

THE UNIVERSITY OF MELBOURNE

COUNCIL

Meeting 8/2010

MINUTES

A special meeting of the Council was held in the Council Chamber, Level 1, Old Quadrangle, the University of Melbourne at 4.00pm Thursday 22 July 2010.

PRESENT

Members

Chancellor (Hon Alex Chernov) (in the Chair)
Acting Vice-Chancellor (Professor John Dewar)
President of Academic Board (Professor Geoff Stevens)
Ms Elizabeth Alexander Professor Glenn Bowes
Mr Michael Coyle Ms Zoe Edwards
Professor Peter Dawkins Mr Robert Johanson
Dr Virginia Mansour Mr Ross McPherson
Mr Martyn Myer Mr Tony Peake
Dr Frederik Vervaeet The Hon David White
Mr John Wilson

Others Attending

Acting Provost (Professor Pip Pattison)
Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Global Engagement) (Professor Susan Elliott)
Deputy Vice-Chancellor (University Affairs) (Professor Warren Bebbington)
Senior Vice-Principal (Mr Ian Marshman)
University Secretary (Dr Christopher Stewardson)
Senior Executive Officer, University Secretary's Department (Ms Karen Roe)
Director, Office of the Vice-Chancellor (Mr Sam Rosevear)
Principal Strategy Advisor, Office of the Vice-Chancellor (Dr Shane Huntington)

BUSINESS

A. FORMAL MATTERS

A01 Apologies and Leave of Absence Requests

Apologies were received from the Deputy Chancellors (Ms Rosa Storelli and Hon Justice Susan Crennan), Judge Irene Lawson, Ms Eda Ritchie and Mr Michael Griffith.

A02 Declarations of Interest

No declarations of interest were received.

B. BUSINESS

Council received and noted the following documents:

- VCAM Review Report prepared by Dr Ziggy Switkowski.
- The University's proposed response to the VCAM Review Report.
- Report from meeting 1/2010 of the VCA Integration Committee held on 19 July 2010.

The Acting Vice-Chancellor reported, amongst other matters, on the context in which the VCAM Review Report had been sought and gave a brief outline of the key aspects of the University's proposed response to the Review and how the recommendations contained in it might work out.

The President of the Academic Board reported on the discussions that had taken place at a special meeting of the Board earlier that day that was called to consider the proposed response. In essence, the Board endorsed the proposed response. The President emphasised that the Heads of School at the Southbank campus and the Deputy Dean of the Faculty spoke strongly in favour of the proposed response and foreshadowed their commitment to its implementation.

Professors Bebbington and Pattison also spoke of the support for the proposed response, particularly from the Faculty.

The Chancellor briefly elaborated on the essential aspects of the proposed response and reminded Council that the VCAM Integration Committee considered that it was congruent with the spirit of the Heads of Agreement. The Chancellor also referred to his foreshadowed proposal that the curriculum and finance reviews referred to in the proposed response be overseen by a Council due diligence committee.

Following a wide ranging discussion by Council of the various aspects of the proposed response, including questions that were answered principally by the Acting Vice-Chancellor, the Senior Vice-Principal, Professors Bebbington and Pattison, the Council **resolved** to endorse in principal the University's proposed response to the VCAM Review Report.

Council further **resolved** to establish a Due Diligence Committee to oversee the implementation of the University's response to the VCAM Review Report, the committee to be made up of the Chancellor, Deputy Chancellor (Ms Rosa Storelli), Chair of Finance Committee (or nominee), Ms Eda Ritchie, Professor Glenn Bowes, with the power to co-opt. The committee would operate under the following terms of reference:

- To monitor and report to Council from time to time on the conduct and implementation of the Curriculum Review and related academic matters as provided for in the University response to the Review Committee Report.
- To monitor and report to Council from time to time on the development and implementation of a revised business strategy for the Faculty of the VCA and Music that will secure the longer term financial viability of the Faculty.
- To provide advice to Council on such other matters as may from time to time be pertinent to Council's governance oversight role of the strengthening of visual

and performing arts at the University and the future shape of the Faculty of the VCA and Music.

C. FORTHCOMING MEETINGS

Council noted the forthcoming meetings at 4.00pm Monday, 9 August, 11 October, 8 November and 6 December 2010. There will be no meeting in September.

The meeting closed at 5.20 pm.