

THE UNIVERSITY OF WESTERN AUSTRALIA

Minutes of the meeting of the Senate held in Seminar Room 1, Ground Floor, University Club,
The University of Western Australia, Crawley on Monday, 25 and 26 February 2013

PRESENT:

The Chancellor (Dr M Chaney) in the Chair, the Pro Chancellor (Dr P Flett), the Vice-Chancellor (Professor P Johnson), Mr C Barnes, Mr J W Biggs, Ms G Bothe, Dr S Boyd, Mr F Cooper, Mr R Cooper, Professor J Cordery, Mr S Dawkins, Ms M Dolin, Ms E Greeney, Dr L Hayes, Dr A Howarth, Dr S Juniper, Professor N Laing, Professor A McKinley, Dr J O'Shea, Ms H Silbert

By Invitation:

Senior Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Professor W Loudon), Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Education) (Professor A Cameron), Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Research) (Professor R Owens), Executive Director (Finance and Resources) (Ms G McMath), Director, Planning Services (Mr R McCormack), Chief Adviser (Corporate and Government Affairs) (Mr D Harrison)

For Item 14

Director, Financial Services (Mr S Logan)

Secretariat:

University Secretary (Ms D de Souza)
Executive Director (Academic Services) and Registrar (Mr P Curtis)

APOLOGIES:

Mr J Inverarity

1. WELCOME

The Chancellor welcomed Professor John Cordery, Chair of the Academic Board to his first meeting of Senate.

The attention of all members was drawn to three tabled documents which were replacement pages for various sections of the Draft 2012 Annual Report circulated earlier with the agenda. The replacement pages included the Vice-Chancellor's Overview to the Annual Report, the table of members' attendance at 2012 Senate Meetings and the Certification of Financial Statements sheet required by DIISRTE.

The Chancellor confirmed that Professor Nigel Laing had requested that item 14 "The 2012 Annual Report under the Financial Management Act 2006" be moved from Part II to Part III.

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST - REF F4815

Mr F Cooper declared his role as Chair and Member of the West Australian Football Commission in relation to item 17.

3. MINUTES

RESOLVED – 1

that the minutes of the meeting of the Senate held on 10 December 2012 be confirmed.

4. CONFERRAL OF DEGREES, DIPLOMAS AND CERTIFICATES

Senate noted that in accordance with Statute 14 clause (2)(2) made under the University of Western Australia Act 1911, the Vice-Chancellor on the 18 February 2013 conferred the respective degrees, graduate diplomas and graduate certificates on the following graduands:

Bachelor of Arts	..	Geetanjali Arora Kerry Lisa Greer
Bachelor of Arts with Second Class Honours (Division B)	..	Melinda Jane Rabach
Bachelor of Commerce	..	James Albert Cameron Timothy James Hardy Andrew Richard Huck Jonathan Savio Pinto Timothy Ryan Slate
Bachelor of Computer Science with Second Class Honours (Division B)	..	Cheng Heng Tiang
Degree of Bachelor of Environmental Design	..	Charlotte Emma Courtenay Soo Bhin Han Samantha Pallas
Bachelor of Laws	..	Sheree Starr Allsop Jonathan Manasseh Daniel
Degree of Bachelor of Medicine and Bachelor of Surgery	..	David Edward Somerville-Brown
Bachelor of Science	..	Geetanjali Arora Jonathan Manasseh Daniel Gemma Page Haddleton Giovanni Rossi
Bachelor of Science with Second Class Honours (Division A)	..	Samuel Last Nilukshi Nadhishani Ranwala Katherine Dianne Russell-Smith
Bachelor of Science (Biomedical Science)	..	Chin Sze Hui Cara Zixian Charles Huang Koh Shu Wen Lihuey Liew Lim Su Yin Muhammad Asyraf Isma Bin Mohamed Ibrahim Ng Thiam Hoe Siti Aishah Binte Rahmat Sim Wen Qing Soh Jing Ting Linda Tan Jeck Wei Yan Hong Tan Hung Teng Pandora Voon Wan May Yan Priscilla
Bachelor of Science (Chemistry)	..	Pei Shi Jaslyn Koh
Bachelor of Science (Exercise and Health) with First Class Honours	..	Ashleigh Lorenz Thornton
Bachelor of Science (Exercise and Health Science)	..	Christopher James Hansberry
Bachelor of Science ((Molecular Biology and Biotechnology)	..	Hong JianQiang Edwin Tan Zhen Guo Richie
Bachelor of Science (Pharmaceutical Science)	..	Chiang Si Yu Candice Chua Siew Heng Michelle Zhi Xiang Darren Heng Puan De Jun Saw Huiping

		Lynnette Tham Li Chin Yeoh Su Yong Kelvin
Bachelor of Science (Psychology)	..	Katherine Dianne Russell-Smith Tiong Ying Ying June Ann-Maree Vallence
Bachelor of Science (Psychology and Human Performance)	..	Khoo Peifang
Bachelor of Science (Sport Science)	..	Ng Pui Kim
Master of Business Administration	..	Jeffrey Yewkia Lim Keiko Morita Marcus Lee Robert Wong Ruo Shi Phebe
Master of Education	..	Yuen Kwan Elizabeth Cheng
Master of Science	..	Nancy Ann Shackelford
Master of Teaching (Primary)	..	Sharon Su Kim McCleary Daniel Mark McNaughton
Doctor of Philosophy	..	Maria Carmen Amarra Stephen Francis William Bennetts Pallab Kumar Biswas Donna Bradbury Eleftheria Dalmaris Behnoud Ganjavi Hamid Ahmed M Ghafram Al Shahri Hartono Sadaf Khan
Graduate Diploma in Business	..	Srikar Reddy Nallapapagari
Graduate Diploma in Business Administration	..	Yvette Marree Gillespie
Graduate Diploma in Education	..	Sophie Elvire Doughty David Anthony Mickle
Graduate Diploma in Forensic Science	..	Adriane Peta Markham Amy Sze Ling Yoon
Graduate Diploma in Neurological Rehabilitation	..	Danielle Townsend
Graduate Diploma in Professional Studies in Education	..	Stuart Andrew More
Graduate Diploma in Sleep Science	..	Sarah Jayne Salerno
Graduate Certificate in Adult Sleep Science	..	Sarah Jayne Salerno

Amendment of Award Conferred at the Graduation Ceremony held on 18 September 2012

The Faculty of Architecture, Landscape and Visual Arts had advised that an administrative error had occurred which resulted in Mr Camden Shea Morgan **McFarlane** being admitted to the degree of Master of Architecture instead of the Master of Architecture with Distinction at the Graduation Ceremony held on 18 September 2012.

Amendment of Award Conferred at the Graduation Ceremony held on 18 September 2012

The Faculty of Science had advised that an administrative error had occurred which resulted in Mr Robert Lorenzo **Sanzogni** being admitted to the degree of Bachelor of Science (Marine Science) with Second Class Honours (Division A) instead of the Bachelor of Science (Marine Science) with First Class Honours at the Graduation Ceremony held on 18 September 2012.

5. DATES FOR GRADUATION CEREMONIES AUTUMN/SPRING 2013, 2014 AND 2015 – REF F2294

The following schedules for Graduation Ceremonies in Autumn and Spring 2013, and Autumn and Spring 2014 and 2015 were noted:

GRADUATION DATES FOR 2013

Autumn

Wednesday, 6 March
 Thursday, 7 March

 Monday, 11 March
 Wednesday, 13 March

 Tuesday, 12 March
 Wednesday, 13 March
 Thursday, 14 March

 Monday, 18 March
 Tuesday, 19 March
 Wednesday, 20 March
 Thursday, 21 March

 Monday 25 March

Spring

Wednesday, 11 September
 Thursday, 12 September

 Monday, 16 September (reserved)
 Tuesday, 17 September
 Wednesday, 18 September

 Monday, 23 September
 Tuesday, 24 September

GRADUATION DATES FOR 2014

Autumn

Tuesday, 18 March
 Wednesday, 19 March
 Thursday, 20 March

 Tuesday, 25 March
 Wednesday, 26 March
 Thursday, 27 March

 Tuesday, 1 April
 Wednesday, 2 April
 Thursday, 3 April

 Tuesday, 8 April
 Wednesday, 9 April
 Thursday, 10 April

Spring

Wednesday, 10 September
 Thursday, 11 September

 Tuesday, 16 September
 Wednesday, 17 September
 Thursday, 18 September

 Monday, 22 September
 Tuesday, 23 September

GRADUATION DATES FOR 2015

Autumn

Tuesday, 10 March
 Wednesday, 11 March
 Thursday, 12 March

 Tuesday, 17 March
 Wednesday, 18 March
 Thursday, 19 March

 Monday, 23 March
 Tuesday, 24 March
 Wednesday, 25 March
 Thursday, 26 March

Spring

Wednesday, 16 September
 Thursday, 17 September

 Monday, 21 September
 Tuesday, 22 September

 Wednesday, 30 September
 Thursday, 1 October

 Monday, 5 October
 Tuesday, 6 October

Monday, 30 March
 Tuesday, 31 March
 Wednesday, 1 April

6. SENATE DATES FOR 2013

The following schedule of Senate Meetings in 2013 was noted:

Monday, 29 April
 Monday, 24 June
 Monday, 26 August
 Monday, 4 November
 Monday, 2 December

7. APPOINTMENTS, PROMOTIONS AND AWARDS OF TENURE

Senate noted the following information on appointments, promotions and awards of tenure in accordance with Senate Resolution 274/00:

TEACHING AND RESEARCH

Winthrop Professor

Professor Martin Barbetti (School of Plant Biology)

Promotion to Associate Professor (Level C)

Assistant Professor Ethan Blue (School of Humanities)

Promotion to Professor (Level D)

Associate Professor Rhonda Clifford (School of Medicine and Pharmacology)

RESEARCH

Promotion to Research Associate Professor (Level C)

Research Assistant Professor Ullrich Ecker (Cognitive Science, School of Psychology)

8. REPORT OF THE SENATE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE DECISION TAKEN BY CIRCULAR

Acceptance of Offer on 61 Louise Street, Nedlands

The residential property at 61 Louise Street, Nedlands, being the whole of lot 122 on Deposited Plan 3668 was bequeathed to The University of Western Australia by the Late Reta Thornton.

Members were reminded that an offer had been considered for the property at the Strategic Resources meeting on 29 October 2012. At that meeting the Committee agreed to recommend to Senate (R84/12)

- (i) To approve the divestment of the residential dwelling at 61 Louise Street, Nedlands, being the whole of lot 122 on Deposited Plan 3668 *for not less than \$1.25M*; and
- (ii) To approve the net proceeds of the eventual sale to provide for scholarships for students of the School of Music in accordance with the Late Reta Thornton's will.

Mack Hall was appointed as the selling agent for the property with the University's Facilities Management Division overseeing the sale process. Initial interest in the property was described as "fair" however the property had a severe white ant infestation with associated damage. This discouraged potential buyers and reduced the price offered by others. The University received one offer of \$1.2M. It was a cash offer with a 90 day settlement period.

Despite the offer being \$50,000 lower than the amount approved by Senate, in view of the circumstances outlined above, the Vice-Chancellor in consultation with the Chancellor endorsed

the recommendation from the Executive Director, Finance and Resources that the University accept the offer of \$1.2M subject to approval by circular resolution of Senate.

Following the Senate Executive Committee's approval by circular dated 12 December 2012 the following resolution is recorded in these minutes.

RESOLVED - 2

to approve the acceptance by The University of Western Australia of the cash offer for the purchase of 61 Louise Street, Nedlands, being the whole of lot 122 on Deposited Plan 3668 for the sum of \$1.2 Million.

9. ADMISSION TO CONVOCATION UNDER SECTION 17(1)(c)C

Members noted that the Council of Convocation at its meeting held on Wednesday, 5 December 2012 resolved R48/12 to admit Dr Richard Young to be a member of Convocation under Statute 4, Clause 2 and to admit Mr Ron Shaw to be a member under Statute 4 section 3.

10. SUMMARY OF UWA CENTRES APPROVED DURING 2012 – REF F1257

Senate noted that in 2012 Academic Council had approved the continuation/renewal of the following UWA Centres:

- Callaway Centre
- Centre for Medieval and Early Modern Studies
- Centre for Built environment and Health
- Centre for Genetic Origins of Health and Disease

11. REPORT OF THE SPECIAL MEETING OF THE ACADEMIC BOARD HELD ON 13 FEBRUARY 2013

Regulations made under Statute 19: Academic Board Membership - Ref F18318

Following a number of senior appointments, amendments were recommended to the constitution of Academic Board, Academic Council and its standing committees:

RESOLVED – 3

to approve that the Regulations made under Statute 19 be amended to include the Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Education), Dean of Coursework Studies and the Pro Vice-Chancellor (International) as members.

12. SENATE STANDING COMMITTEES

12.1 Report of the Audit and Review Committee – Ref F13793

Members noted the report of the meeting which was held on Thursday 21 February 2013.

12.1.1 Animal Ethics Committee – Annual Report – Ref F12717

In accordance with the provisions of the Australian Code of Practice for the Care and Use of Animals for Scientific Purposes and on recommendation from the Audit and Review Committee which considered the Annual Report for 2012 and discussed the same with the Chair of the Animal Ethics Committee

RESOLVED – 4

to receive the Animal Ethics Committee Annual Report for 2012.

12.1.2 Appointment of Deputy Chair

Members noted that Mr G Robinson had been appointed as Deputy Chair for 2013.

12.1.3 Membership

RESOLVED – 5

to appoint Mr Bill Biggs as the external member of the Audit and Review Committee under clause 3(1)(a)(ii) of the Committee Constitution.

12.2 Report of the External Environment Committee – Ref F11443

Members noted the report of the meeting of the External Environment Committee held on 6 February 2013.

13. BOARD OF DISCIPLINE - APPOINTMENT OF PANELS FOR 2012 – REF F19786

13.1 Appointment of Panel from which Chair can be selected

It was noted that in terms of Regulation 15(1)(a) of the *Regulations for Student Conduct and Discipline* made pursuant to Statute No. 17 (Student Discipline), Senate was required annually to appoint a panel comprising members of the Senate or senior members of academic staff from which the Chair of a particular Board of Discipline can be selected by the Chancellor.

RESOLVED - 6

that the Panel from which Chairs of Boards of Discipline can be selected for the period from 25 February 2013 to 1 December 2013 comprise:

Dr Sue Boyd *
Winthrop Professor Lynette Abbott *
Professor Simon Clarke *
Mr John Inverarity *

* continuation of membership from previous year.

13.2 Appointment of Panel of staff

In terms of Regulation 15(1)(d) of the *Regulations for Student Conduct and Discipline* Senate is required annually to appoint, on the recommendation of the Senior Deputy Vice-Chancellor, a panel of staff from which one member can be selected by the Chair of the Academic Board to serve on a particular Board of Discipline.

RESOLVED – 7

that the staff Panel for Boards of Discipline for the period 25 February 2013 to 1 December 2013 comprise:

W/Professor Izan H Y Izan*
W/Professor Helen Wildy*
Professor Ian Saunders
W/Professor Ian McArthur
Professor Matthew Tonts
Professor Jane Pillow
Ms Sue Smurthwaite
Ms Judy Skene
Mr Paul Lloyd*
W/Professor Geoff Soutar*

* continuation of membership from previous year.

13.3 Appointment of Student Panel

In terms of Regulation 15(1)(e) of the *Regulations for Student Conduct and Discipline* Senate is required annually to appoint, on the recommendation of the President of the Guild of Undergraduates, a panel of students from which one member can be selected by the President of the Guild to serve on a particular Board of Discipline.

RESOLVED - 8

that the student Panel for Boards of Discipline for the period 25 February 2013 to 1 December 2013 comprise:

Mr Tom Henderson
 Ms Sophie Liley
 Mr Ben Tomasi
 Ms Kelly Fitzsimons
 Ms Madeleine Hartley (postgraduate student)
 Mr Jarrard Bothe (postgraduate student)

14. THE 2012 ANNUAL REPORT UNDER THE FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT ACT 2006 – REF F247

The Financial Management Act 2006 requires that the University submit an annual report including financial statements and performance indicators to the Minister for Education for subsequent presentation to State Parliament within 90 days of the end of the financial year. Prior to this, the Auditor General is required to audit the financial statements and performance indicators.

Senate had before it the full text of the Draft Annual Report together with the Financial Statements and Key Performance Indicators and noted that it had been considered by the Audit and Review Committee at its meeting on 21 February 2013. The Chair assured Senate that there no significant issues of concern.

Members were advised that a report on the audit by the Auditor General including any comment on Key Performance Indicators would be presented to Senate in due course.

The Financial Summary in the Vice-Chancellor's Overview to the 2012 Annual Report was discussed. The Vice-Chancellor explained the reasons for inclusion of the 'underlying result' which restates the financial performance of the University after adjusting the net operating result for timing variations, capital grants, donations and investment income. The meeting sought additional information on the methodology and the Executive Director, Finance and Resources undertook to circulate the template to members of the Audit and Review Committee for review and input into the process of further refinement which will take place at future meetings of the Chief Financial Officers of the Group of Eight Universities.

Members suggested that the section under "External Engagement" entitled "Political and business links" be edited to include reference to engagement with other politicians including the Hon Julie Bishop, Deputy Leader of the Opposition and the Minister for Defence, the Hon Stephen Smith.

RESOLVED – 9

- (i) to receive the draft Annual Report of The University of Western Australia for 2012, including the Financial Statements and the Performance Indicators, subject to audit by the Office of the Auditor General;
- (ii) to approve the certification of the draft unaudited Financial Statements and Performance Indicators for submission to the Auditor General; and
- (iii) on completion of the audit by the Office of the Auditor General to –
 - (a) authorise the Chancellor and Vice-Chancellor to effect minor amendments arising from the audit; and

- (b) authorise the Chancellor to sign off and transmit to the Minister the Annual Report including the audited Financial Statements and Performance Indicators.

15. CENTENARY CELEBRATIONS

On behalf of the Senate the Chancellor congratulated and thanked Dr Sue Boyd, members of the Centenary Planning Committee and employees of the University for the organization of the Alumni Weekend of activities commencing with LUMINOUSHall on Friday 8 February 2013 which was the highlight of the program.

16. RE-APPOINTMENT OF CHANCELLOR – REF F874

The Chancellor left the room for this item and discussion was chaired by the Pro Chancellor.

The second four year term of office of the Chancellor is due to expire on 13 December 2013. Under section 12(4) of the University of Western Australia Act 1911 a Chancellor who has held office for an initial term is eligible to hold office for a subsequent term(s) provided the consecutive period of membership does not exceed twelve years.

The Chancellor had indicated his willingness to serve a further term of office beyond the expiry of his current term.

RESOLVED (unanimously) – **10**

to re-appoint Dr M Chaney AO CitWA to the position of Chancellor for a further four year term from 14 December 2013 to 13 December 2017.

STRATEGIC DIRECTIONS SEMINAR

In accordance with the Timetable of Events in the *Cycle of Planning and Accountability* approved by Senate in 2002, the second part of the meeting was devoted to a seminar on Strategic Directions “*Towards a new Strategic Plan*” which was conducted in Closed Senate. Details of the consideration of these items are contained in the Minute Book.

Confirmed

CHAIR

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