

University of Canberra

COUNCIL MEETING No. 161

held on Thursday 5 December 2013 at 9.00 a.m. in the Council Room

PRESENT: Dr J Mackay AM (Chancellor)
Dr T Calma AO (Deputy Chancellor)
Professor G Cho AM
Ms I Davis
Ms A Ellis
Professor S Parker (Vice-Chancellor)
Mr B Mewett
Dr S Ryan
Ms S Salthouse
Mr G Stewart (until 10.15 am)
Mr D Trewin AO FASSA
Ms M Storti (Secretary)

APOLOGIES: Dr T Karmel
Ms P Power AM

IN ATTENDANCE:	Professor N Klomp	Professor M Skidmore
	Mr B Lines	Ms V Williams
	Ms K O'Sullivan	Ms K Zinner
	Professor G Riordan	Mr P Hill (Governance Unit)
	Professor F Shannon	

Council met in closed session from 9.00 – 10.10 a.m. for the discussion of confidential items.

Opening and Apologies

The apologies noted above were received.

Confirmation of the Agenda

The agenda was confirmed as presented.

Resolution C161/1

Council noted the recommendations contained in Agenda Items 22 (Staff and Student Elections Results), 23 (Annual Planning Cycle for 2014), 24 (Report on the Exercise of Financial Delegations) and 25 (Flying Minute No. 2013/2).

Declaration of Interests

Dr Mackay: director of CIC Australia
Mr Mewett: consultant for KPMG

Resolution C161/2

Council received and noted the list of declarations made by members.

Item 1: Confirmation of Confidential Minutes of Meeting No. 160

Resolution C161/3

Council approved the confidential minutes of Meeting No. 160 (25 October 2013) as an accurate record of proceedings.

Item 2: Matters arising from the Minutes

University of Canberra Public Hospital

The minute for this item is recorded in the confidential minutes.

Resolution C161/4

Council authorised the Vice-Chancellor, in consultation with the Chancellor, to commit the University to proceed with the University of Canberra Public Hospital provided the benefits to the University previously negotiated in the Heads of Agreement were substantially delivered and the risks were mitigated to a reasonable extent.

Item 3: Committee Membership

The minute for this item is recorded in the confidential minutes.

Resolution C161/5

Council:

1. re-appointed Mr Dennis Trewin as Chair of the ARMC for a period of two years from 20 December 2013;
2. re-appointed Mr Barry Mewett as an ARMC member from 8 December to the end of his current Council term;
3. removed the requirement for the Chair of the Campus Development Board to not be a member of Council; and
4. appointed Dr John Mackay as the Chair of the Campus Development Board for a two-year period commencing 1 January 2014.*

* Note: *Part 4 of this resolution was partially rescinded by Resolution C161/7. See Item 5, below.*

Item 4: Australian Polytechnic Network/Australian Polytechnic Pty Ltd

The minute for this item is recorded in the confidential minutes.

Resolution C161/6

Council:

1. noted the success of the UC-Holmesglen relationship in academic and financial terms, in light of the business case provided in August 2012, and projected demand for courses in 2014;
2. noted the proposal for the development of the Australian Polytechnic Network;
3. endorsed the establishment of the Australian National Polytechnic as a Proprietary Limited for profit company with the University and Holmesglen Institute as initial shareholders and as a controlled entity of the University (as a 51% shareholder); and
4. noted that the Vice-Chancellor, through the normal processes of Academic Board, will propose that the University accredit degrees to be offered through Australian Polytechnic Network partners.

Item 5: UC Innovate

The minute for this item is recorded in the confidential minutes.

Resolution C161/7

Council:

1. noted the report provided on the UC Innovate proposal and the action to be taken to manage the probity issues raised in relation to it;
2. rescinded for 2014 point 4 of Resolution C161/5 in relation to the Campus Development Board; and
3. agreed that Dr Mackay should not be appointed as Chair or a member of the Campus Development Board during 2014.

Item 6: UCU Sports Proposal

The minute for this item is recorded in the confidential minutes.

Resolution C161/8

Council:

1. noted that the boards of UCU Ltd and Basketball ACT support issuing the Women's National Basketball League (WNBL) licence to UC with UCU Ltd taking over the management and operation of the Canberra Capitals;
2. noted that the University would be committing to provide a capped level of financial support in relation to the opportunity with the supporting details to be developed as the agreements are developed;
3. noted that a number of activities would now be undertaken in parallel prior to the end of 2013 in order to deliver a signed heads of agreement between Basketball ACT and UCU Ltd, including:
 - a) an external independent due diligence exercise;
 - b) consultation with Basketball ACT members regarding the Basketball ACT Board's decision;
 - c) instructing lawyers in the drafting of the terms of the Heads of Agreement; and
4. agreed that the proposal should be forwarded to the Finance Committee for consideration.

Item 7: Naming Proposal

The minute for this item is recorded in the confidential minutes.

Resolution C161/9

Council approved the naming of Wing 4 of the Cameron Building as "Gorton Lodge".

Item 8: Reports, Minutes and Recommendations from Council Committees

The minute for this item is recorded in the confidential minutes.

Resolution C161/10

Council received and noted the minutes of the following Committee meetings:

- Finance Committee – 17 October 2013
- Nominations and Senior Appointments Committee – 21 October 2013
- Environment and Works Committee – 6 November 2013

Item 9: Chancellor's Opening Comments

Dr Mackay thanked Council members for their support during his term as Chancellor.

Dr Mackay also thanked departing members for their contributions to the deliberations of Council and Professor Monique Skidmore for her contribution to the University.

Item 10: Confirmation of Minutes of Meeting No. 160

Resolution C161/11

Council confirmed the minutes of Meeting No. 160 (25 October 2013) as an accurate record of proceedings.

Item 11: Matters Arising from the Minutes

No matters were raised at this item.

Resolution C161/12

Council received and noted the Action Sheet.

Item 12: Vice-Chancellor's Report

The Vice-Chancellor reported on the following matters.

- Achievements in 2013: Negotiation and approval of the Enterprise Agreement; improved academic performance; completion of the 2014-16 Funding Agreement with the Commonwealth Government and the gaining of Commonwealth Supported Places for the Australian Polytechnic Network.
- Applications for 2014: Total applications for 2014 had increased slightly but were markedly different in composition, with more direct applications now being received. The Faculty of Health was experiencing strong growth, while two other faculties would quarantine part of their budget in case student load projections were not achieved.
- University of the Third Age: Agreement had been reached with the University of the Third Age to allow students to audit classes.

Professor Parker extended his thanks to Professor Skidmore for her contribution to the University and wished her well in her new position at the University of Queensland.

Council noted that a study by Access Economics had shown that the local population of typical university age was not expected to pick up until around 2018 and then only slightly. It was also noted that there was a growing trend for ACT students to move interstate to attend University and that this was not matched by students choosing to study in the ACT.

Resolution C161/13

Council noted the report from the Vice-Chancellor.

Item 13: YTD Financial Performance Report

Mr Lines reported a positive variance of \$3.9m at the end of October 2013 and that an operating surplus of \$4.0m (\$0.4m behind budget) was expected for 2013.

Council noted that revenue was the main risk to the budget and that expenditure was being decreased to achieve the forecast surplus. It was also noted that the University was required to account for the Structural Adjustment Fund in 2013 to comply with Australian Accounting Standards.

Resolution C161/14

Council received and noted the 30 October 2013 YTD Financial Performance Report.

Item 14: 2013 End of Year Forecast

This item was discussed at Item, 13 above.

Resolution C161/15

Council received and noted the update on the forecast end of year result for 2013.

Item 15: Approval of 2014 Budget

Mr Lines commented that 2012 was the first year the University had achieved an operating surplus for many years thanks to the efforts of the Vice-Chancellor in improving the financial management of the University. Mr Lines noted that the improved financial performance opened up new opportunities for the University and advised that the reportable deficit expected in 2014 was result of the timing of revenue and expense recognition associated with the Structural Adjustment Fund and the manner in which the University was required to account for this grant.

Mr Lines advised that the Finance Committee had approved the 2014 Budget.

Ms Williams provided the following comments on the budget:

- earnings, before interest, taxes, depreciation and amortisation (EBITDA) showed an increase of \$31.8m over the forecast 2013 result and demonstrated the financial health of the University and its increasing capacity to achieve its strategic objectives; and
- the debt profile of the University would peak in 2014 at \$135m. While this would impact on financial ratios, it was expected and flagged the issues the University would need to address over coming years.

Council noted that there were contingencies available to the University in the event that the budget proved unworkable and requested that the Finance Committee immediately inform it of any significant budget variations.

Council noted that the format of financial reports made them difficult to read and requested that efforts be made to improve them or make hard copies available to members at meetings.

Resolution C161/16

Council:

1. approved the 2014 Budget; and
2. requested that the Finance Committee immediately inform it of any significant budget variations.

Item 16: Historical Financial Performance

This item was discussed at item 14, above.

Resolution C161/17

Council received and noted the information on the University's financial performance and student load for the period 2004-16.

Item 17: Report from Academic Board**Meeting No.13/6 (11 November 2013)****17.1 Amendments to the Student Grievance Resolution Policy****Resolution C161/18**

Council approved amendments to the *Student Grievance Resolution Policy* with immediate effect.

17.2 Accreditation of Course with New Award Title – Graduate Certificate in Contemporary Information Practice

Resolution C161/19

Council:

- (a) noted that Academic Board had resolved to accredit on behalf of Council (under Resolution C32/3 (d)) the following new course, to be implemented for Semester 1, 2014:

Faculty of Arts and Design

- Graduate Certificate in Contemporary Information Practice [xxxAA] (leading to the new award of Graduate Certificate in Contemporary Information Practice)
- (b) agreed to amend the *University of Canberra Courses and Awards (Degrees, Diplomas & Certificates) Rules 2013* to add the following new award for this course:
- Graduate Certificate in Contemporary Information Practice (GradCertContemporaryInfPrac)

17.3 Changes to Courses: Course Closure

Resolution C161/20

Council agreed to exercise its authority under Rule 5(1) of the *University of Canberra Courses and Awards (Courses of Study) Rules 2013* and determined that the following courses should cease following appropriate teach-out period, noting that Academic Board had resolved to close the courses to new admissions and remove them from the Academic Program with effect from the end of Semester 2, 2013:

Faculty of Arts and Design

- Undergraduate degree course in Screen Production (Holmesglen) [259HG] (leading to the award of Bachelor of Screen Production)
- Undergraduate degree course in Screen Production (Metropolitan South) [259MS] (leading to the award of Bachelor of Screen Production)
- Undergraduate degree course in Fashion (Apparel Engineering and Design) (Metropolitan South) [257MS] (leading to the award of Bachelor of Fashion (Apparel Engineering and Design))
- Undergraduate degree course in Graphic Design (Holmesglen) [164HG] (leading to the award of Bachelor of Graphic Design)

Faculty of Business, Government and Law

- Undergraduate degree course in Commerce (Holmesglen) [762HG] (leading to the award of Bachelor of Commerce)
- Undergraduate degree course in Justice Studies (Holmesglen) [248HG] (leading to the award of Bachelor of Justice Studies)

Faculty of Education, Science, Technology and Mathematics

- Undergraduate degree course in Forensic Studies (Holmesglen) [142HG] (leading to the award of Bachelor of Applied Science in Forensic Studies)
- Undergraduate degree course in Information Technology (Holmesglen) [322HG] (leading to the award of Bachelor of Information Technology)

Faculty of Health

- Undergraduate degree course in Sports Management (Holmesglen) [688HG] (leading to the award of Bachelor of Sports Management)

Faculty of Education, Science, Technology and Mathematics

- Undergraduate degree course in Secondary Teaching (Music) [433AC] (leading to the award of Bachelor of Education or Bachelor of Educational Studies)
- Concurrent collaborative undergraduate degree course in Secondary Teaching (UC) and Science (ANU) [109JA] (leading to the award of Bachelor of Education)
- Concurrent collaborative undergraduate degree course in Secondary Teaching (UC) and Asia-Pacific Studies (ANU) [110JA] (leading to the award of Bachelor of Education)

Resolution C161/21

Council agreed to exercise its authority under Rule 5(1) of the *University of Canberra Courses and Awards (Courses of Study) Rules 2013* and determined that the following courses should cease following appropriate teach-out period, noting that Academic Board had resolved to close the courses to new admissions and remove them from the Academic Program with effect from the end of Semester 1, 2014:

Faculty of Health

- Undergraduate degree course in Sport Coaching and Exercise Science [153JA] (leading to the award of Bachelor of Sport Coaching and Exercise Science)
- Undergraduate combined degree course in Psychology and Sport Coaching and Exercise Science [156JA] (leading to the award of Bachelor of Science in Psychology and the award of Bachelor of Sport Coaching and Exercise Science)
- Undergraduate combined degree course in Sport Coaching and Exercise Science and Human Nutrition [154JA] (leading to the award of Bachelor of Sport Coaching and Exercise Science and the award of Bachelor of Human Nutrition)
- Undergraduate combined degree course in Sport Coaching and Exercise Science and Sport Management [155JA] (leading to the award of Bachelor of Sport Coaching and Exercise Science and the award of Bachelor of Sport Management)

Faculty of Education, Science, Technology and Mathematics

- Undergraduate combined degree course in Sport Coaching and Exercise Science and Information Technology [157JA] (leading to the award of Bachelor of Sport Coaching and Exercise Science and the award of Bachelor of Information Technology)

Faculty of Arts and Design and Faculty of Business, Government and Law

- Undergraduate combined degree course in International Studies and Tourism Management [825AA] (leading to the award of Bachelor of Arts in International Studies and the award of Bachelor of Tourism Management)

Faculty of Business, Government and Law

- Undergraduate degree course in Tourism Management [638AA] (leading to the new award of Bachelor of Event and Tourism Management)
- Undergraduate combined degree course in Commerce and Tourism Management [811AA] (leading to the award of Bachelor of Commerce and the award of Bachelor of Tourism Management)

Faculty of Business, Government and Law and Faculty of Health

- Undergraduate combined degree course in Tourism Management and Sport Management [898AA] (leading to the award of Bachelor of Tourism Management and the award of Bachelor of Sport Management)

17.4 Changes to Courses: Addition of Awards to the Bachelor of Philosophy (Honours)**Resolution C161/22**

Council agreed to amend the *University of Canberra Courses and Awards (Degrees, Diplomas & Certificates) Rules 2013* to add the following new awards for the below courses:

- Bachelor of Environmental Health (Honours) (B EnvHealth (Hons))
- Bachelor of Public Health (Honours) (P PubHealth (Hons))

17.5 Changes to Courses: Replacement Course Bachelor of Sport and Exercise Science**Resolution C161/23**

Council:

- (a) noted that Academic Board had resolved to accredit on behalf of Council (under Resolution C32/3 (d)) the following new courses, to be implemented for Semester 1, 2014:

Faculty of Health

- Undergraduate degree course in Sport and Exercise Science [xxxAA] (leading to the new award of Bachelor of Sport and Exercise Science)
- Undergraduate combined degree course in Psychology and Sport and Exercise Science [xxxAA] (leading to the award of Bachelor of Science in Psychology and the new award of Bachelor of Sport and Exercise Science)
- Undergraduate combined degree course in Sport and Exercise Science and Human Nutrition [xxxAA] (leading to the new award of Bachelor of Sport and Exercise Science and the award of Bachelor of Human Nutrition)
- Undergraduate combined degree course in Sport and Exercise Science and Sport Management [xxxAA] (leading to the new award of Bachelor of Sport and Exercise Science and the award of Bachelor of Sport Management)

Faculty of Health and Faculty of Education, Science, Technology and Mathematics

- Undergraduate combined degree course in Sport and Exercise Science and Information Technology [xxxAA] (leading to the new award of Bachelor of Sport and Exercise Science and the award of Bachelor of Information Technology).
- (b) agreed to amend the *University of Canberra Courses and Awards (Degrees, Diplomas & Certificates) Rules 2013* to add the following new award for this course:
- Bachelor of Sport and Exercise Science (B Sp&ExSc)

17.6 Changes to Courses: Replacement Course Bachelor of Event and Tourism Management**Resolution C161/24**

Council:

- (a) noted that Academic Board had resolved to accredit on behalf of Council (under Resolution C32/3 (d)) the following new courses, to be implemented for Semester 1, 2014:

Faculty of Arts and Design and Faculty of Business, Government and Law

- Undergraduate combined degree course in International Studies and Event and Tourism Management [xxxAA] (leading to the award of Bachelor of Arts in International Studies and the new award of Bachelor of Event and Tourism Management)

Faculty of Business, Government and Law

- Undergraduate degree course in Event and Tourism Management [xxxAA] (leading to the new award of Bachelor of Event and Tourism Management)
- Undergraduate combined degree course in Commerce and Event and Tourism Management [xxxAA] (leading to the award of Bachelor of Commerce and the new award of Bachelor of Event and Tourism Management)

Faculty of Business, Government and Law and Faculty of Health

- Undergraduate combined degree course in Event and Tourism Management and Sport Management [xxxAA] (leading to the new award of Bachelor of Event and Tourism Management and the award of Bachelor of Sport Management)

(b) agreed to amend the *University of Canberra Courses and Awards (Degrees, Diplomas & Certificates) Rules 2013* to add the following new award for this course:

- Bachelor of Event and Tourism Management (B Event&TrsmMgt)

17.7 Granting of Award: Posthumous Award**Resolution C161/25**

Council agreed to exercise its authority under Rule 9 of the *University of Canberra Conferring of Awards Rules 2013* and granted the award of Bachelor of Business Administration (B BusAdmin) posthumously to Ms Jin Yuan.

17.8 Rescind Grant and Conferral and Grant an Alternative Award**Resolution C161/26**

Council agreed to:

- exercise its authority under the *University of Canberra Conferring of Awards Rules 2013* and rescinded its decision to admit Karen Elizabeth BAILEY to the award of Master of Information Studies;
- exercise its authority under Rule 7(2) of the *University of Canberra Conferring of Awards Rules 2013* and admit Karen Elizabeth BAILEY to the award of Master of Information Studies in Librarianship so that the award can be conferred at this Council meeting.

17.9 Granting of Awards – Doctor of Philosophy**Resolution C161/27**

Council:

- noted the delegations of the Chair acting on behalf of the Board; and
- exercised its authority under Rule 7(2) of the *University of Canberra Conferring of Awards Rules 2013* and admitted the student listed below to the award of Doctor of Philosophy so that the award can be conferred in absentia at this Council meeting.

<i>Student Details</i>	<i>Award & Course Code</i>	<i>Thesis</i>
Renny R. BUDIJANTO	PhD (Education) (208AA)	<i>Thinking Styles, Teamwork Quality and Performance</i>

17.10 Structural Adjustment Fund (SAF) Project – Update**Resolution C161/28**

Council noted that Academic Board had noted a paper that outlined progress within each component of the University's Structural Adjustment Fund project.

17.11 Academic Progress Policy and Academic Progress Procedures**Resolution C161/29**

Council noted that Academic Board had approved the amendments to the *Academic Progress Policy* and the *Academic Progress Procedures* from the date of the Board meeting, 11 November 2013.

17.12 Course Policy**Resolution C161/30**

Council noted that Academic Board had approved the new *Course Policy* from the date of the Board meeting, 11 November 2013, subject to the addition of course closures being factored into the timelines of the course development process.

17.13 URKUND Implementation Plan**Resolution C161/31**

Council *noted that* Academic Board had approved the *URKUND Implementation Plan* with effect from the date of the Board meeting, 11 November 2013 and in addition to procedures and protocols, the *URKUND Implementation Plan* includes two changes to the University's *Assessment Procedures*, which are currently under review:

1. removal of the requirement to provide coversheets when submitting assignments electronically, and
2. online submission of assessment items be the default for the University, with exceptions to be specified in unit outlines and subject to a faculty approval process.

17.14 Revised Course Proposal (policy exception) – Revisions to Master of Teaching**Resolution C161/32**

Council noted that, to ensure the course is competitive and flexible to meet market need, Academic Board had approved exceptions to:

- the policy on *Undergraduate Courses Leading to Bachelor Degrees* to allow undergraduate students to enrol in four specified postgraduate units whilst completing undergraduate awards;
- the *Credit Policy* to allow students who have completed relevant undergraduate units to be given credit for units in this course, as specified in the DCP, and also allowing 18cp credit on the basis of RPL under conditions specified in the DCP; and
- the *Enrolment Policy* to allow students to enrol in 15cp of study per semester.

17.15 Institute for Governance and Policy Analysis**Resolution C161/33**

Council noted that Academic Board had resolved to note and endorse the actions of the Chair acting on behalf of the Board (under AB 10/3/6) to endorse the proposal for integration of the Australian-New Zealand School of Government Institute for Governance and the National Centre for Social Economic Modelling under a new research centre structure, the University of Canberra Institute for Governance and Policy Analysis.

17.16 Reaccreditation of Courses**Resolution C161/34**

Council noted that Academic Board had reaccredited three masters courses, five degree courses, ten combined degree courses, two diploma courses, and conditionally reaccredited two degree courses.

**17.17 Accreditation of Course with New Course Code – Bachelor of Screen Production
Resolution C161/35**

Council noted that Academic Board had resolved to accredit on behalf of Council (under Resolution C32/3 (d)) the following course, which will include offerings at the Holmesglen Institute of TAFE (Melbourne) and the Metropolitan South Institute of TAFE (Brisbane), to be implemented for Semester 1, 2014:

Faculty of Arts and Design

- Undergraduate degree course in Screen Production [xxxAA] (leading to the new award of Bachelor of Screen Production)

**17.18 Changes to Courses: Determinations of Course Particulars (policy exception) -
Bachelor of Sport Coaching and Exercise Science/Bachelor**

Resolution C161/36

Council noted that Academic Board had approved an exception to the *Policy on Undergraduate Courses Leading to Bachelor Degrees* for the following course to enable the revised course requirements to be approved without all the required units of the component degrees:

Faculty of Health

- Undergraduate combined degree course in Sport Coaching and Exercise Science and Sports Management [155JA] (leading to the awards of Bachelor of Sport Coaching and Exercise Science and Bachelor of Sports Management)

17.19 Report on Non-standard English Requirements for Course Admission

Resolution C161/37

Council noted that Academic Board had noted a report that detailed courses the faculties have identified as requiring non-standard English Language requirements for admission from 2014.

17.20 Granting of Awards – General: Conferring Ceremonies 25 and 26 September 2013

Resolution C161/38

Council:

1. noted that the Chancellor had (under Council Resolution C63/5) exercised Council's authority under Rule 7(2) of the *University of Canberra Conferring of Awards Rules 2013* and admitted to awards those students to whom the Chair of Academic Board (under Resolution AB99/2/8(b)) has certified may be granted awards; and
2. noted that Academic Board had resolved to note and endorse the action of the Chair, acting on behalf of Academic Board (Board (under Resolution AB 99/2/8(b), to exercise the Board's authority under Rule 7(1) of the *University of Canberra Conferring of Awards Rules 2013* and certify that the relevant award may be granted to those who have been recommended by an appropriate authority as having satisfied the academic requirements of their course of study subject to their compliance with the Statutes and Rules of the University.

17.21 Schedule of Meeting Dates 2014

Resolution C161/39

Council noted the following schedule of meeting dates of Academic Board for 2014:

Meeting No. 14/1 – 10 February

Meeting No. 14/2 – 17 March

Meeting No. 14/3 – 12 May

Meeting No. 14/4 – 7 July

Meeting No. 14/5 – 1 September

Meeting No. 14/6 – 10 November

17.22 Student Conduct Report 2012

Resolution C161/40

Council noted that Academic Board had noted the Student Conduct Report for 2012.

17.23 Academic Delegations Report 2012

Resolution C161/41

Council noted that Academic Board had noted the Academic Delegations Report for 2012.

17.24 Course Delivery by Third Party Providers Procedures

Resolution C161/42

Council noted that Academic Board had noted the new Course Delivery by Third Party Providers Procedures.

17.25 Offering of Courses with New and Existing Australian Polytechnic Network (APN) Partners

Resolution C161/43

Council noted that Academic Board had approved four UC course offerings with new and existing APN partners, subject to finalisation of new or revised contracts.

17.26 Changes to Courses: Determination of Course Particulars

Resolution C161/44

Council noted that Academic Board had approved the offering of the below course in flexible delivery mode from 2014:

Faculty of Arts and Design

- Undergraduate degree course in Design [164JA] (leading to the award of Bachelor of Graphic Design)

Item 18: Human Resources Delegations

Ms Storti reported that the Delegations – Human Resources Matters had been approved by the Audit and Risk Management Committee.

Resolution C161/45

Council approved the revised Delegations – Human Resources Matters.

Item 19: Financial Delegations

Ms Storti reported that the Financial Delegations been approved by the Finance Committee.

Resolution C161/46

Council approved the Financial Delegations Policy.

Item 20: Strategic Review – Faculty of Education, Science, Technology and Mathematics

Council received a presentation from Professor Riordan, Dean of the Faculty of Education, Science, Technology and Mathematics. Professor Riordan noted that the latest OECD rankings raised concerns about the quality of mathematics and science teaching in Australia and that the Centre for Quality Teaching and Learning would provide an opportunity for the University to begin addressing these issues and engage in debate on educational policy. Professor Riordan also commented that the faculty needed to become more entrepreneurial to overcome funding gaps and improve student experience.

Resolution C161/47

Council received and noted the presentation by the Dean of the Faculty of Education, Science, Technology and Mathematics, Professor Riordan.

Item 21: Strategic Review – Education Portfolio

Council received a presentation by Professor Klomp, Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Education).

Professor Klomp commented that the University's Education Plan was framed to deliver the objectives of the Strategic Plan in an evolving environment where the University needed to be more competitive to retain students and tailor courses to the needs of students.

Council noted that the Disability Action Plan 210-12 was still current and that the Vice-Chancellor would initiate a review of the Plan.

Resolution C161/48

Council received and noted the presentation by the Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Education), Professor Klomp.

Item 22: Staff and Student Elections Results**Resolution C161/49**

Council received and noted election results for staff and student members of Council.

Item 23: Annual Planning Cycle for 2014**Resolution C161/50**

Council received and noted the Annual Planning Cycle for 2014.

Item 24: Report on the Exercise of Financial Delegations**Resolution C161/51**

Council received and noted the report provided on the exercise of certain financial delegations.

Item 25: Flying Minute No. 2013/2 (Commonwealth Bank Facility)**Resolution C161/52**

Council noted the Flying Minute and recorded the resolution in the minutes of Meeting No. 161 as the record of the resolutions of Council:

Flying Minute 2013/2 – 25 November 2013

Recommendation: That Council authorise the Vice-Chancellor to sign the required documentation for the revised CBA credit facility on behalf of the University.
Recommendation passed.

Item 26 Other Business

26.1 Expressions of Appreciation

Ms Ellis thanks the University for the support and advice she had received as a member of Council and wished the University well for the future.

Dr Calma thanked Dr Mackay for his leadership as Chancellor of the University over the past three years.

The meeting was closed at 11.40 a.m.