

# COUNCIL NON-CONFIDENTIAL MINUTES



Minutes of the 534<sup>th</sup> meeting of **COUNCIL** held at **2pm** on **Monday 8 April 2024** in Boardroom 307, Level 3, Chancellery and via Microsoft Teams

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## PRESENT

Mr David Gonski AC, Chancellor  
Professor Attila Brungs, Vice-Chancellor and President  
Dr Jennifer Alexander  
Dr Raji Ambikairajah  
Ms Maxine Brenner  
The Hon Elizabeth Cheeseman  
Mr Jeremy Ellis  
Mr Matthew Grounds AM ~~(16 v) 8 (2 07 w 80 d ( ) T E A D 9 C 34 d ( ) T E A D 9 C 7 T 0 T f 0 r c 00~~

The Chancellor noted the following interests declared since the last Council meeting:

- Jeremy Ellis advised that he commenced as a research assistant at the Gilbert & Tobin Centre of Public Law at UNSW.

**RESOLVED**

Council noted the declarations and conflicts of interest provided at the meeting.

**3. Minutes of the previous meeting and business arising (other than business on this agenda)**

**3.1 Minutes of the Council meeting held on 12 February 2024**

The minutes of the meeting held 12 February 2024 were confirmed subject to one amendment, references to Dr Scott Eastman be corrected to Dr Scott East.

**RESOLVED**

Council approved the minutes of its meeting held on 12 February 2024 as an accurate record and authorised the Chancellor to sign them.

**3.2 Matters arising and business carried forward**

The Chancellor discussed the Matters Arising and Business Carried Forward Report, noting the following:

- Items 1-5 are addressed on the Agenda.  
Item 6 would be managed via the Council agenda schedule.

**RESOLVED**

Council noted the report on matters arising and business carried forward.

**4. Adoption of items for noting and approval, and starring of items**

The Chancellor invited members to star items 12-14 if they wanted them discussed. No items were starred.

**RESOLVED**

Council adopted unstarred items 12-14 for approval and noting.

**MANAGEMENT AND STRATEGY**

**5. Report of the Vice-Chancellor (VC) and President to Council**

**6. Reports on the proceedings of the Academic Board (AB)**

**6.1 Report to Council by President of the Academic Board**

The AB President, Professor Kable, took the reports on the AB proceedings as read and provided a presentation on 2024 sector benchmarking across academic governance:

- Chair's position, election, appointment, term and tenure, role load (FTE)
- Deputy Chair's role load (FTE),
- Secretariat for Academic Board
- Academic Board budget
- Academic Board size and composition
- Committees
- Faculty Boards

- Meetings (length and number)
- Functions

Professor Kable advised the external review of academic governance is underway and currently ahead of schedule.

Attendance at the recent Chairs of Academic Boards and Senates meeting had proven valuable in discussing academic risk. A working group has been established with

**RESOLVED**

Council approved the renaming of Block F on Paddington campus after former staff member Carol Longbottom, as per the parameters of the 'Celebrating UNSW Women Project'.

**Business without notice**

The Chancellor acknowledged the contribution of Professor Nick Fisk, Deputy Vice-Chancellor, Research and Enterprise and wished him well in future endeavours.

Next Council meeting: Monday 3 June 2024

SIGNED AS A CORRECT RECORD

Presiding Member  
Mr David Gonski AC  
Chancellor