



# Minutes of Council Meeting No. 53

held on Wednesday 9 July 1997 at 4.30 pm

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## Present:

- Ms W McCarthy (Chancellor)
- Professor D Aitkin
- Associate Professor B Alderman
- Associate Professor C Annice
- Ms P Cooper
- Ms W Dunne
- Mr J Hanratty
- Mr I Mackintosh
- Ms G McFeat Lin
- Mr P McGhie
- Mr J Radik
- Dr M Sargent
- Ms A Trimmer
- Mr G Dennett (Secretary)

### **Apologies:**

- Ms R Brooks
- Mr H Powell
- Ms K Price
- Dr S Rickard
- Mr M Rosser
- Dr H Watson

### **In Attendance:**

- Professor M Carroll
- Dr J Grant
- Ms H Maxwell
- Ms M Stanford

### **Welcome to New Member**

The Chancellor welcomed Dr Michael Sargent to his first meeting.

### **Adoption of Agenda**

Council confirmed the order of the agenda with Items 3 to 7 inclusive and Item 9 listed for discussion.

### **Item 1: Minutes of Previous Meeting**

Council received the minutes of [Council Meeting No. 52](#) held on 28 May 1997.

### **Resolution No. C53/1**

Council agreed to accept the minutes of [Council Meeting No. 52](#) as a true record of proceedings.

## **Item 2: Confirmation Of Flying Minute**

### **Resolution No C53/2**

Council confirmed its decision taken by flying minute dated 18 June 1997 that Dr Meredith Edwards be offered the position of Deputy Vice-Chancellor with effect from 4 August 1997. The position would be for a period of five years, renewable by mutual agreement, with remuneration in accordance with Council Resolution No. C46/2.

The Vice-Chancellor reported that Dr Edwards had accepted the position of Deputy Vice-Chancellor and would take up her appointment on 4 August 1997.

### **Matter Arising:**

Council noted that senior academic appointments at the level of Vice-Chancellor and Deputy Vice-Chancellor in universities normally attract the title of Professor.

### **Resolution No. C53/3**

Council agreed that Dr Edwards be accorded the title of Professor for her term of appointment as Deputy Vice-Chancellor.

## **Item 3: Report of Council Membership Committee**

The Chancellor reported that the Committee had met just before the Council meeting and had considered the composition of Council, the requirement imposed by the University Act for members to attend Council meetings, and two membership positions available to Council to fill.

Council was advised that Mr Peter McGhie's term of appointment had expired on 6 July 1997. The Chancellor indicated that the Committee had proposed that Mr McGhie's appointment be extended for a period of two years. Mr McGhie advised that he was willing to continue, and he left the room while Council considered the matter.

### **Resolution No. C53/4**

Council agreed to exercise its power under section 11.(2) of the Act and appointed Mr Peter McGhie as a member of Council for a further period to 6 July 1999.

## Item 4: Vice-chancellor's Report

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### The Wider Context

Council noted the Vice-Chancellor's observations concerning the University's position in relation to other higher education institutions, some of which, he noted, have become conventionally grouped into categories. Council observed that there was no real advantage for the University of Canberra to seek to belong to particular categories. Council also noted the Vice-Chancellor's view that, like other universities, the University needs to establish a wholly owned subsidiary company which does not come under the Higher Education Funding Act. For example, such a company would allow students to enrol in an entity called 'Canberra University College', thus providing new pathways for admission to UC award courses. Council also noted the possibility of the establishment of a national undergraduate admissions centre to serve all Australian universities in place of the state-based centres.

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### Transfer of Jurisdiction to the ACT

Council noted that the legislation transferring jurisdiction for the University of Canberra from the Commonwealth to the ACT had received Royal Assent. Council was advised that the transfer would become effective towards the end of this year, the date still to be notified. The ACT Legislative Assembly would consider its transferring legislation shortly.

### Appointment of the Deputy Vice-Chancellor

The Vice-Chancellor asked Council to note that, as a result of the recent process for recruiting the new Deputy Vice-Chancellor, applicants who generally held senior positions in other institutions were increasingly reluctant to have their candidature made public if, as more frequently happens now, it was perceived as public failure should they not be successful. Council noted that it would need to assess its procedures for filling senior positions at a future time to take account of this point. Council noted that,

on the one hand, public assessment and consultation would be lost if the procedures were changed to meet this requirement, and on the other hand, that some outstanding applicants would be missed if the existing procedures were retained.

### **Partnership with the Australian Customs Service**

The Vice-Chancellor reported that the University had now signed the contract with the Australian Customs Service to design, develop and deliver commercial education programs.

Council was advised that the Program would allow Customs Service staff to obtain a qualification in Public Sector Administration, including areas such as law, auditing, commercial and business dealings, computing and economics. The Program would allow full articulation from certificate level through to degrees and postgraduate awards.

### **Partnership with the Australian Bureau of Statistics**

Council noted that the University had contracted to provide a Graduate Certificate course in Management Studies for the Australian Bureau of Statistics, initially for 17 Bureau staff.

### **Languages Review**

The Vice-Chancellor reported that the Panel appointed to review the ESL and Modern Languages programs at the University had now reported and copies of the report had been provided to the Faculties of Communication and Education for comment.

Membership of the Review Panel included:

- Professor Richard Johnson (Chair)
- Professor Marie Carroll
- Professor David Ingram
- Professor Roland Sussex

### **Report from Steering Committee for Innovation**

Council noted the tabled report.

### **September Conferring of Degrees**

The Vice-Chancellor advised that the University would be holding a September ceremony for the Conferring of Awards for students completing their course requirements by the end of 1st semester. The ceremony will be held on the afternoon of 5 September 1997, in the Great Hall of Parliament House. Council members were invited to note this date for their diaries.

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### Canberra Maths Day

Thirty-five schools and 175 students from the ACT and surrounding NSW took part in the annual Maths Day at the University on 30 May 1997. Maths Day is run by the School of Mathematics and Statistics in the Faculty of Information Sciences and Engineering and is sponsored by the Australian Maths Trust.

### Lorna May Award

The Lorna May Award is given to students who follow in the footsteps of Lorna May who, as a single parent, studied successfully for her Graduate Diploma in Legal Studies and a Bachelor of Education. In the midst of the industrial dispute last year the Vice-Chancellor encouraged staff to donate a day's pay to help a scholarship for disadvantaged students and this year the Lorna May Award had been extended by generous staff donations to allow three awards to be made.

### Artist-in-Residence

Council noted the appointment of internationally renowned Vytas Kapociunas as Artist-in-Residence at the University. Vytas will take up an honorary appointment as Visiting Scholar (Artist) in the Faculty of Environmental Design from 1 July 1997 to 31 December 1997.

### Appointments and Awards

- Council noted that third year Graphic Design student Jo Mills had developed the winning design for the 1997 Tax Pack. Her work would now be seen by over 6 million Australians. Another UC student, Amber Dickson, had received an encouragement award for her entry.
- UC student Kylie Duncan (Sports Studies), together with graduates Katrina Fanning (Sports Studies) and Edwina Crawford (Social Sciences), have been selected to represent Canberra in the National Women's Rugby League Championships in Sydney.

## Item 5: VCAC Retreat

Council received and noted the report of the Vice-Chancellor's Advisory Committee Retreat held on 26 and 27 June 1997. The Vice-Chancellor stated that the University's financial management to date has been prudent.

## Item 6: Report of Finance Committee

Council received and noted the report of the Finance Committee including the Statement of Income and Expenditure (including capital expenditure on property, plant and equipment) for Period 6 ending on 12 June 1997 and dealt with other matters as follows:

### **Wholly owned Subsidiary Company**

#### **Resolution No. C53/5**

Council agreed to the recommendation of the Finance Committee that the University establish a wholly owned subsidiary company.

### **University Contribution to the Commonwealth Superannuation Scheme**

#### **Resolution C53/6**

Council agreed to the recommendation of the Finance Committee that the University contribution to the Commonwealth Superannuation Scheme be set at 26.2% and to the Public Sector Superannuation Scheme at 8.4%.

### **Item 7: Report of Academic Board**

Council received and considered the report of Academic Board and dealt with matters as follows:

#### **Fees Policy**

Council noted that Academic Board had resolved that it was not desirable to offer full-fee undergraduate places to Australian students.

#### **Review of the Faculty of Information Sciences and Engineering: action plan to implement the recommendations of the review panel**

Council received and noted the action plan.

### **Addition of new awards to the Courses and Awards Statute**

#### **Resolution No C53/7**

Council agreed to add two new awards to the Courses and Awards Statute when the statute is next amended as follows:

- Master of Urban Management

- Graduate Diploma in Urban Management

## **Item 8: Report of Buildings and Site Committee**

Council received and noted the report of the Buildings and Site Committee.

## **Item 9: Proposed University Residence**

Council received a proposal for a residential development for 292 students to be constructed by a Malaysian businessman, Mr N Sahadevan, and a covering memorandum from the Vice-Chancellor. Council noted that the proposal had been considered by the Buildings and Site Committee. Dr John Grant briefed Council about the proposal.

Council noted the concerns of some members about the effects that the proposed residences might have on the viability of the existing University-owned residences, some aspects of the building design and siting, and the extent of the University's control over conditions of occupancy and rentals. Council noted the need for the University to minimise its exposure to risk for a project such as this and sought assurance that the agreement between the University and the developer would cover this aspect.

### **Resolution No C53/8**

Council agreed to establish a working group comprising the Vice-Chancellor, the Chair of the Finance Committee, Dr Sargent, and Ms Trimmer to identify possible persons who might be able to assist Council with a professional opinion on the viability of the project.

### **Resolution No C53/9**

Council accepted the recommendation of the Buildings and Site Committee that the residential development proposed by Sahadevan Realty Sdn Bhd be approved in principle at the concept stage, and that the Vice-Chancellor, in consultation with the Buildings and Site Committee and the University's Residential Advisory Committee, be authorised to continue negotiations and provide a recommendation to Council.

## **Item 10: Revised Parking Arrangements**

Council received a memorandum from Mr Adrian Westerman, Traffic Officer, concerning revised parking arrangements.

### **Resolution No C53/10**

Council agreed to exercise its powers under Section 5 of the *Traffic Statute 1995* to make revisions to

the Traffic Management Plan, Sheets 1, 3 and 5 as follows:

- a. Change **Official Visitor** positions at the front entry to Building 1 to become **2 hour** parking.
- b. Change the first row of car park to the East of Building 10 from **3 hour** to **30 mins**; and
- c. Convert a portion of the carpark occupied by the driveway of Building 17 (Dangerous Goods Store) and which provides all day carpark spaces to become **No Parking**.

## **Item 11: University Union - Amendment of Constitution**

Council received a memorandum from Chair of the University of Canberra Union, Mr Jack Radik, with a recommendation to amend Section 27(b) of the Constitution.

### **Resolution C53/11**

Council resolved that Section 27(b) of the University of Canberra Union Constitution be amended to read:

"Moneys shall not be drawn from any Union account expect by cheque, or such other method as the bank or financial institution may provide, jointly signed by two co-signatories being two of members of the staff of UCU as approved by Resolution of the board and the Vice-Chancellor and Deputy Vice-Chancellor's nominees to the Board and the Chairman of the Board"

## **Item 12: Committee for Ethics in Human Research - Annual Report 1996**

Council received and noted the Annual Report from the Committee for Ethics in Human Research.

## **Item 13: 1998-2000 Triennium - Educational Profiles**

Council received and noted the documentation submitted to DEETYA for the 1998-2000 round of the Educational Profiles.

## **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**

The Chancellor suggested that the meeting for this year scheduled for the 15 December should be cancelled.

## Resolution No. C53/12

Council agreed to remove the 15 December meeting from the schedule of meetings on the understanding that urgent business could be dealt with via a flying minute.

The meeting concluded at 7.10 and was followed by a presentation on marketing the University to international students by Mr Robert Latta, Director, International Office

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