

# University of New England Open Council Meeting Minutes 27 September 2019



Minutes of the 5<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the University of New England Council held in the Council Room, Booloominbah, and via video conference, at 8:30am on 27 September 2019.

## Members present:

Mr James Harris, *Chancellor & Chair*  
Prof Brigid Heywood, *Vice-Chancellor & CEO*  
Mr Russell Evans (*via video conference*)  
Mr Charles Hebblewhite  
Ms Louisa Quiddington  
Ms Meredith Symons

Ms Jan McClelland AM, *Deputy Chancellor*  
Prof Mark Perry, *Chair of Academic Board*  
Mr Robert Finch  
Ms Rosemary Leamon  
A/Prof Richard Scully

## In attendance:

Prof Peter Creamer (*COO*)  
Mrs Sandra Matthews (*Acting CFO, via video conf*)  
Prof Todd Walker (*PDVC*)  
Mrs Collette Gooch (*Acting Deputy University Secretary*)  
Mr Kris Kauffmann (*Senior Executive Strategy Advisor*)

Prof Heiko Daniel (*DVCR*)  
Mr Brendan Peet (*CLGO*)  
Prof Caroline Gross (*Acting Dean SABL*) for item 3.1  
Mrs Libby Kettlestring (*Senior Secretariat Officer & Minute Recorder*)  
Ms Amy O'Toole (*Chief of Staff*)

## Apologies:

Ms Anne Myers  
Prof Jonathan Powles (*PVCAI*)

Mr David van Aanholt  
Prof Mingan Choct (*PVCER*)

## 1. MEETING OPENING

The Chancellor welcomed all to the September 2019 Open Council meeting.

### 1.1 \* Acknowledgement of country

Council acknowledged the traditional custodians of this land we call New England and showed respect to Elders past and present.

### 1.2 \* Declarations of interest

Council members were reminded to disclose any material interest, consistent with Schedule 2A Clause 5 of the University of New England Act 1993 (NSW).

A conflict was declared by Mr Bob Finch during the meeting in relation to Item 4.2 when aged care services were discussed, as Mr Finch is a Director of Autumn Lodge, an aged care facility in Armidale.

### 1.3 Disclosed register of interests

Council Members were asked to update their Disclosed Register of Interest as required.

The Vice-Chancellor advised Council she has been appointed to:

- NSW Innovation and Productivity Council; and
- NSW Premier and Cabinet's Advisory Committee for Accelerating Research and Development.

### 1.4 \* Order of business

The Committee ACCEPTED the Order of Business and ADOPTED non-starred items.

## 2. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

### 2.1 Confirmation of Minutes

Council noted the minutes of the meeting held on 26 July 2019 were confirmed as a true and correct record via email on 19 September 2019.

### 2.2 \* Matters Arising

Matters outstanding from previous Open meetings of Council are outlined below.

Meeting/Item	Action	Status
Council Meeting 26 July 2019, item 4.3 Chair Academic Board Report #19057	Professor Walker to advise on the opportunity for Council to review the UNE Reconciliation Action Plan.	In progress. The Provost & Deputy Vice- Chancellor provided an update on status and advised that more work was required – Reconciliation Australia had made three suggestions on the draft plan, in relation to tone, the template used, and additional community consultation. A further draft is due by the end of 2019.

## 3. PRESENTATIONS

### 3.1 \* University Activities in Focus #19072

Presented by Professor Caroline Gross, Acting Dean, Faculty of Science, Agriculture, Business and Law.

Professor Gross' provided a presentation on the Faculty's partnership with Intelli Education Group (IEG) in Malaysia.

Council discussed:

- course selection/gender metrics of international students in the Faculty;
- realistic student growth targets based on UNE delivery capacity and accommodation constraints;
- online plus model whereby IEG partnership students receive additional support such as pastoral care and face-to-face tutorials;
- Malaysian student demographics and funding;
- education regulatory requirements for UNE and IEG and UNE oversight of this;
- UNE staff for new delivery model; and
- IEG's business profile and opportunities with UNE.

Council NOTED the University Activities in Focus presentation by the Acting Dean, Faculty of Science, Agriculture, Business and Law, #19072.

## 4. LEADERSHIP REPORTS

### 4.1 \* Chancellor's Open Report to Council, #19073

Council NOTED the Chancellor's Open Report to Council, #19073

### 4.2 \* Vice-Chancellor's Open Report to Council, #19074

The Vice-Chancellor's presentation included an overview of:

- analysis of and strategy for UNE;
- shifting government policy and opportunities arising;
- the uncertain economic outlook; and
- positioning of UNE in this context.

Council discussed:

- the impact of ERA ratings and the imperative to pursue research within a strategic framework; and
- innovative models of student accommodation and funding such as:
  - student/aged care Humanitas model which was successful in The Netherlands; and
  - possible integration with service personnel rehabilitation/accommodation.

Council NOTED the Vice-Chancellor's Open Report to Council, #19074.

### 4.3 \* Chair of Academic Board Open Report, #19075

The Chair of the Academic Board, Professor Mark Perry, outlined the contents of his report.

Council discussed:

- academic governance challenges, staff engagement levels and closer alignment with strategic priorities; and
- Academic Board discussions around the Bespoke programs and a response pending from management.

Council NOTED the Chair of Academic Board's Open Report to Council, #19075.

## 5. GENERAL ITEMS

### 5.1 \* Joint Medical Program Academic Calendar 2020, #19076

Council:

- 1) NOTED report #19076 regarding the proposed Joint Medical Program Academic Calendar for 2020;
- 2) APPROVED the 2020 BMed JMP Academic Calendar; and
- 3) APPROVED the 2020 BMedSci/MD JMP Academic Calendar.

## 5.2 \* Council and Committee Meeting Dates for 2020, #19077

Council noted that scheduling for next year has taken into consideration the dates for graduation in order to provide members better opportunity to attend graduation ceremonies the day after the meeting.

The Chancellor explained several meetings next year will occur away from Booloominbah, including meetings in Sydney, Tamworth and difference venues at the Armidale campus. These meetings would be connected to a luncheon or other event involving staff from the area where the meeting is held. This initiative was commended by the Council members.

Council APPROVED the Council and Committee meeting dates for 2020, as provided in report #19077.

## 6. GENERAL BUSINESS

Nil.

## 7. MEETING FINALISATION

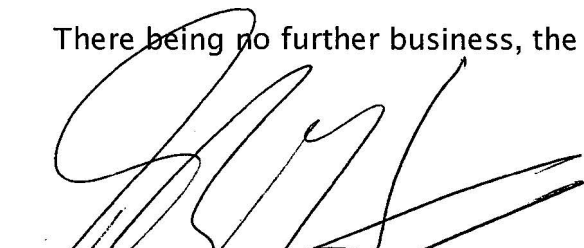
### 7.1 Council Open Work Plan 2019

Council NOTED the Open Work Plan for 27 September 2019.

### 7.2 \* Close

Council was informed that the next meeting is scheduled for Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> November 2019 and will be held in the Council Room, Booloominbah and via video conference if required.

There being no further business, the meeting concluded at 10:10am.



Mr James Harris  
Chancellor & Chair

Date 1/11/2019