

Minutes of the 488<sup>th</sup> meeting of **COUNCIL** held at 2pm on **Monday 29 May 2017** in the Council Chamber, The Chancellery

**PRESENT**

Mr David Gonski AC, Chancellor  
 Dr Jennifer Alexander  
 Ms Maxine Brenner  
 Mr Nicholas Carney  
 Associate Professor David Cohen  
 Mr Matthew Grounds  
 Professor Ian Jacobs, President and Vice-Chancellor  
 Mr Brian Long  
 Mr Aaron Magnier  
 Professor Kristy Muir  
 Mr Michael Murdocca  
 Mr Warwick Negus  
 Scientia Professor John Piggott  
 Ms Jillian Segal AM, Deputy Chancellor  
 Mr Gaurav Vats

**IN ATTENDANCE**

Ms Jill Baker, Baker & Baptist Pty Ltd (External Reviewer, Item 21)  
 Professor Brian Boyle, Deputy Vice-Chancellor, Enterprise  
 Mr Jason Coombs, Director of Strategic Initiatives and Space Management  
 Professor Merlin Crossley, Deputy Vice-Chancellor, Education  
 Ms Fiona Docherty, Vice-President, International, Marketing and Communications  
 Professor Matt England, Climate Change Research Centre (Item 14)  
 Professor Les Field, Senior Deputy Vice-Chancellor  
 Professor Nicholas Fisk, Deputy Vice-Chancellor, Research  
 Ms Shahina Mohamed, Operations Director/International and External Liaison to the President and Vice-Chancellor  
 Mr Peter Noble, Vice-President and Chief of Staff  
 Mr Jon Paparsenos, Vice-President, Philanthropy  
 Mr Paul Sheehy, Legal Counsel (Item 13)  
 Professor Anne Simmons, 2025 Strategy Office (Item 10)  
 Mr Andrew Walters, Vice-President, Finance & Operations  
 Mr David Ward, Vice-President, Human Resources

**Secretary** Mr James Fitzgibbon, Director of Governance

*For convenience, agenda items were taken out of order.*

## Procedural Matters

1. **Apologies and leave of absence and welcome to new member**  
 There were no apologies. The Chancellor welcomed Mr Gaurav Vats to his first Council meeting as the newly elected postgraduate student member of Council.
2. **Declarations of interest and conflicts of interest**  
 Council noted that Mr Gonski ceased to be the Chairman and Director of Coca-Cola Amatil Ltd on 16 May 2017. Mr Murdocca informed Council of his prior involvement in

student politics in relation to Item 17.1 (the proposal to expand the student membership of the Academic Board).

**3. Minutes of previous meeting and business arising**

**3.1 Minutes of Council meeting held on 18 April 2017**

Council confirmed the minutes of the meeting held on 18 April 2017 as an accurate record and authorised the Chancellor to sign them.

**3.2 Matters arising and business carried forward**

Council noted that all matters arising and business carried forward were either completed or in progress.

**4. Adoption of items for noting and approval, and starrng of items**

A motion for the adoption of the non-confidential and confidential items for noting was received and carried.

**Management and Strategy**

**C5. Report of the President and Vice-Chancellor to Council**

**5.1 NUW Alliance**

**5.2 Faculty Showcase Event**

**5.3 Federal Budget**

**5.4 IELTS Analysis**

**C6. Finance Committee Report**

Mr Negus provided an update to Council.

**6.1 Flying Minute of Finance Committee 12 April 2017**

**6.2 Group Financial Summary - April 2017**

**6.3 US Private Placement Debt Capital Market Transaction Update**

**6.4 Financial Health Metrics and Financial Stress Testing**

**C7. Audit Committee Report**

**7.1 Unconfirmed Minutes of Audit Committee meeting held on 3 April 2017**

**C8. Risk Committee Report**

**C9. Honorary Degrees Committee Report**

**9.1 Honorary Degrees Committee Recommendations**

**C10. 2025 Strategy Update**

**10.1 Academic Excellence – Education Focused Careers (Presentation)**

**C11. Presentation – UNSW Futures**

**C12. IT Transformation Plan**

**C13. International House Limited (IHL)**

**C14. Fossil Fuel Divestment**

**Items for Approval or Noting**

**C15. UNSW 2025 Council Sub-Committee Report**

- 15.1 Confirmed minutes of 2025 Council Sub-committee meeting held on 3 April 2017**

**C16. Register of Use of Seal and University Name and Arms**

**17. Reports on the Proceedings of the Academic Board**

- 17.1 Report to Council by President of the Academic Board**  
Council noted the report.

- 17.2 Report on the establishment of a Degree, Diploma, Certificate or Other Award Program by the Academic Board**  
Council noted the report.

- 17.3 Confirmed minutes of Academic Board meeting held on 7 March 2017**  
Council noted the confirmed minutes of the Academic Board meeting held on 7 March 2017.

**18. Amendments to the UNSW Rules**

**RESOLVED**

**Council approved** the changes to the UNSW Rules as outlined in Appendix A.

**19. Research, Ethics and Compliance Report for 2016**

Council noted the report.

**20. Business Without Notice**

Mr Long suggested that once the new Chief Digital Officer is established in the role, it would be helpful for Council to receive a presentation on the IT landscape and issues being faced by the University (it is not intended that it be a highly technical conversation) **[Matter Arising]**.

**21. Council Members Only Session**

*Management left the room before the start of the Council members only session.*

**NEXT MEETING**

The next Council meeting will be held on Monday 14 August 2017 at 2pm in the Council Chamber.

There being no other business, the Chancellor declared the meeting closed at 5:20pm.

SIGNED AS A CORRECT RECORD

Presiding Member

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Mr David Gonski AC  
Chancellor  
14 August 2017