

F20/378**MINUTES
UWA SENATE****Held Monday, 20 April 2020 (via Zoom) commencing at 3.30 pm****MEMBERS OF THE UNIVERSITY SENATE**

The Chancellor, as Chair: The Hon Robert French, AC
The Pro-Chancellor and Chair of Strategic Resources Committee: Mr Frank Cooper, AO
Vice-Chancellor: Professor Jane den Hollander, AO
Chair of Audit and Risk Committee: Ms Michele Dolin
Chair of Academic Board: Professor Raymond da Silva Rosa
Governor Appointees: Ms Joanne Farrell
Ms Sue Murphy, AO
Elected by Convocation: Mr Simon Dawkins
Adjunct Professor Warren Kerr, AM
Elected by Academic Staff: Dr Nin Kirkham
Elected by General Staff: Ms Jill Benn
Elected by Students: Ms Bre Shanahan: President, Student Guild
Mr Rahul Kumar MS: President, Postgraduate Student's Association
Co-opted members: Mr Michael Byrne
Dr Sue Gordon AM (from item 4)
Dr Bob Olivier

Apologies:

Nil

By Invitation:*For all agenda items (excluding Closed Senate)*

Acting Director, Governance and General Counsel, Mr Paul Shanahan

For agenda item 4

Senior Deputy Vice-Chancellor, Professor Simon Biggs

Chief Financial Officer, Ms Leona Marquand

HR Director, Mr Nigel Waugh

For agenda item 5

Chief Financial Officer, Ms Leona Marquand

For agenda item 7

Deputy Vice-Chancellor, Global Partnerships, Mr Tayyeb Shah

Secretariat:

University Secretary, Ms Sue Moore

Attendees (Open Senate):

Associate Professor Debra Judge

Ms Chloe Mortimer

TABLED DOCUMENTS:

Item 4: Updated presentation – COVID-19 and Budgetary Presentation

Item 9: Memorandum from the Chancellor

[Secretary's Note: To ensure matters of critical importance were addressed at the start of the meeting, the agenda was rearranged and the meeting commenced Items 1-3 then 'Extraordinary Items' followed by 'Closed Senate - Items for Discussion/Decision (normally Parts 3 and 4), 'Items for Decision 'En Bloc' (normally Part 2) and 'Items for Communication to be Taken 'En Bloc' (normally Part 1).]

PART 4: CLOSED SENATE

INTRODUCTORY ITEMS

1. WELCOME AND APOLOGIES

The Chancellor as Chair welcomed all members and outlined meeting protocols for meetings conducted via Zoom.

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

In addition to the interests declared by members detailed in the Register of Interests at Attachment A to agenda item 2, members had declared the following potential/perceived conflicts of interest:

- Professor Ray da Silva Rosa has advised that he is an independent director of the ASX-listed company Absolute Equity Fund Performance Ltd;

The Chair noted that Adjunct Professor Warren Kerr's roles as a Director of the Regal Theatre Foundation Ltd and Board Member of the Australian Health Design Council had been inadvertently deleted from the Register and would be reinstated in future versions.

In relation to specific agenda items the following declarations were made:

Item 7: Dr Nin Kirkham declared her sister, Alex Allan, was the author of the report arising from the UWA Publishing design workshop on 4 March 2020.

3. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

The agenda included minutes of the Senate meeting held on 9 March 2020 and Noting of Decision made by Senate by way of Circular on 19 March 2020.

The Secretary outlined amendments to the minutes of 9 March noting the inclusion of definitional statements for current and gearing ratios at Item 14. It was noted minor typographical errors would also be corrected.

RESOLVED – S R21/20

Subject to minor amendments to confirm the Minutes of the:

- (a) Senate meeting held on 9 March 2020; and***
- (b) Noting of Decision by Senate made by Circular on 19 March 2020.***

OPEN SENATE

The Director, Governance and General Counsel, Mr Paul Shanahan and observers, Associate Professor Debra Judge and Ms Chloe Mortimer joined the meeting.

PART 2: ITEMS FOR DECISION 'EN BLOC'

12. NOMINATED SUPPLIER AGREEMENTS – PC DESKTOPS AND NOTEBOOKS

RESOLVED S R27/20

To approve and delegate to the Vice-Chancellor authority to enter into nominated supplier agreements with Datacom Systems and Winthrop Australia for the supply of PC desktop and notebook computers to UWA under the terms outlined in Attachment A to Item 12.

13. INVESTMENT POLICY STATEMENT

RESOLVED S R28/20

To approve the Investment Policy Statement 2020, as amended, at Attachment A to Item 13.

14. SENATE COMMITTEES – SRC MEMBERSHIP VACANCY

RESOLVED – S R29/20

To appoint Dr Nin Kirkham to the Strategic Resources Committee under clause 3(1)(a)(iii) of that Committee's Constitution effective 20 April 2020 to 28 February 2023, coinciding with her term on the Senate.

15. QEII MEDICAL CENTRE TRUST BOARD APPOINTMENT

RESOLVED – S R30/20

To approve the appointment of the Senior Deputy Vice-Chancellor to the QEII Medical Centre Trust Board to hold office until further notice.

16. COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP – RAINE AND HEALY FOUNDATIONS

RESOLVED – S R31/20

To approve the appointment of Professor Jeff Hamdorf for a further three year term to 31 December 2022 as a member of:

- (a) The Raine Medical Research Foundation Research Committee as a Professor of Surgery under Deed of Trust, Clause 3.(c)(iii); and***
- (b) The Healy Medical Research Foundation Research Committee as a Professor of Surgery under Deed of Trust, Clause 5.(c)(iii).***

PART 1: ITEMS FOR COMMUNICATION TO BE TAKEN 'EN BLOC'

17. 2020 SENATE MEETINGS

The remaining dates for meetings of the Senate were noted, including the new date of Monday, 18 May 2020 as follows:

- Monday 18 May (new)
- Monday 6 July
- Monday 31 August
- Monday 19 October
- Monday 7 December
- Strategic Seminar – date to be determined

All meetings will commence at 3.30pm in the Senate Room.

18. APPOINTMENTS AND PROMOTIONS

The list of appointments and promotions circulated with the agenda in accordance with Senate Resolution 274/00 was noted.

19. CONFERRING OF DEGREES, DIPLOMAS AND CERTIFICATES

In accordance with Statute 14 clause (2)(2) made under the *University of Western Australia Act 1911*, the Vice-Chancellor conferred degrees, diplomas and graduate certificates on a number of students on 30 March 2020.

The following were noted by Senate:

- VC Approved *in absentia* conferral lists; and
- VC Approved proposed *in absentia* conferral dates for 2020.

20. ACADEMIC BOARD MINUTES

The minutes of the Academic Board held on 18 March 2020 were noted.

21. ADVANCED UNDERGRADUATE DEGREES

The Senate noted an extract of the minutes of the Academic Board in relation to the possible expansion of the University's undergraduate degrees.

22. FINANCIAL DELEGATIONS REPORT

The Senate noted the transactions and funding allocations during the period 1 January to 31 March 2020 in excess of \$1.0 million.

23. OTHER BUSINESS

The Chair thanked the members for their effective participation in the meeting via Zoom and the Secretary for making the relevant arrangements.

He thanked the Vice-Chancellor her presentation and the materials provided noting the increased energy required to address the challenges facing the University and expressed his desire to see an improved culture of openness, transparency and trust at the conclusion of the current crisis

The Vice-Chancellor noted discussions are underway on how to formally and appropriately recognize specific staff who have worked above and beyond to address the impacts of COVID-19 within the University.

CLOSE: 5.37 pm

Confirmed (Sign)