

SENATE DIGEST FOR MEETING OF 16 JUNE 2022

1. Welcome and Apologies

The Chancellor welcomed Senators and attendees to the meeting and highlighted the following:

- Welcome to three new Senators: Francine Pirola, Panel Nominee (NSW), Helen Cooney, Panel Nominee (VIC), Associate Professor Richard Colledge, elected Academic Staff member;
- Welcome to Virginia Bourke, Pro-Chancellor Designate;
- Farewell to Julien O'Connell AO, Pro-Chancellor;
- Acknowledgement and deepest condolences for Vale Dr Helen Bourke, previously a Senior Lecturer, then Associate Lecturer of ACU, and Member of the first ACU Senate; and
- Acknowledgement and deepest condolences for Vale Sir Gerard Brennan AC KBE QC, former High Court Chief Justice of Australia.

2. Report from Chancellor

The Chancellor provided an introduction and a summary of the events and meetings in which he had participated since commencement, including:

- Australian Catholic Bishops Conference dinner, North Sydney
- Chancellor and Vice-Chancellor lunch with Michelle Allan and Helen Sinclair, Duchesne College, Brisbane
- Centaur Commemorative Service - 79th Anniversary of the Sinking of the 2/3 Australian Hospital Ship Centaur, Brisbane
- ACU Graduation Ceremonies, Melbourne
- Chancellor and Vice-Chancellor meeting with Bishop Tim Harris (Bishop of Townsville), Brisbane
- ACU Graduation Ceremonies, Sydney
- Honorary Doctorate celebrations for Sister Clare Condon SGS and Stephen Thomas Sedgwick AO, Sydney
- Rome visit and meetings with:
 - Her Excellency Ms Chiara Porro, Australian Ambassador to the Holy See
 - Archbishop Paul Gallagher, Secretary for Relations with States within the Holy See's Secretariat of State
 - Grand Chancellor and Grand Hospitaller, Sovereign Military Order of Malta
 - Bishop Lafitte, Prelate of the Sovereign Military Order of Malta
 - Cardinal Versaldi, Prefect of the Congregation for Catholic Education
 - Archbishop Angelo Vincenzo Zani, Secretary of the Congregation for Catholic Education
 - Monsignor Guy-Real Thiverge, Secretary General, Gravissimus Educationes Foundation
 - Fr Friedrich Bechina, Undersecretary of the Congregation for Catholic Education
- Other Rome events;
 - ACU Rome Campus tour
 - Dinner with Rev Dr Anthony Ekpo, Rome Campus Chaplain
 - Lunch with Cardinal Pell
 - Visit the headquarters of the Sant'Egidio Community
 - Dinner hosted by the Chancellor, ACU Rome Campus
- Farewell dinner for Julien O'Connell AO, Pro-Chancellor of ACU, Melbourne

3. Report from Vice-Chancellor and President

The Vice-Chancellor and President (VC) provided an overview of the Report and highlighted the following:

- Acknowledged appreciation and thanks to outgoing Pro-Chancellor;
- Acknowledged the three incoming Senators;
- Welcomed Virginia Bourke, Pro-Chancellor Designate;

- Outcomes of the May federal election, noting the change of office holders in two ACU electorates: North Sydney and Reid (Strathfield campus);
- The recent consolidation of the School of Arts and the Institute of Humanities and Social Sciences into the School of Arts and Humanities;
- Gerontology expert Professor Laurie Buys has commenced as Professor of Healthy Ageing;
- Professor Tim McKenry, the Chair of Academic Board, will take on the role of Institutional Lead, Renewal of Registration, in addition to his existing duties, to oversee the University's TEQSA readiness;
- Establishment of a Leadership Centre in Townsville with a focus on providing information and advice to Veterans planning to disengage from service. It was noted an announcement would be made a few weeks post the Senate Meeting;
- Australian Veteran Services Mapping Project funded by the Royal Commission into Defence and Veteran Suicide as well as ACU's Student Veteran Employability Program funded by the 2022 Veteran and Community Grants Program;
- Detailed MyVoice survey results will be available at the September Senate Meeting;

Senate:

- discussed and noted the Vice-Chancellor and President's Report to Senate.

4. Report from Interim Provost

The Interim Provost provided a brief overview of the Report and highlighted the following:

- An extensive review of enrolment planning and associated admissions processes has been initiated;
- ACU Online enrolments have met load and exceeded targets in some courses;
- Six ACU Online courses have CSP attached. Commonwealth Supported Places were approved midway through recruitment, and enrolment subsequently increased;
- New courses and opportunities are being pursued and built into the 2023 and 2024 ACU Online offerings. Faculties are preparing business plans and targets validated against marketing insights, with a number of courses being considered; and
- ACU is piloting the Common Purpose Global Leader Experience (CPGLE) for emerging leaders. 72 students will come together to come up with a proposal for the question *"How do we advance healthy ageing in our communities by strengthening inclusion and access?"*.

Senators discussed the following:

- The Marketing approach to enrolment;
- ACU Online enrolment data;
- Commencing student survey;
- Improvements to Business Course offerings; and
- Student Enrolment Strategy was flagged as a key topic for the Senate Planning Day.

Senate:

- noted the submission of the Report from Interim Provost.

5. Community Engagement & Service-Learning at ACU

The Vice-Chancellor and President (VC) provided an overview of Community Engagement & Service-Learning at ACU.

Senate:

- noted the report as to the current status of the Community Engagement and Service Learning Consultation at ACU.

6. Report from the Chief Operating Officer

Senate:

- noted the Register of Named Places;
- noted the Melbourne Campus Major Projects Progress Report;
- noted the Contract Execution Register for contracts executed pursuant to section 127(1) of the Corporations Act 2001 (Cth) and the Power of Attorney registered BK 4677 No 305 for the period 12 April to 1 June 2022; and
- noted the report Work, Health and Safety Report Quarter 1 2022.

7. Report from Academic Board

The Chair of Academic Board provided an overview of the Report of the Academic Board and highlighted the Student Appeals Report, as noted by Academic Board, as well as the importance of Senate having oversight and assurance on other matters as highlighted in the report.

Senate:

- approved the new course proposal for the Bachelor of Arts / Master of Teaching (Secondary) for implementation from Semester 1 2023, detailed in CMAS proposal PR000270;
- approved the new course proposal for the Bachelor of Arts (Western Civilisation) / Master of Teaching (Secondary) for implementation from Semester 1, 2023, detailed in CMAS proposal PR000255;
- noted the 2021 Student Appeals Report; and
- noted the Digest of Academic Board meeting 03/2022.

8. Report of the Senate Standing Committee:

The Chair provided a brief overview of the report.

Senate:

- discussed Senator representation on Senate Committees and appointments to the Audit and Risk Committee, the Finance and Resources Committee and the Honorary Awards Committee;
- Senate approved the proposed amendments to the Delegations of Authority Policy and Register outlined in version 12:
 - a) effective 1 September 2022 for clause 7.4, new clauses 7.5 and 7.6, and amended clauses 7.9 (formerly clause 7.10), 7.23 (formerly clause 7.24) and 7.24 (formerly clause 7.25), to align with the effective date of the *Course Accreditation, Amendment and Review Policy and Course Accreditation, Amendment and Review Procedure*; and
 - b) with immediate effect for all remaining amendments.
- approved the amendment of Statute 2.5 – The Academic Board, with effect from 1 September 2022; and

- noted the Reports of Student Complaints 2021 (as considered by the Academic Board) and Staff Complaints 2021 (as considered by the Vice-Chancellor's Advisory Committee).

9. Report of the Finance and Resources Committee

The Secretary provided an overview of the Report of the Finance and Resources Committee (FRC) and the Modern Slavery Statement. The Chief Financial Officer presented the Forecast Financial Statement.

Senate:

- noted the report from meeting 02/2022 of the Finance and Resources Committee, held on 10 May 2022; and
- considered and noted the Forecast Financial Statements.

10. Report of the Audit and Risk Committee

The Secretary provided an overview of the Report of the Audit and Risk Committee (ARC).

Senate:

- noted the report from meeting 02/2022 of the Audit and Risk Committee, held on 05 May 2022;
- noted the Report of the Circular Resolution (Modern Slavery Statement); and
- approved the Modern Slavery Statement 2021.

11. Reports from State Chapters

Senate:

- noted the Report of the NSW State Chapter meeting of 2 May 2022.
- noted the Report of the Victorian State Chapter meeting of 24 May 2022.

12. General Business

The Pro-Chancellor expressed his thanks to Senate and noted his time as Acting Chancellor and Pro-Chancellor.

The Senate Meeting was followed by a lunch at 1:00pm, a Planning Session on Industry Collaboration and Stakeholder Engagement at 1:45pm with the Dean of Innovation and Industry Engagement presenting, and a tour of the Saint Teresa of Kolkata Building from 2:45 to 3:30pm