

5. APPOINTMENTS AND PROMOTIONS

In accordance with Senate Resolution 274/00 the information on appointments and promotions was noted.

6. CONFERRING OF DEGREES, DIPLOMAS AND CERTIFICATES

In accordance with Statute 14 clause (2)(2) made under the UWA Act 1911, the Vice-Chancellor conferred degrees, diplomas and graduate certificates on a number of students on 24 June 2019 and 29 July 2019. The reports were noted. The following was also noted:

- rescission of the Master of Science conferred on Mr Damir Kekez as appears in the conferral in absentia list of 29 July 2019. He is required to make necessary revisions to his thesis before conferral of the award.

7. ELECTION OF GUILD OFFICE BEARERS AND SENATE MEMBERS

Members noted that:

- Ms Brehany (Bre) Shanahan, has been elected as the 107th UWA Student Guild President and Senate Member for 2019; and
- Mr Rahul Kumar has been elected by the Postgraduate Students Association elected as the incoming President and member of Senate for 2019.

The one year terms of both the above student members would commence on 1 December 2019.

8. REPORT ON CONFERENCE ATTENDANCE – THE ROLE OF CIVIC UNIVERSITY IN AUSTRALIA

A copy of the report on the conference attended by a Senate member (Adjunct Professor Warren Kerr) in Brisbane from 29 – 30 August 2019 was noted. The Chancellor thanked Adjunct Professor Kerr for the report.

9. SENATE STANDING COMMITTEES

9.1. Report of the Academic Board Meeting held on 18 September 2019

The minutes of the Academic Board meeting held on 18 September 2019 were noted.

9.2. Report of the Audit & Risk Committee Meeting held on 22 August 2019

The minutes of the meeting of the Audit and Risk Committee were noted.

9.3. Report of the Strategic Resources Committee Meeting held on 7 October 2019 - Ref F2586

The minutes of the meeting of the Strategic Resources Committee held on 7 October 2019 were noted.

10. REPORT FROM CONVOCATION

A report from the Warden of Convocation on recent activities of Convocation uploaded to SharePoint was noted.

11. REPORTS OF THE ACADEMIC COUNCIL – MEETING HELD ON 2 OCTOBER 2019

11.1 Rescission of Awards

On advice from the Academic Council, Senate

RESOLVED – 38

to approve the rescission of the following awards:

- 21310 Graduate Diploma in International Commercial Law
- 21510 Master of International Commercial Law (coursework)
- 52320 Graduate Diploma in Sleep Science
- 52330 Graduate Diploma in Work Health and Safety
- 71540 Master of Health Science
- 71570 Master of Geographic Information Science
- 74530 Master of Work Health and Safety
- Honours in Child and Adolescent Health
- Honours in Hydrogeology
- Higher Degree by Research Preliminary (Dentistry) (80490)
- Higher Degree by Research Preliminary (Medicine) (90490)

11.2 Introduction of New Awards

On advice from Academic Council, Senate

RESOLVED – 39

to approve the introduction of the following awards:

- Graduate Certificate in Health Leadership and Management (42200)
- Higher Degree by Research Preliminary (Engineering and Mathematical Sciences) (60490); and
- Higher Degree by Research Preliminary (Health and Medical Sciences) (90440)

12. AWARD OF THE TITLE OF EMERITUS PROFESSOR – Ref F12209

On advice from Academic Board from its meeting held on 18 September and Noting of Decision dated 16 October 2019, Senate:

RESOLVED – 40

to approve the conferral of the title of Emeritus Professor upon the Professors listed below, following their respective retirements from the University:

- Professor Richard Bartlett;
- Professor Neil Morgan;
- Professor Geoff Soutar;
- Professor Jill Sweeney;
- Professor Lesley Vidovich;
- Professor Brian Dawson;
- Professor Assen Jablensky;
- Professor Stuart Bunt;
- Professor Jenefer Blackwell; and
- Professor Stephan Schug

13. UWA ART COLLECTION

13.1 Cruther's Collection of Women's Art

In accordance with the Deed of Gift the Cruther's Collection of Women's Art Advisory Committee an Annual Report was submitted to Senate. The report was noted.

13.2 UWA Art Collection- Annual Acquisitions Report to Senate

The annual report to Senate on the acquisition of art in 2019 was reviewed and the request for an allocation of \$100,000 for further acquisitions in 2020 was considered.

RESOLVED – 41

to approve the annual allocation of \$100,000 for further acquisitions of art in 2020.

14. NAMING PROPOSALS – EZONE & BUSINESS SCHOOL

In considering two proposals for naming/renaming of the E-ZONE and the Business School Boardroom, members expressed some concerns with regard to the way the proposed names for the spaces in the E-ZONE UWA Student Hub would be communicated to the community.

It was pointed out that the proposed Noonga names might have broader applications across other tribal communities, which could potentially lead to confusion and misrepresentation. Members noted that consultations with relevant stakeholders were ongoing and therefore, agreed to approve the proposed names in principle.

RESOLVED – 42

- to approve in principle that the spaces in the E-ZONE UWA Student Hub be named as: BHP Steps to Learning [Katajin Biddi (Noonga for Learning Paths) or Kartajennakooling (Taking Steps to Learning)]; Woodside River Walk [Bilya Biddi (Noongar for River Path)], subject to consultation with relevant stakeholders with a view to shortening the names with emphasis on the relevant Indigenous name; and
- that the Business School Boardroom be renamed to 'Mark Barnaba Business School Boardroom'

15. 2019 WRITE-OFFS

A report recommending the write-off of University debts amounting to \$880,368.81 and write-off of assets amounting to \$16,687.94 was provided to Senate.

RESOLVED – 43

to approve the write-off of University debts amounting to \$880,368.81 and write-off of assets amounting to \$16,687.94, as detailed in the 2019 write off report.

16. HONORARY DOCTORATE – Proposed amendment to UWA Statute 14

Senate noted that currently section 8 of Statute 14 states the following: "8.(1) A nomination of a candidate for the award of an honorary degree may be made by any member of the Senate or the Academic Board".

Given that many of those considered for Honorary Degrees are members of Convocation, the Honorary Degrees Committee resolved to recommend to Senate that Section 8 of Statute 14 be amended to include Convocation Council as a nominating body. The proposed amendment would facilitate members of Convocation Council putting forward nominations directly rather than via a Senate member for consideration by the Committee. This would also allow a broader range of people

to be eligible to nominate candidates for an honorary degree.

Noting that Statute 14 would be converted to a University Policy on Honorary Degrees, as part of the Legislative Review Project, Senate:

RESOLVED – 44

to approve the proposition that the nomination body for honorary doctorates include the Convocation Council, effective immediately.

17. INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (IT) AUDIT REMEDIATION STATUS REPORT

A paper providing the committee with an update on the status of audit remediation for IT and Cyber Security issues was presented to Senate. The Chief Information Officer (Mr. Warwick Calkin) spoke to the report highlighting the following:

- a) There has been a significant reduction in the number of open audit findings, which have halved since 2018 and an additional six findings have been scheduled to be addressed by the end of the fourth quarter in 2019.
- b) University IT has established a formal risk management process to support the delivery of strategic objectives and demonstrate good corporate governance.
- c) Two high risk findings remain with remediation efforts on track.
- d) Development of a longer term risk management strategy and approach to enable better Executive visibility of technology risks and provide a platform for the broader University community to embrace accountability of those risks was discussed.
- e) Complex areas such as cyber security and privacy continue to pose significant challenges and high risks to the University. In fact, cyber risk issues were seen as a challenge for Australia and its borders as a whole. While the University's performance in addressing these risks might be assessed to be improving relative to benchmarks conducted against other institutions within the sector, the adequacy of such improvements was questioned especially in light of the rapidly changing technology and external landscapes.
- f) Further, the level of risk that should be tolerated, implications for insurance limits and choices for Senate to address those risks at a strategic level were discussed. In particular, the question arose as to whether Senate as a governing body should be in a position to commit more resources for management to take a more rigorous and proactive approach to significantly reduce cyber risks or whether this should be identified as an area that would take time to be fixed irrespective of any resourcing commitments?

The report was noted and Senate:

RESOLVED – 45

to endorse the proposition that an options paper addressing the minuted discussions in e) and f) be prepared and forwarded via management for consideration by the Audit and Risk Committee with a view to providing advice to Senate.

18. REPORT FROM THE CHAIRS OF SENATE COMMITTEES AND THE ACADEMIC BOARD

The Chancellor invited the Chairs of Senate Committees to provide verbal reports on any items of strategic business currently under consideration by their committees. The Chair of the Strategic Resources Committee and the Chair of the Audit and Risk Committee referred to the minutes of the last meeting of the relevant committees for Senate's noting.

Senate noted the written report from the Chair of the Academic Board who also communicated that he would be chairing two panel sessions at the forthcoming National Chairs of Academic Board conference to be held in Sydney. The sessions relate to the subject of Freedom of Expression and the implications of the Coaldrake Review for the higher education sector.

There was also broad discussion with regard to the way submissions to external reviews by academic staff are represented. While they are submitted under the auspices of the University as part of academic freedom, the individual work, if not commissioned by the University, should not be presented as an institutional response representing the views of the University.

The written and verbal reports were noted.

19. REPORT OF THE VICE-CHANCELLOR – REF F1326

The Vice-Chancellor spoke to the report and highlighted the following key issues:

- An artwork by Whadjuk Noongar elders and artists was commissioned as part of a collaboration with UDLA & UWA Estate Planning to create a map of Crawley's local cultural narrative and physical landmarks that underpin the UWA Campus Masterplan
- Mr Ledger was congratulated for winning an ARIA Fine Arts Award for Best Classical Album" for his collaboration with Paul Kelly

- The Government's decision to repurpose Education Innovation Fund (worth \$300m) to support draught would have significant impact on the higher education sector.
- Media coverage reporting from July to September 2019 indicated that there were 1,798 items featured in state and national media during this period. For the same quarter last year there were 2220 items. The decline in volume this year could largely be attributed to the continued consolidation of suburban and regional newspaper media outlets in Australia, leading to closures and mergers of many publications. Negative stories made up just 2 per cent and largely appeared in July around the review of College Row culture. Other negative coverage related to allegations of misconduct by academic staff at WA universities and Chinese influence on Universities.
- The Coaldrake Provider Category Standards Review report indicate that:
 - there would be few categories of tertiary providers that would be identified to meet the standards. These were identified to be Australian University; Overseas University in Australia; Institute of Higher Education (former "HEP" category); and the National Institute of Higher Education aiming to become universities.
 - research is a defining feature of what it means to be a university in Australia. Universities would need to conduct world class research in at least three (or 30%) of the 2-digit fields of education in which it delivers courses. This should increase to 50% by 2030.
 - there should also be requirements about industry engagement, civic leadership, community engagement.
 - new universities which jump straight to University known as 'Greenfield' universities (that is, universities are categorized without going through the National Institute of Higher Education phase first) could be allowed in the future.
- With regard to the Times Higher Education Subject Rankings the methodology and weightings are recalibrated to suitably rank individual fields. There was broad discussion on the methodology and the weightings for the Arts and Humanities ranking in the areas of teaching, research, citations, international outlook and industry income. There was also a brief general discussion on research rankings and it was pointed out by the Vice-Chancellor that a more informed discussion could occur at the next meeting of Senate in December when the theme of Research would be presented by the Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Research).
- A review of the Commonwealth Supported Places with regard to Postgraduate courses indicate some positive outcomes relating to the five year pipeline of funding.

The report was noted.

Confirmed:

CHAIR

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