-Chancellor elect.

Following the discussion a draft contract, including details of the Vice-Chancellor elect's remuneration, was also circulated. The Council agreed that the proposed package was appropriate and asked that the Chancellor make a formal offer to Professor Dean.

### ***Resolution No. C77/4***

Council agreed on the recommendation of the Executive Search Committee to appoint Professor Roger Dean as Vice-Chancellor for a period of five years until 31 January 2007.

The Chancellor proposed that Professor Dean be invited to meet members of Council at dinner, where the University Foundation members would also be in attendance.

The Chancellor then withdrew from the meeting to inform Professor Aitkin of his successor

and to formally invite Professor Dean to join Council for dinner.

## **B Re-appointment of Chancellor**

The Chancellor withdrew for discussion of this item. The Acting Secretary and Minutes Secretary rejoined the meeting.

Council received a tabled paper from the Deputy Chancellor recommending that Ms McCarthy be re-appointed as Chancellor. Council noted that there had been broad support for the need to ensure that there was not a coincident change of Chancellor and Vice-Chancellor, and that the term of the Chancellor should be extended.

### ***Resolution No. C77/5***

Council approved the extension of the term of appointment of Ms Wendy McCarthy as Chancellor for a period of two years until 31 December 2003.

The Chancellor rejoined the meeting.

## **C Resignation and Replacement of Pro Vice-Chancellor (Academic)**

Council received a memorandum from the Vice-Chancellor advising that Professor Kerry Kennedy had resigned from the University to take up an appointment at the Hong Kong Institute of Education. Professor Aitkin informed members that Professor Kennedy had made an enormous contribution to the University in a number of areas, and was widely respected. Mr Rosser advised that Professor Kennedy had also been instrumental in setting up the University of Canberra College through his role as Chief Executive Officer of the College. The Chancellor and members of Council endorsed the views expressed, and wished Professor Kennedy well in his new position.

Council noted that the Vice-Chancellor proposed to appoint Professor Marie Carroll, Professor of Psychology and Chair of the Academic Board, as Pro Vice-Chancellor (Academic) for a term of one year. Council noted that such an appointment would provide continuity but would allow the new Vice-Chancellor to make a substantive decision for the long term after several months in office.

### ***Resolution No. C77/6***

Council agreed that Professor Marie Carroll be appointed as Pro Vice-Chancellor (Academic) for a term of one year from the date of Professor Kennedy's departure on 17 September 2001, and on an acting basis from 20 August 2001 to 17 September 2001.

Council noted that the Vice-Chancellor would appoint a new Chair of Academic Board.

## **D Appointment and Re-appointment of Adjunct Professors**

Council received proposals, including brief *curricula vitae*, for the appointment and re-appointment of adjunct professors as set out below.

### **a) Appointments as Adjunct Professors of Law, Division of Management and Technology**

Mr Brendan Pentony  
Mr Mark Harrison  
Dr Patricia Eastal  
Mr David Grainger

#### ***Resolution No. C77/7***

Council appointed Mr Brendan Pentony, Mr Mark Harrison, Dr Patricia Eastal and Mr David Grainger as Adjunct Professor of Law, each for an initial period of three years.

### **b) Appointment as Adjunct Professor of Accounting, Banking and Finance, Division of Management and Technology**

Mr David Sly

#### ***Resolution No. C77/8***

Council appointed Mr David Sly as Adjunct Professor of Accounting, Banking and Finance for an initial period of three years.

### **c) Appointment as Adjunct Professor of Governance, National Institute of Governance**

Dr David Zussman

#### ***Resolution No. C77/9***

Council appointed Dr David Zussman as Adjunct Professor of Public Sector Management for an initial period of three years.

### **d) Re-appointment of Adjunct Professor, Division of Management and Technology**

Brian O'Keefe AO

***Resolution No. C77/10***

Council re-appointed Brian O'Keefe AO as Adjunct Professor of Communications Engineering for a further period of three years to 15 August 2004.

**D REPORT OF UNIVERSITY OF CANBERRA FOUNDATION**

Council received the first report of the University of Canberra Foundation since its reconstitution in November 2000 from the Foundation Chair, Mr Russell Miller. Council noted that operational support from the Board for the work of the Foundation was provided through a number of working groups with clear objectives set by the Board.

Council recognised that the task upon which the Foundation had embarked could only be regarded as long term, and observed that a strategy ought to be developed for the Foundation to widen its resources. Members noted that the Foundation had taken steps towards the completion of a strategic plan and towards regular financial reporting to the Board.

Council broadly supported the directions taken by the Foundation and congratulated it on its achievements to date. Members requested that regular progress reports be made to Council.

**Item 5 Vice-Chancellor's Report**

**A Canberra Medical School**

The Vice-Chancellor reported that the University of Canberra was to collaborate with the Australian National University and the Canberra Hospital in a new ACT Medical School, expected to take its first intake of students in 2004. Council noted that the School would provide places for about 60 graduate students, that it would be based at a new \$13m facility at Canberra Hospital, and that at least two professorial appointments would be based at UC. Council noted that development of the Medical School must be integrated into the University's strategic planning processes.

**B Graduation Ceremonies**

The Vice-Chancellor advised that three successful graduation ceremonies had

recently been held at Parliament House. Council noted that many students who had been taught entirely offshore travelled from China, Hong Kong and Singapore to attend the ceremonies. Council also noted that seven PhD students had graduated.

The Vice-Chancellor informed members that he had also recently officiated at a graduation ceremony for Masters in TESOL students in Ho Chi Minh City, Vietnam. Council noted that the University was now teaching in approximately twelve offshore locations, and that these students were keen to be part of the University community. Members also noted that the Vice-Chancellor had recently attended a reception in Vientiane, Laos, for graduates of UC, as a consequence of which a database had been compiled of Laotian graduates of all courses at the University. The Vice-Chancellor observed that it would be useful for a similar database to be established in other Asian countries.

## **C Art Acquisition**

Council noted that a new painting by Elizabeth Kruger, which had recently been acquired for the University art collection, had been hung in the Council Room. Members were advised that the stolen Sidney Nolan art work had not yet been recovered.

## **D Brisbane Campus**

Professor Kennedy informed Council that a Brisbane Campus Steering Committee had been set up with responsibility for policy development relating to the Brisbane Campus. Members noted that a Brisbane Campus Planning Committee would also be established with responsibility for operational issues. Professor Kennedy advised that an important function for the Planning Committee would be to act as the main point of communication on all issues relating to the Brisbane Campus. Council noted that Mr Greg Jones of the Client Services Division had been appointed on an interim basis as the Chief Administrative Officer, Brisbane Campus.

Council noted that discussions were continuing with Dynamic Management Group (DMG) regarding many issues relating to the Brisbane Campus, including contractual matters, marketing, information technology infrastructure, and student services. Members were advised that it was planned to accept the first cohort of students into two UC undergraduate courses at the Brisbane Campus from Semester 1, 2002.

## **The Wider Community**



Council noted the following matters.

- The Vice-Chancellor's Advisory Committee (VCAC) Retreat was held in Cooma on 28 and 29 June 2001 and the Committee used the opportunity to lunch with members of both the Cooma-Monaro Shire Council and the Snowy River Shire Council, as well as with representatives of local business and industry. Members noted that the work of the University in the area had expanded considerably since VCAC first met there in 1998.
- Professor Eugene Clark, Pro Vice-Chancellor (Science and Design) represented the Vice-Chancellor on a delegation to China in May 2001. The delegation was led by the Chief Minister of the ACT, Gary Humphries with the prime objective of industry promotion. The delegation visited Beijing, Shanghai and Hangzhou.
- As part of the UC outreach program and in line with UC's regional focus, the University joined with the Goulburn Art Gallery to launch an art exhibition, based on the University's art collection. The exhibition, *As We Are*, reflected the many ways in which artists expressed their vision of Australia and its wildlife.
- A UC-directed project has been started to educate children in secondary schools of the South Coast about the importance of looking after local estuaries. This project is a joint initiative of the Division of Science and Design and the Eurobodalla Shire Council and will build on existing activities, such as coast and river care programs.
- The University of Canberra will play a training role in establishing a new leading- edge technology sector in the ACT. ACT Chief Minister Gary Humphries launched the Photonics Industry Strategy at Questacon on 2 May, announcing that Canberra had won the right to establish the National Photonics Training Institute headquarters. UC will provide high quality education in photonic engineering, collaborating with the new Australian Research Council Photonics Institute, which involves the work of CIT, ADFA and ANU.
- Tracey Golds, Julie Bradley and Belle Alderman presented an event entitled *'Keeping Your Stories'* at the ACT Heritage Festival/ACT Centenary Event held on 21 April at the University of Canberra. This event was designed to bring the community (children and their care-givers) to the University, and to highlight UC expertise - children's literature and creative writing (Lu Rees Archives), graphic design, and conservation. Authors, illustrators, storytellers, oral history experts and others contributed to this day.

## The University

- The Ngunnawal Lecture Series is a Social Justice initiative of the University of Canberra. These Public Lectures give voice to the indigenous Australian position on the many topics which shape Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities throughout this country. The public lecture coincides with the national commemoration for Sorry Day and thus forms an integral and annual component of the academic calendar. The Inaugural Ngunnawal Series Lecture was delivered by Dr Aileen Moreton-Robinson, a Geonpul woman from Quandamooka (Moreton Bay) and lecturer in Indigenous Studies at Griffith University.
- A pilot program, the 'Buddy Program' was launched at the University in the first four weeks of the academic year. Leaders helped new students in many ways, from finding accommodation and tips on banking, shopping and health insurance, as well as ways of becoming involved in Canberra's cultural and religious activities.
- UC's School of Law, assisted by the Australian Catholic University, recently took part in a multi-nation communications link-up taking video-conferencing into the international courtroom. Using the video-conferencing facilities, UC participated in a mock international trial of a fictional terrorist involved in the bombing of a passenger jet over London.
- UC's Cooperative Research Centre for Tourism Research is currently assessing the economic impact of tourism in the Australian Alps, in light of the area's increasing popularity as a holiday destination. The project will collect data from visitors to all National Parks in the Australian Alps to determine how much tourism in the area was worth to the economies of NSW, Victoria and the ACT.
- The Cooperative Research Centre for Landscape Evolution and Mineral Exploration, (CRCLEME) partly based at UC, has won a prestigious award for its innovative education program. CRCLEME worked as part of the Minerals Tertiary Education Council, and won the highly respected 2001 Australian Museum Eureka Prize for Industry in May.
- The University of Canberra, University of Canberra Union (UCU) and the Credit Union of Canberra hosted the first Eastern University Swimming Championships on April 8-10 at the AIS. The competition follows the creation of the UCU Swim Club last year. Since that time, the idea has caught on with ANU, CIT, UNSW, UTS, and Macquarie, Newcastle, Sydney and Queensland Universities all sending representatives.
- Two University of Canberra academics were honoured at the Banksia Environmental Foundation Awards on 2 June, with Professor Peter Cullen named Prime Minister's Environmentalist of the Year, and Research Officer Ian Lawrence receiving the Outstanding Individual Achievement Award. Both are based at the Cooperative Research Centre for Freshwater Ecology.
- Professor Bob Kearney, Professor of Fisheries, has been elected chair of the board of trustees of the International Center for Living Aquatic Resources

Management (ICLARM), the World Fish Centre, an autonomous, non-governmental, non-profit, international scientific and technical centre which conducts research into all aspects of fisheries and other living aquatic resources. The centre's role is to increase fisheries production while promoting sustainable practice and biodiversity.

- Dr Bede Harris has been awarded one of only three Australian Fulbright Scholarships to attend the Institute of American Studies in Pennsylvania this year.
- Dr Ken McQueen was recently appointed a Fellow of the Centre for Learning, Teaching and Scholarship (CELTS). Each year a small number of academic staff are selected as Fellows on the basis of their outstanding scholarship and leadership in the area of teaching. Dr Carole Kayrooz, from the Division of Communication and Education, has also been appointed a CELTS Fellow for 2001. She is an educational psychologist and senior lecturer in education.
- Professor Trevor Mules has been appointed as a member of the Centre for Australian Cultural Studies governing Board.
- Architecture and Building Lecturer Simon Kringas has been awarded the national design competition prize for Reconciliation Place in Canberra's Parliamentary Triangle. Mr Kringas, who included fourth year UC architecture students Catherine Elliott, Agi Calka and Amy Leenders in the winning design team, has been invited to complete the design by supervising the construction work. The competition attracted 36 entries from all parts of the country. Reconciliation Place is a major Federal Government initiative in the reconciliation process and is expected to be completed within 12 months.
- The University was saddened by the loss of colleague, friend and teacher Kerrie Stuckey when she was killed in a car accident in May. Kerrie had a long involvement with UC, having graduated in 1987 and acting as a committed sessional staff member for over 10 years. The Vice-Chancellor has established the Stuckey Family Fund in response to many enquiries from staff wishing to contribute support to the family.
- Adjunct Professor Jim Service received the Canberran of the Year Award for commitment to ACT business, government and community at a Canberra Foundation Day Commemoration ceremony in April.
- Adjunct Professor Andrew Metcalf has been appointed the new managing director of design at the National Capital Authority.
- Vicky Kilby of the University's Student Support Services was nominated for an ACT Customer Service Award. The Awards aim to reward and recognise exceptional customer service delivery.
- Architecture student Michael Mossman has received the inaugural National Capital Authority Scholarship in Design for Indigenous Students. The scholarship is valued at \$4,000.
- Four final-year UC landscape architecture students have been chosen as

official entrants in the Stolen Generations Memorials Design Competition.

- UC student and dual Olympic silver medallist Petria Thomas set a new Commonwealth record at the inaugural Eastern University Swimming Championships.
- UC Sports Administration student and member of the ACT Brumbies Rugby Squad, Justin Harrison made a spectacular debut for the Wallabies, representing Australia in the final Rugby Union Test against the British Lions, winning the last line-out and effectively securing the Wallabies' victory.
- The recently formed UC Rowing Club, formed by a small group at last year's Intervarsity Regatta, can already boast two national titles. Students Donna Martin and MICThell Punch both won their respective single sculling championships for UC and have also won the 2001 under-23 single sculling titles.
- Three UC landscape architecture students received awards from ACT Health, Housing and Community Services Minister, Dr Michael Moore on 30 March 2001. The students had assisted with the design of an adaptable housing project in Florey. The Minister awarded Jenny Curtis the \$800 first prize, while James Balderstone and Theresa Whitten received Highly Commended awards of \$300 each.
- UC graduates Denise Fisher and Bob Davis have been appointed Consul-General of Australia in New Caledonia and High Commissioner to the Solomon Islands respectively. Another graduate, Sylvia Admans was recently appointed Chief Executive Officer of the Foundation for Rural and Regional Renewal.

## **Item 6 Vice-Chancellor's Information Technology Taskforce**

Council received and noted the *Report of the University of Canberra Information Technology Taskforce*, a representative taskforce, drawn from the information and communications technology (ICT) industry and the University, which had examined the current situation of the University in its ICT endeavours.

Council noted that in making its recommendations the taskforce focussed on the University's operation at its Bruce campus, whilst recognising that the University was moving to operate in a wider national and global environment. Therefore the taskforce recommendations might not have the same equivalence in the context of programs being offered in different locations throughout the world.

Council noted that the report had recommended a convergence in the areas of information and communications technology, and had made several other recommendations which would present a set of challenges for the soon to be appointed Head of School of Computing. The following points were noted in discussion.

(a) The issue of provision of computing equipment for students on the Brisbane campus had not been addressed by the taskforce. Members noted that students in some other courses, such as design courses, were required to provide their own project materials. However, if students were expected to provide for their own computer needs then access and equity issues needed to be considered. Some overseas universities now required students to provide their own laptop computers, with laboratories provided for the use of students without their own computers. Many Australian universities were currently considering this issue.

(b) DMG had been actively pursuing scholarships to assist international students on the Brisbane campus .

(c) The issue of how to attract and keep staff in the ICT area had not been addressed in the taskforce report. In the past, salary loadings had been given in some areas such as accounting in order to retain staff. Universities could not match the salaries paid by private industry, but employment in universities offered other attractions. The University needed to consider key technical areas in which it should teach and research. The views of industry should be sought on the areas in which UC should focus its ICT strengths.

(d) Companies might be prepared to release their staff for short periods of time in exchange for the prestige of them teaching at the university.

(e) Many potential ICT students were attracted to private firms which were prepared to accept them as trainees without a qualification. It would be useful to hold discussions with these firms with the aim of UC becoming their preferred training institution.

(f) ICT course delivery was increasingly delivered online and was self-paced.

(g) The UC undergraduate course focused on systems development, an area with declining employment opportunities in the ACT, while there is growing demand for staff trained in the areas of user support, project management and systems administration.

The Vice-Chancellor thanked those who had participated in the taskforce.

## **Item 7 Appointment of Pro Vice-Chancellors (Management And Technology & Science And Design)**

Council received from the Vice-Chancellor a paper and draft advertisements for the positions of Pro Vice-Chancellor, Division of Management and Technology, and Pro Vice-Chancellor, Division of Science and Design.

***Resolution No. C77/11***

Council -

- (a) noted the advertisements for the two positions;
- (b) approved the composition of the selection panels as set out below:

**Pro Vice-Chancellor (Management and Technology)**

Vice-Chancellor (Chair)

Pro Vice-Chancellor (Communication and Education)

Member of staff elected from the Division of Management and Technology

Head of a School to be appointed by the Vice-Chancellor when the elected member of staff is known

External member of Council - Dr Michael Sargent

Student member of Council - Mr David Marsden-Ballard

Executive Director, Corporate Services Division

**Pro Vice-Chancellor (Science and Design)**

Vice-Chancellor (Chair)

Pro Vice-Chancellor (Communication and Education)

Member of staff elected from the Division of Science and Design

Head of a School to be appointed by the Vice-Chancellor when the elected member of staff is known

External member of Council - Ms Dawn Casey

Student member of Council - undergraduate student member

Executive Director, Corporate Services Division

(c) noted that the new Vice-Chancellor would be involved in the selection process.

## **Item 8          Composition of Selection Committees for Appointment of Heads of Schools**

Council received a paper from the Vice-Chancellor requesting a change to the composition of selection committees for the appointment of Heads of Schools. Council noted that a significant difficulty had been experienced in the time taken to identify selection committee membership and to find suitable times for shortlisting and interviewing applicants.

### ***Resolution No. C77/12***

Council agreed to rescind Resolution No. C188/3 (4) and replace it with the following.

The Selection Panel for appointment of Heads of Schools will comprise:

Pro Vice-Chancellor of the academic Division

One staff member elected by the School

One current Head of School, preferably from another Division

One staff member of Council, preferably from another Division

One student member of Council

Council noted that the President of the UC Branch of the National Tertiary Education Union would be invited to attend as a non-voting member.

## **Item 9          Fees for Domestic Students in Higher Degrees by Research**

Council received a paper from the Vice-Chancellor advising that Academic Board and the Vice-Chancellor's Advisory Committee had recommended the introduction, from 2002, of fee payment for domestic students undertaking higher degrees by research. The following points were noted.

- (a) The charging of fees for professional doctorates mentioned in the paper refers to the research professional doctorates introduced in 1995. Since that time the University had introduced coursework professional doctorates which were fee paying.
- (b) While many would agree that not charging fees to research students brought a benefit to the wider community and the nation, it was not the view of the Commonwealth government which by reducing the number of funded places was encouraging universities to impose fees. The options available to the University were limited and most universities were moving to charge research student fees.
- (c) Under the Research Training Scheme (RTS) introduced by the Commonwealth government, current students (those reported as commencing before the HECS census date for Semester 2, 2000) would retain their HECS-exempt or HECS-liable status. In the future DETYA would not allow the allocation of HECS-liable places to research students who did not obtain an RTS place. The option to charge fees would provide the University with some flexibility in the management of its admissions.
- (d) Concern was expressed that fees would be a barrier to access. Any demand for extra places made available though charging a fee would only be available to those who could afford the fees. It was ironic that the only way the University could increase access was to charge fees to domestic research students. It should also be noted that international students were charged fees and would now have greater access to the University's research programs than would domestic students.
- (e) Without the capacity to charge fees the University would be limited to 132 equivalent full-time student (EFTSU) places and, given the current over-enrolment in higher degrees by research courses, it would not be able to support an intake of new students for some time. This in turn could threaten the viability of some research courses and related research programs.
- (f) If a decision were taken to introduce fees for domestic research students, the University would still have discretion as to when to charge a fee and the level of that fee.

***Resolution No. C77/13***

Council resolved to rescind Resolution No. C32/15 (vi) and replace it with the following:

1. Council agreed, with regret, to support the introduction from 2002 of fee payment for domestic students undertaking higher degrees by research but not able to take up Commonwealth funded or employer funded places.
2. Council asked the Vice-Chancellor to take action to develop formal procedures,



including the specification of the circumstances under which fees would be charged.

3. Council agreed to review the policy after two years.

The undergraduate student member of Council, Mr Hayward, asked that his dissent be recorded.

## **Item 10            Reports of Academic Board Meetings No. 01/3 and 01/4**

Council received reports of Academic Board Meetings No. 01/03 of 7 May 2001 and 01/04 of 25 June 2001, and dealt with the following matters.

### **A            Academic Board Meeting No. 01/03**

#### **1.            Chair of University Scholarships & Prizes Committee**

Council noted the appointment of Professor Bill Green as Chair of the University Scholarships & Prizes Committee.

#### **2.            Assessment Policy - Consultation Draft**

Council noted that Academic Board had considered a draft consultation *Assessment Policy* and would consider the final form of the policy document following the consultation period and appropriate amendment by the University Education Committee.

#### **3.            Granting of Awards - Doctor of Philosophy**

#### ***Resolution No. C77/14***

Council exercised its authority under Rule 7 (2) of the *Conferring of Awards Rules 1995* and admitted the following student to the award of Doctor of Philosophy, subject to the student's compliance with the Statutes and Rules of the University:

Ms Nerelle POROCH

### **B            Academic Board Meeting No. 01/04**

#### **1.            Fees for Domestic Students in Higher Degrees by Research**

Council noted that Academic Board had considered a paper on the issue of fees for

domestic students in higher degrees by research. Discussion of this matter is recorded under Item 9.

## **2. Academic Program 2002**

Council noted that Academic Board had resolved to approve the Academic Program for 2002.

## **3. MBA at East China University of Science and Technology (ECUST)**

Council noted Academic Board's advice relating to the masters degree course in Business Administration at East China University of Science and Technology (ECUST), Peoples Republic of China. Council noted that the University had been developing a relationship with the East China University of Science and Technology (ECUST) since 1999 and that a Memorandum of Understanding signed in December of that year had formed the basis of the planning to deliver the masters degree course at ECUST.

The following points were noted.

- (a) The course was intended for delivery in English to students who met the normal admission requirements for the course on the same basis as students undertaking the course at UC.
- (b) It had become apparent that, after an intensive six-month English language program delivered by ECUST, there were a number of students whose English language ability was still below that required for admission to UC. It had also become apparent that, even though the students had completed two University subjects, they had never been admitted to the University.
- (c) Part of the difficulty had arisen because administering an appropriate IELTS (English language) test in China was not easy. The number of candidates across China wishing to undertake the test exceeded the resources available to deliver it.
- (d) Even though the students undertaking the program at ECUST were not enrolled students of the University, and therefore there was no formal obligation to them, some students (and ECUST) had been given the clear impression that they were enrolled students. Therefore it was felt that the University had an obligation to the current cohort of students to resolve the situation.
- (e) In addition to being taught in both English and Mandarin, additional translation services were being provided to the students.

Council noted that Academic Board had resolved to approve:

- (a) waiving the normal English language admission requirements;
- (b) the delivery of the course in a mode utilising both English and Chinese (Mandarin); and
- (c) consequential changes to transcripts and testamurs to reflect these arrangements

for a particular cohort of forty (40) students to be admitted to the masters degree course in Business Administration offered at ECUST.

Academic Board had also resolved to note that:

- (a) Any future cohort admitted to the course to be offered at ECUST would be required to meet the normal University admission requirements for such programs, including any English language requirement.
- (b) The program for future cohorts would be taught in English.

Council members observed that completion of courses delivered in English was often used as the basis for immigration requirements and for acceptance into other postgraduate courses delivered in English. Council asked, therefore, that the cohort of 40 students be given every opportunity to redress the situation and to complete any remedial work necessary for their testamurs to state that the masters degree course in Business Administration had been taught in English. Council asked that, should this not be possible, the cohort be asked for written confirmation that they understood their testamurs would state that they had been taught in Chinese.

#### ***Resolution No. C77/15***

Council asked the Vice-Chancellor to arrange for appropriate action to be taken.

Members noted that a draft policy on *Quality Assurance for Offshore Teaching* would soon be in place.

#### **4. Accreditation of Courses**

#### ***Resolution No. 77/13***

Council amended the *Courses & Awards Statute 1995* to add the following awards:

Bachelor of Arts in English for Professional Purposes

Bachelor of New Media Production  
Bachelor of Tourism Management  
Graduate Certificate in Information Technology  
Graduate Certificate in Sports Management  
Graduate Certificate in Urban Management  
Graduate Diploma in Electronic Business  
Graduate Diploma in Information Technology  
Graduate Diploma in Property  
Graduate Diploma in Sports Management  
Master of Advanced Nursing Practice  
Master of Counselling Psychology  
Master of Internet Communication  
Master of Knowledge Management  
Master of Sports Management  
Master of Tourism Management  
Doctor of Urban Management

## **5. Granting of Awards - Doctor of Philosophy**

### ***Resolution No. C77/16***

Council exercised its authority under Rule 7 (2) of the *Conferring of Awards Rules 1995* and admitted the following students to the award of Doctor of Philosophy, subject to the students' compliance with the Statutes and Rules of the University:

BERGHOUT, Mani  
GREEN, Damien  
JONES, Grant  
REIMAN, Cornelis  
SCHOONVELDT, Jan  
THOMAS, Linda  
WELSH, Mary

## **Item 11 Report of Buildings and Site Committee**

Council received and noted the report of the Buildings and Site Committee meeting held on 16 May 2001.

### ***Resolution No. C77/17***

Council exercised its powers under Section 5 of Statute No. 33 of *Traffic Statute 1995* and declared the areas shown as Area 1, Area 2 and Area 3 on the attached plan as parking areas.

## **Item 12 Report of Academic Staff Committee**

Council received and noted a report from the Academic Staff Committee on its activities during 2000.

## **Item 13 Senior Appointments**

Council received and noted a memorandum from the Vice-Chancellor advising the following senior appointments and re-appointments.

- a) Mr Adrian Davey as Head of the School of Resource, Environmental and Heritage Sciences for the period until 14 February 2002.
- b) Mr John Gross as Head of the School of Human and Biomedical Sciences for a further 12 months until 16 July 2002.
- c) Ms Carmel O'Meara as Head of the School of Design for a further 12 months until 31 December 2002.
- d) Associate Professor Peter Morgan as Head of School of Computing until 17 August 2001. Council noted that applications would soon be called for the substantive position of Head of School of Computing.

## **Item 14 Australian Mathematics Trust - 2000 Financial Statements**

Council received and noted the Financial Statements for 2000 for the Australian Mathematics Trust and the Financial Statements for 2000 for the Peter Joseph O'Halloran Memorial Fund.

## **Item 15 Issue of Obligation Certificates**

Council received and noted a memorandum from the Acting Secretary attaching a list of students to whom Obligations Certificates had been issued for substantial and long-standing debts for Library fines and charges, and for outstanding tuition fees.

## **Item 16 Use of University Seal**

Council received and noted a report from the Vice-Chancellor on the use of the University seal.

## **Item 17      Other Business**

There was no other business.

The meeting closed at 8.10 pm.

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