University of Canberra

Minutes of Council Meeting No. 177

held on Friday 29 April 2016 at 9.00 a.m. in the Council Room.

Present:
Professor T Calma AO (Chancellor)
Ms M Eversons
Dr C Faulks
Dr T Karmel
Mr B Mewett
Dr D Kleeman
Professor S Parker AO (Vice-Chancellor)
Dr S Ryan (Deputy Chancellor)
Ms S Salthouse
Professor D Sharma
Mr D Trewin AO
Ms K O'Sullivan (A/g Secretary)

Apologies:
Ms R Deighton
Ms P Power AM

In attendance:
Professor L Anderson
Dr P Harvey
Professor N Klomp
Mr R Li
Professor F Shannon
Ms M Storti
Ms V Williams
Ms H Vooren (Minute Secretary)

Council met in closed session from 0910 – 1130 for the discussion of confidential items.

Opening and Apologies

Professor Calma welcomed all members and acknowledged the Ngunnawal People, elders past and present and students as the custodians of the land on which the University sits.

Apologies were received from Ms Deighton and Ms Power AM.

Professor Calma noted that this would be the last Council meeting for Professor Parker.

GENERAL BUSINESS

Item 1: Declarations of Interest

Ms Christopher advised that she has taken a casual position, as a Professional Support Officer for the Foundations of Professional Planning Unit within the Faculty of Teaching and Learning. Dr Faulks advised that her husband, the Honourable John Faulks, has accepted a role as an Adjunct Professor at the University.

Dr Kleeman noted a potential conflict for Council members who are also staff members regarding Agenda Item 5. It was agreed that these members should not vote on this item but could remain present for the discussion.

Resolution C177/01

Council received and noted the list of standing declarations made by members and the additional declarations regarding the business of the day.

Item 2: 2015 Council Planning Cycle

Ms O'Sullivan advised Council that the Work Health and Safety Report was not available to come to this meeting but will be available for the next meeting following consideration by the Audit and Risk Management Committee.

Items 3 to 14 and Items 24 to 29 (Annual Planning & Review) were discussed during the confidential sessions of Council.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

Item 15: Chancellor's Opening Comments

Professor Calma conveyed the thanks of the Council to Professor Parker and Dr Rhian Parker for their service to the University over the past nine years.

Professor Calma reminded Council members that the incoming Vice-Chancellor, Professor Deep Saini, will be visiting the University in early May and will have an opportunity to meet with Council while here.

Professor Calma advised Council that the University Chancellors Council meeting will be held in Melbourne on the 16-17 May and that the Acting Vice-Chancellor Frances Shannon will be attending the concurrent Vice Chancellor's plenary session. The Chancellor also advised Council that he had received an invitation to attend the 20th anniversary Education Agents Forum in India. The Vice-President Global, Mr Rongyu Li will also attend.

Item 16: Confirmation of Minutes of Meeting No. 175 and Meeting No. 176

Resolution C177/14

Council confirmed:

1. the minutes of Meeting C175 held on 4 March 2016; and
2. the minutes of Meeting C176 held on 4 April 2016 as accurate records of the proceedings.

The minutes were signed by the Chair.

Item 17: Matters arising from the Minutes

Ms O'Sullivan advised that the discussion on the implementation of a tobacco-free University was been deferred until the next meeting.

Resolution C177/15

Council received and noted the matters arising and action items.

Item 18: Vice-Chancellor's Report

The Vice-Chancellor thanked the Council for their support during his tenure and reported on the:

- growing number of students enrolled in degree programs with partners such as TAFE Qld, noting that the Bachelor of Games and Interactive Design is already the third largest course in the Faculty of Arts and Design;
- ranking of the University in the Times Higher Education Top 150 under the age of 50 and the significant amount of work by all in achieving that; and
- inclusion of University research by Dr Regan Ashby on short sightedness in the latest episode of the ABC Catalyst program. This will be the fourth time that University research has featured on the program in a past 12 months.

Resolution C177/16

Council noted the Vice-Chancellor's report.

Item 19: Year to Date Financial Management Report – March 2016

Ms Williams updated the Council on the March Year to Date reports. As previously advised there is a forecast shortfall of $3.5 million for 2016 due to a drop in student revenue.

Ms Williams advised that there has been some salary savings, a reduction in the depreciation that is expected to remain constant and that there has been good progress on the capital program. The debt balance is low given the ACT government debt was repaid last year. The University maintains a commercial bill facility that can be drawn on if required.

Resolution C177/17

Council noted the UC Group Year to Date results.

Item 20: Academic Board Report

1. Accreditation of New Courses

Resolution C177/18

Council added the following awards to the *University of Canberra Courses & Awards (Degrees, Diplomas & Certificates) Rules 2013*, noting that the Academic Board accredited the associated courses on behalf of Council under resolution C32/3(d):

Faculty	Award Title	Course commencement
Faculty of Arts and Design	Bachelor of Building and Construction Management [B BldgConstrMgt]	Semester 1 2017
	Bachelor of Building and Construction Management (Honours) [B BldgConstrMgt(Hons)]	

2. Course Closures

Resolution C177/19

Council exercised its authority under Rule 5(1) of the *University of Canberra Courses and Awards (Closure of Study) Rules 2013,* and determined that:

- **Faculty of Health**
  - 265JA Bachelor of Environmental Health;

should cease after appropriate teach-out, noting that unless otherwise specified the course listed has previously been suspended for new enrolments and decision has been made at the faculty level not to reopen the course.

3. Granting of Awards: Doctor of Philosophy

Resolution C177/20

Council:

1. noted that Academic Board had exercised its authority under Rule 7(1) of the *University of Canberra Conferring of Awards Rules 2013* and granted the awards detailed to the students listed below, who have been certified as having satisfied the academic requirements of their course of study, subject to their compliance with the Statutes and Rules of the university; and
2. exercised its authority under Rule 7 (2) of the *University of Canberra Conferring of Awards Rules 2013* and admit the following students to the awards detailed so that the awards can be conferred *in absentia* at this Council meeting:

Student Name	ID	Award and Course Code
Pichai CHONVIHARNPAN	3060290	Doctor of Philosophy (Economics) <244AD>
Sally Ferguson	970124	Doctor of Philosophy (Health) <180JA>
Holly NORTHAM	846772	Doctor of Philosophy (Health) <180JA>
Gus OLWAN	3033445	Doctor of Philosophy (Government) <921AA>
Leslie John Williams	3048233	Doctor of Philosophy (Education) <208AA>

Resolution C177/21

Council noted:

1. the presentation by Professor Peter Radoll to Academic Board;
2. the appointment of Professor Dominic Upton to the Academic Board;
3. the approval of the Academic Program 2017-Undergraduate Courses; and
4. the amendments to the Higher Degree by Research Scholarship Policy.

Item 21: 2015 Academic Board Annual Report

Resolution C177/22

Council noted the 2015 Academic Board Annual Report.

Item 22: UC Foundation Annual Report

Council noted the successful year for the UC Foundation and milestones reached during the year including:

- 2015 donations were in excess of $500 000 and a further $160 000 in gifts were pledged during the reporting period;
- two perpetually endowed scholarships from major gifts;
- a doubling of participants in the workplace giving program; and
- the awarding of 24 UC Foundation Scholarships in 2015 to support students from indigenous, rural and remote and refuge backgrounds and students with a disability.

Council were also encouraged to hear that in response to Nepalese earthquakes, the UC Foundation launched an emergency appeal to support students affected by the disaster and for the first time had asked students to support the Foundation.

Resolution C177/23

Council noted the UC Foundation Annual Report.

The meeting closed at 11.40pm.

Signed as a correct record.

Professor T Calma AO
Chancellor

Dated: 24 June 2016