



## DEAKIN UNIVERSITY

### COUNCIL

Meeting 3, 2014  
Wednesday 25 June 2014 3 pm  
The James Leslie Council Chamber  
Level 4, The Sally Walker Building (ad4.302)  
Geelong Waterfront Campus

### MINUTES

- Present:** Mr David Morgan (Chair), Professor David Ashbridge, Ms Helene Bender, Ms Jay Bonnington, Ms Helen Buckingham, Professor Jane den Hollander, Ms Miranda Douglas-Crane, Professor Jean du Plessis, Ms Kathy Grigg, Ms Philippa Kelly, Ms Jenni Lightowlers, Mr Peter Meehan, Mr Peter Niblett, Ms Glenys Phillpot, Professor Ruth Rentschler, Mr John Stanhope.
- Apologies:** Nil.
- Leave of absence:** Mr Stuart Hamilton, Mr David Joyce.
- In attendance:** Professor Trevor Day, Professor Chris Gray, Professor Beverley Oliver, Ms Jo Reid, Mr Kean Selway, Professor Gary Smith, Mr Andrew Walters.
- Secretariat:** Dr Glenn Nicholls, Mrs Rachel Haynes.

### Procedural matters

#### 1 Attendance

Council noted the attendance of non-members and visitors.

#### 2 Leave of absence

2.1 Council noted that it had granted leave of absence for this meeting to Mr Stuart Hamilton and Mr David Joyce.

2.2 Leave of absence was granted to Mr Peter Niblett for the meeting of Council to be held on 7 August 2014.

#### 3 Conflict of interest

There were no declarations of conflicts of interest.

#### 4 Starring of items

No additional items were starred and Council:  
**approved all recommendations in unstarred items.**

#### 5 Minutes

Council confirmed the minutes of Meeting 2, 2014 held on 8 May.

#### 6 Business arising

There were no items of business arising that were not identified elsewhere on the agenda.

## 7 Next meeting

Council noted that the next meeting (Meeting 4, 2014) would be held on Thursday 7 August at 10 am in the Richard Searby Room, Level 2, Building BC at the Melbourne Burwood Campus, and would be followed by a campus tour and special session on the development of the 2015-2017 Financial Plan.

## Reports and presentations

### 8 Report from the Vice-Chancellor

8.1 Council received a report from the Vice-Chancellor on recent events at the University, including the launch of Deakin's carbon fibre research facility Carbon Nexus, the high level of staff involvement in celebrations of Deakin's fortieth year and the University's new partnership with TAFE NSW Riverina Institute to facilitate pathways to Deakin for students in the Riverina Murray region.

8.2 Council welcomed the establishment of a Council of Elders and Respected Persons as an advisory body to the Institute of Koorie Education and the University and endorsed:

**the terms of reference of the Council of Elders and Respected Persons as set out at Appendix A to item 8.2.**

8.3 Council:

- expressed interest in receiving further information on the development of the terms of reference and Indigenous education
- acknowledged the work of Mr Jim Berg, founder of the Koorie Heritage Trust, on the terms of reference, and of Professor Chris Gray, Pro Vice-Chancellor (Planning and Integrity), on joint initiatives between the University and the Institute of Koorie Education
- noted the University's Indigenous Entry Program in medicine
- noted that the University would be taking action to fill the position of Director of the Institute of Koorie Education in the near future.

### 9 Implications of the 2014 Commonwealth budget

9.1 Council received a presentation from the Vice-Chancellor and Chief Financial Officer on the implications of the 2014 Commonwealth budget and changes to higher education policy.

9.2 Council discussed preliminary analyses of the budget's impact on the University's financial position and potential strategies for positioning Deakin in the new funding and policy environment.

### 10 Financial report

Council received the consolidated financial results and major projects report for the period to 31 May 2014.

### 11 Presentation from the Pro Vice-Chancellor (Science, Engineering and Built Environment)

Council received a presentation from Professor Trevor Day, Pro Vice-Chancellor (Science, Engineering and Built Environment) on the work of the Faculty and noted initiatives to:

- enhance learning outcomes through problem-based learning
- increase work integrated learning to improve graduate employment outcomes
- inspire more female participation in science and engineering through engagement with schools
- extend research carried out in conjunction with industry
- deepen international partnerships, especially in India, China and Indonesia.

## Items for consideration or approval

### 12 Student consultation process

12.1 Council considered the process for consultation with students on University decision making and the use of proceeds derived from the Student Services Amenities Fee.

12.2 Council approved:

**the process for consultation with students on the Student Services and Amenities Fee and other matters as set out at Appendix A to item 12.**

### 13 Amendments to University legislation

13.1 Council considered a report from the Legislation Committee proposing amendments to legislation.

13.2 Council approved that:

- **Regulations be amended as set out at Appendices A-G to item 13, effective upon promulgation across the University**
- **Statute 10.1–*Student Loan Fund* and Regulation 10.1(1) – *Student Loan Fund* be revoked and replaced by a policy and procedure on the administration of the student loan fund, the revocation to be promulgated once the policy and procedure are in place.**

### 14 Amendments to Regulation 05.2(1)–*Academic Awards*

14.1 Council considered a report from the Academic Board proposing amendments to Regulation 05.2(1) –*Academic Awards* to reflect the introduction and discontinuation of higher education courses.

14.2 Council approved:

**amendments to Regulation 05.2(1)–*Academic Awards* as set out in Table A of item 14.**

### 15 Matters requiring Council decision

15.1 Council considered a report on the document ‘Matters requiring Council Decision’.

15.2 Council approved:

**the document ‘Matters Requiring Council Decision’ as set out at Appendix A to item 15.**

### 16 Participation by technology in Council and committee meetings

16.1 Council considered a proposal to amend the Council Operating Provisions to include provisions for members to participate by technology in Council and committee meetings.

16.2 Council noted that:

- participation by technology in Council meetings was governed by the *Deakin University Act*
- participation by technology in committee meetings would be allowed only with the approval of the Chair and where confidentiality was assured.

16.3 Council approved that:

**Council’s Operating Provisions be amended to include provisions on participation by technology as set out at Appendix A to item 16.**

### 17 Revocation of the Council Functions and Operations enabling policy

17.1 Council considered a proposal regarding the revocation of the Council Functions and Operations enabling policy.

- 17.2 Council approved that:  
**the Council Functions and Operations enabling policy as set out at Appendix A to item 17 be revoked.**

## **18 2015 Council meeting schedule**

- 18.1 Council considered the proposed 2015 Council meeting schedule.

- 18.2 Council approved:  
**the 2015 Council meeting schedule as set out at Appendix A to item 18.**

## **Reports from Council committees**

### **19 Report from the Audit and Risk Committee**

- 19.1 Council considered a report on matters arising from Meeting 2, 2014 of the Audit and Risk Committee held on 19 May and in particular noted the annual report on actions to resolve complaints by students under the University's formal complaints process.
- 19.2 Council noted that the University would obtain and distribute to members some comparable complaints data to allow an assessment of Deakin's performance relative to the sector.

### **20 Report from the Chancellor's Advisory Committee**

Council received a report on matters arising from Meetings 2 and 3, 2014 of the Chancellor's Advisory Committee held on 2 May and 3 June.

### **21 Report from the Honorary Degrees Committee**

Council received a report on matters arising from Meeting 2, 2014 of the Honorary Degrees Committee held by circular resolution on 9 June.

### **22 Report from the Investment Committee**

Council received a report on matters arising from Meeting 2, 2014 of the Investment Committee held on 13 May.

### **23 Report from the Legislation Committee**

Council received a report on matters arising from Meeting 2, 2014 of the Legislation Committee held on 13 May.

### **24 Report from the Finance and Business Affairs Committee**

Council received a report on matters arising from Meeting 3, 2014 of the Finance and Business Affairs Committee, held by circular resolution on 17 June.

## **Items for information**

### **25 Report from the Academic Board**

Council received a report on matters arising from Meeting 3, 2014 of the Academic Board held on 10 June.

### **26 Affixation of the University Seal**

Council noted a list of documents to which the Seal of the University was affixed since the meeting of Council held on 8 May 2014.

## Special item

### **27 Reappointment of the Vice-Chancellor**

- 27.1 Council recalled that at its meeting on 8 May 2014 it had agreed that the Chancellor would discuss a renewed contract of employment with the Vice-Chancellor with a view to concluding renewed arrangements as soon as possible.
- 27.2 The Chancellor advised Council that he was pleased to confirm the conclusion of the contract for the Vice-Chancellor's reappointment for a further term from 1 July 2014 to 30 June 2019.
- 27.3 Council congratulated the Vice-Chancellor on her reappointment with acclamation.

## Confidential item of business

*(Secretary's note: the following items of business were considered in-camera, in the absence of non-members and visitors.)*

### **28 Honorary degrees and titles**

- 28.1 Council considered a proposal for the awarding of honorary degrees, and conferral of title of Emeritus Professor and Alfred Deakin Professor, on named persons.
- 28.2 Council approved that:
- **the honorary degree of Master of Science be awarded to Mr Peter Alsop**
  - **the honorary degree of Doctor of Letters be awarded to Emeritus Professor Max Charlesworth AO**
  - **the title of Emeritus Professor be conferred upon Alfred Deakin Professor Julian Mercer, effective from 30 June 2014**
  - **the title of Alfred Deakin Professor be conferred upon the following individuals, with immediate effect:**
    - **Professor Matthew Barnett**
    - **Professor Kylie Ball**
    - **Professor Clare Bradford**
    - **Professor Graeme Hays**
    - **Professor Ivan Stojmenovic.**

The meeting closed at 6.00 pm.

Chair: ..... Date: .....