

University of Canberra

Minutes of Council Meeting No. 50

held on Friday 28 February 1997 at 5.30 pm.

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Present:

- Ms W McCarthy (Chancellor)
- Professor D Aitkin
- Ms R Brooks
- Ms P Cooper
- Ms W Dunne
- Mr J R Hanratty
- Ms G McFeat Lin
- Mr P McGhie
- Associate Professor C Annice
- Mr H Powell
- Mr G R Dennett (Secretary)

Apologies:

- Associate Professor B Alderman
- Ms K Price

In Attendance:

- Professor M Carroll
- Dr J M Grant
- Professor I Moses
- Mr I Mackintosh
- Ms H Maxwell

Adoption of Agenda

Council confirmed the order of the agenda with Items 3 to 10 inclusive and Item 15 listed for discussion.

ITEM 1: MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

Council received the minutes of [Council Meeting No. 49](#) held on 13 November 1996.

Resolution No. C 50/1

Council agreed to accept the minutes of [Council Meeting No. 49](#) as a true record of proceedings.

MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES:

Council Membership

The Chancellor advised that, while she had previously been advised by a senior member of the Minister's staff that Ms Wendy Guest had been nominated by the Minister's office for reappointment to Council as a nominee of the Governor-General, the University had now received advice that Ms Guest would not be reappointed. The Chancellor also advised that Dr Edwards's membership of Council, which had expired on 31 December 1996, would also not be renewed while Mr Mackintosh, whose membership had also expired on 31 December 1996, was awaiting advice. The Chancellor indicated that she had written to Ms Guest and Dr Edwards thanking them for their contribution to Council and the University.

The Chancellor indicated that the planning day, proposed for 1 March, had been postponed until such time as further membership of Council had been notified.

Transfer of Act

The Vice-Chancellor advised that progress had stalled on the passage of legislation to transfer the University to the jurisdiction of the ACT Government, despite his efforts, on the advice of Senator Hill, to gain evidence from the leaders of all political parties that it was not a controversial matter.

Honorary Degree to the King of Thailand

The Chancellor gave an account of the conferring of the honorary degree of the University on the King of Thailand and advised that she had written an article on the experience for the *Canberra Times*, to be published in the near future.

ITEM 2: CONFIRMATION OF FLYING MINUTES

Council confirmed the following decisions taken by flying minutes -

1. The offer of appointment to the position of Professor of Mathematics and Head of School of Mathematics and Statistics in the Faculty of Information Sciences and Engineering to Professor Robert Bartnik;
2. In the event that the offer of appointment being made to Professor David Eric Ingram as Professor of Education in the Faculty of Education was declined, an offer be made to Associate Professor Thomas Andrew Kirkpatrick;
3. The agreement to hold a brief formal meeting and a dinner on Friday evening 28 February with an all day meeting on Saturday 1 March; and
4. The offer of appointment to Mr Frank Hambly as an Honorary Professor in the Faculty of Education for a period of three years commencing 1 January 1997.

The Vice-Chancellor advised that, in respect of (1) above, Professor Bartnik had accepted the offer of appointment. In respect of (2) above, the Vice-Chancellor advised that, by the time Professor Ingram had declined the offer of appointment, Associate Professor Kirkpatrick had withdrawn his application due to acceptance of an offer at another university. As the selection panel had considered there had been only two appointable candidates, the Dean was considering the next step.

ITEM 3: VICE-CHANCELLOR'S REPORT

THE WIDER CONTEXT

The Vice-Chancellor reported that the major event since the last Council meeting had been the announcement of the membership of the Committee to Review Higher Education. Council noted that the Committee is to be chaired by a former headmaster of a Sydney private school, Mr Roderick West, and includes among its members a present Chancellor (ANU), Professor Peter Baume, a present Vice-Chancellor (CQU), Professor Lauchlan Chipman, and a present Dean of Education (Melbourne), Professor Kwong Lee Dow. Council noted that the Committee has been given very wide terms of reference and asked to report by the end of the year.

The Vice-Chancellor advised Council that he had made a personal submission to the Committee, and suggested that the University prepare its own submission. The Vice-Chancellor reported that all the submissions were to be publicly available on the Committee's own Web site.

THE UNIVERSITY

Enterprise Bargaining

The Vice-Chancellor reported that bans on the transmission of exam results had been lifted at UC on Monday 2 December 1996, following talks between the University and the CPSU. This had followed the NTEU's endorsement of the University's offer and lifting its bans on Friday 29 November 1996.

The Vice-Chancellor reported that the University's offer had provided for a combined percentage increase and cash payment equating to an average 10% salary increase over the first 24 months of a 27 month agreement and that this followed a 1.3% increase given early in 1996.

The Vice-Chancellor further reported that the offer rests on the University's ability to find the \$6 million necessary to fund the salary increase. Dr John Grant who had been responsible for the negotiations said that the agreement amounted to an act of faith on the part of the University that it could, through doing things differently, find the necessary resources. The agreement had been lodged with the Industrial Relations Commission for registration.

Commencement Day

The Vice-Chancellor reported that the 1996 Commencement Day had been attended by a record 570 members of staff who were addressed by Professor Di Yerbury, Vice-Chancellor of Macquarie University. As well as welcoming new staff a number of awards had been presented.

Nine members of staff had been awarded the gold 25-service award pin: Scott Chaston, Penny Collings, John Harris, Alan Jarman, Trevor Lawrence, Kam Kamarul, John Nicholas, John Rayner and Peter Taylor.

The Don's Dozen awards had been presented to staff who had provided outstanding service to the University. The theme this year had been "Bringing Credit to the University" and the awards had been presented to: Professor Peter Cullen, Dr Anne Daly, Mr Donald Dunbar and Mr Ian Macauley, Ms Laurie Grealish, the Grounds Section (which comprised Ben Coleman, Greg Dowd, John Eldridge, Steve Hajdukovic, Michael Kaye, Kim Taylor and Eric Warton), Professor Ann Harding, Mr Tony Kerr, the Law School Staff, Mr Tony Spinks, Mr Robin Thomas, Ms Louis Wallace and Mr Gowrie Waterhouse.

FOR NOTING

Awards and Appointments

- Associate Professor Rod Jory had been made a Member of the Order of Australia, in recognition of his services to Science.
- Professor Allan Cripps had been awarded a Fellowship of the Australian Institute of Medical Scientists and an Associate Fellowship of the College of Health Service Executives.
- Professor Eugene Clark, head of the Law School, had recently been elected as Deputy-Chair of the Law Council Of Australia's National Consumer Law Committee.
- Professor Peter Cullen had been elected President of the Federation of Australian Scientific and Technological Societies (FASTS), taking over from the current President in November 1997 for a two year term.
- Associate Professor Satendra Nandan had been awarded one of six Australian International

Education Foundation Visiting Fellowships to India.

- Dr Amareswar Galla would be taking up a visiting professorship at the University of South Africa while on outside studies program in the first semester of 1997.
- Ms Ann McGown had been appointed to the National Committee for the APS College of Health Psychologists and the NTEU National Women's Action Committee.
- The Australian Geological Society 1996 A B Edwards Medal, awarded annually for the best paper on economic geography published in the *Australian Journal of Earth Sciences*, had been awarded to Dr Ken McQueen.
- Associate Professor Graham Taylor had been appointed as a member of the International Advisory Panel for the University of Malaysia, Sarawak.
- University of Canberra Industrial Design students had won three of the ten awards presented at the national Green Heating Quest design competition organised by RMIT. Winners had included third year Industrial Design students Earl Strunk, Radek Kaleta and Terence Kearns. Industrial Design lecturer Mr Gowrie Waterhouse had also been awarded the Green Design Education prize.
- The Department of Administrative Services had presented excellence awards to five Environmental Design students. Three of the Construction Management and Economics students, Shane Tozer, Steve Okill and Michael Down had won their awards for the development of a total project management program. Architecture students Sarah Crennan and Jane Mackay had won their awards for new designs which demonstrated ecological soundness in office building design.
- Final-year Bachelor of Arts-Tourism students Pon Chaleune and Siew Siew Goh had won the National Tourism Award with their submission for the Capital Parkroyal. Siew Siew and Pon had won the ACT Tourism Award earlier this year for their submission for the Capital Parkroyal for meetings, industry training and superior accommodation.
- Four Marketing students, Lois Jewell, Joss Hawling, Patrick O'Donnell and Anand Subdaressan had won awards for marketing strategies for Canberra Tourism, promoting Canberra as a winter holiday destination.
- UC journalism student Moneka Knight had received a high commendation for her documentary on Aboriginal reconciliation, at the Journalism Education Association's Ozzie Awards.

Grants

- The University of Canberra, in cooperation with the University of Queensland, Loughborough University England and McMaster University, Canada, had won a large Australian Research Council grant to examine changes in professional sports in Australia, Canada, the USA and England.
- The Canberra Centre for Writing had been awarded more than \$30,000 in grants by the Literature Fund. For the fourth year running the Centre had been awarded a project grant to run the Masterclass for Novelists, which next year would bring Amanda Lohrey to UC. A second grant would enable an Editor in Residence to be based at UC for first semester next year.

New Senior Appointments

Four new senior staff members had taken up their positions at the University of Canberra:

- Dr Barry Cameron, Manager of the Academic Services Division;
- Mr Keith Hyde, Director of the Research Office;
- Mr Richard Andrews, Director of Community Relations; and
- Professor Livio Bonollo, Dean of the Faculty of Environmental Design

ITEM 4: UNIVERSITY OF CANBERRA COLLECTIONS

Council received and considered a paper from the Vice-Chancellor proposing the adoption of a policy in relation to collections of significance which the University owned, and in line with that policy, recognising the University art collection as a collection. Council discussed the question of why does the University have a collection at all - whether to enhance the University's appearance? to invest money for the future? or to educate people about art and artists? - and considered that the University should have a clear policy on the matter. A Council member also considered that some items were in need of maintenance. The Vice-Chancellor indicated that a small sum had been identified in the Budget for maintenance of the collection.

Resolution No. C 50/2

Council approved the University Policy for the University of Canberra Museums and Collections proposed in the agenda paper.

Resolution No. C 50/3

In accordance with the University Policy for the University of Canberra Museums and Collections approved above, Council resolved to recognise the University's art collection as a collection for the purposes of the policy.

ITEM 5: REPORT OF ACADEMIC BOARD

Council received and considered the report of Academic Board meeting no. 97/1.

Membership of Academic Board

Resolution No. C 50/4

Council exercised its powers under section 8 of the [*University of Canberra Act 1989*](#) and -

- a. rescinded its decision taken in resolution C1/17 in which it determined that the Library and the Computer Services Centre would be "other bodies"; and

b. designated as "other bodies":

Academic Services Division

Administrative Services Division

Information Services Division

Schools of the University:

- School of Accounting, Banking and Finance
- School of Administrative Studies
- School of Communication, Media and Tourism
- School of Computing
- School of Economics and Marketing
- School of Electronics Engineering & Applied Physics
- School of Environmental Design
- School of Human and Biomedical Sciences
- School of Information, Language and Culture Studies
- School of Law
- School of Mathematics and Statistics
- School of Nursing
- School of Professional and Community Education
- School of Resource, Environment and Heritage Sciences
- School of Teacher Education
- School of TESOL & International Education; and

the Centre for the Enhancement of Learning, Teaching and Scholarship; and

c. designated the "other bodies" mentioned in (b) above for the purposes of membership of Academic Board.

Resolution No. C 50/5

Council appointed the Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Academic) to its membership, under provision 3(1)(l) of the [*Academic Board Statute 1990*](#).

Review of the degree of Doctor of Philosophy

In accordance with the decision, taken at the introduction of the PhD, to undertake a process of review of the degree after five years, Academic Board reported that a review had been conducted and the review report had been positive in its findings.

Resolution No. C 50/6

Council agreed to continue the PhD degree course.

Teaching and Learning Plan 1997-99

Council received and noted the revised [*Teaching and Learning Plan 1997-99*](#).

Completion of PhD

Resolution No. C 50/7

Council admitted Ms Nancy Odegaard from the Faculty of Applied Science to the degree of Doctor of Philosophy for the thesis entitled *Archaeological and ethnographic painted wood artefacts from the North American Southwest: the case study for a matrix approach for the conservation of cultural materials*.

Updating *Policy and Procedures for Faculty Reviews*

Council received and noted the updated version of the document *Policy and Procedures for Faculty Reviews*.

ITEM 6: REPORT OF FINANCE COMMITTEE

Council received and noted the report of the Finance Committee Meeting of 12 February 1997, reporting on the Period 1/1997 Financial Statements and the Energy Management Program.

Council noted concerns that faculties considered the proportion of funds they received for domestic and international fee paying students was inadequate. Council was advised that this matter was under active consideration by the Vice-Chancellor's Advisory Committee.

Resolution No. C 50/8

Council agreed to accept the report of the Finance Committee.

ITEM 7: AUSTRALIAN MATHEMATICS TRUST - AMENDMENT OF TRUST DEED

Council received and considered a paper from by the Vice-Chancellor seeking to amend the Trust Deed for the Australian Mathematics Trust to give it power to enter into contracts such as publishing agreements for the publication of books by the Trust.

Resolution No. C 50/9

Council agreed to modify the Trust Deed for the Australian Mathematics Trust in accordance with

clause 18 of the Trust Deed by the addition of a new power in clause 11 of the Trust Deed as follows:

"(23) to authorise the Operating Company to negotiate and enter into contracts of any nature approved by the Board on behalf of the trustee for the purposes of the Trust".

ITEM 8: MEMBERSHIP OF HONORARY DEGREES COMMITTEE

Council received and considered a paper from the Secretary of Council regarding the lapse of Dr Edwards' membership on the Honorary Degrees Committee as a result of the expiration of her term on Council.

Resolution No. C 50/10

Council appointed Mr Peter McGhie to replace Dr Edwards on the Honorary Degrees Committee as a member appointed by Council not already a member of the Committee.

ITEM 9: FLORENCE LEUNG MEMORIAL

Council received and considered a paper from the Vice-Chancellor concerning a request by Kirinari Early Childhood Centre to name a room in its creche as a memorial to a former student of the University, Florence Leung.

Council noted advice from the Vice-Chancellor that the naming of buildings and rooms in the University was not usual practice but that in this instance he had no particular objection. Council also noted that the Academic Staff Association had offered \$5000 for the room and that the Centre had asked the University to match that sum. Council's attention was drawn to the financial state of the Kirinari Early Childhood Centre. Council noted that while funds were not available for a donation, the University could consider providing help in other ways.

The Vice-Chancellor agreed to establish a task force including Associate Professor C Annice and Mr I Mackintosh to inquire into the funding difficulties besetting the Kirinari Early Childhood Centre, and to report to the next meeting of Council.

Resolution No. C 50/11

Council agreed to postpone further consideration of this item until such time as the task force had reported.

ITEM 10: REMOVAL OF A 'HERITAGE' TREE

Council received and considered a paper from the Vice-Chancellor concerning the removal of one of the

trees originally on the University site.

Resolution No. C 50/12

Council noted the consultative process and endorsed the decision to remove the tree.

Council was advised that trees removed were replaced by others as a matter of course.

ITEM 11: AUSTRALIAN MATHEMATICS TRUST - APPOINTMENT OF BOARD MEMBER

Council received and considered a paper from the Vice-Chancellor on a replacement on the Board of the Australian Mathematics Trust for Professor Bob Mitchell who had recently retired.

Resolution No. C 50/13

Council appointed Associate Professor Graham Pollard as a member of the Board of the Australian Mathematics Trust for a term of three years commencing immediately.

ITEM 12: AUSTRALIAN MATHEMATICS TRUST - 1995 AUDITED ACCOUNTS

Council received and noted the 1995 audited financial statements for the Australian Mathematics Trust.

ITEM 13: REPORT OF BUILDINGS AND SITE COMMITTEE

Council received the report of the Buildings and Site Committee and noted decisions concerning the scope of work for the Special Purposes Building, the Haydon Drive entry and the selection of a standard sheet vinyl for use through the University.

ITEM 14: USE OF THE SEAL

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

ITEM 15: OTHER BUSINESS

A. Norm Fisher

Council received and noted a paper from by the Secretary of Council on the recent death of Mr Norm Fisher, a former member of Council, and recently retired as Director of the Canberra Institute of Technology.

Resolution No. C 50/14

Council asked the Vice-Chancellor to send a letter of condolence to Mrs Maureen Fisher.

B. Senior Management Changes

Council received and noted Staff Notices 97/5 and 97/9 setting out changes to the senior management structure of the University to take place on the departure of the Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Administration), and to accommodate Professor Moses' appointment as Chair of the Committee for University Teaching and Staff Development.

C. Union Review

Council received and noted a paper advising -

- i. the Union's change of operating name to UCU;
- ii. completion of the 1996 audit which indicated a deficit of only \$14,000, a pleasing turnaround from 1994 and 1995; and
- iii. the identification of a number of new business initiatives, as part of UCU's strategy to provide for longer term sustainability in the event of the introduction of voluntary student unionism.

D. Centre for Developing Cities

Council received and noted a paper prepared on the new Centre for Developing Cities to be established in the Faculty of Environmental Design, an initiative of the University designed to respond to the challenge of coping with the massive growth of urbanisation, particularly in developing countries. Council noted that the Centre proposed to provide education programs to planners and managers of new cities to assist them to plan and implement essential services.

Mr Hanratty requested that the minutes record his concerns in regard to the lack of financial detail provided in the paper and concerns that expertise available in the Faculty of Management might not have been adequately canvassed.

E. Performance Appraisal of Vice-Chancellor

The Chancellor advised that she had received a performance self assessment from the Vice-Chancellor and she would report to Councillors in the next couple of weeks on the matter.

The meeting concluded at 7.10 pm.

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