

24 November 2010

The Board of Trustees met on Wednesday 24 November 2010, in the Boardroom, Building AD, Werrington North campus. A summary of matters discussed is provided below.

Confirmation of Minutes

The [minutes](#) (PDF, 61Kb) of the 6 October 2010 meeting of the Board of Trustees were confirmed and can be downloaded from this page.

Annual Report to the Board of Trustees

The Vice-Chancellor provided an overview of the University's progress in implementing its key strategic priorities during 2010, in the key priority areas of Learning and Teaching, Research and Community Engagement. She also reported on the University's financial performance and outlook, strategic staffing initiatives, campus and capital development.

The key priorities for 2011 are summarised as:

- Improve the focus on academic standards and ICT-enabled learning
- Learning and teaching strategies for growth scenarios
- Research positioning
- Continuing focus on quality and return from postgraduate programs
- Rejuvenating the academic staff profile
- Improving alignment between planning, delivery and review
- Integrating the University's commitment to sustainability into all strategic planning and projects

The Vice-Chancellor also summarised some of the overall improvements achieved at UWS over the past 10 years and a copy of her presentation and the full report will be available from the [Staff Intranet site](#) (staff login required) in the near future.

The Vice-Chancellor's General Report

The Vice-Chancellor's general report to the Board of Trustees included the following items:

- UWS collaborates with UNE to expand opportunities for students
- The International Human Rights Education Conference
- Senior staff changes
- Technical Team Leader wins Endeavour Executive Award
- UWS academics take up prestigious positions
- UWS short-listed as finalist for the Australian Human Resources Institute National Awards 2010
- Australian Learning and Teaching Council (ALTC) Australian Award for University Teaching Excellence
- Australian Research Council (ARC) major grants programs for 2011
- UWS student wins Endeavour Award
- Indigenous Information Evening
- Lucy Mentoring Program graduates

Election of Deputy Chancellor

The Hon Kim Yeadon was re-elected unopposed to the position of Deputy Chancellor from 1 January 2011 until the end of his Board membership term, which is 31 December 2013.

Budget 2011-2013

The Finance Director presented the draft 2011-2013 Budget for the Board's consideration, and spoke in detail about the:

- Guiding Principles
- Budget Framework
- Strategic Initiatives
- Key Risks
- Financial Framework
- Consolidated and Operating Results
- Income and Allocations
- Capital Plan
- Entities

Following discussion, the Board approved the 2011 Budget and endorsed the approach of the Strategy and Resources Committee.

UWS Residential Colleges Ltd

The Board approved the range of actions necessary to bring this business into the University structure.

Revised Procurement Policy and Purchase and Tender Board Policy

The Board approved these policies. They will be available on the University's [Policy DDS](#) in due course.

Administrative Delegations

The Board approved the revised Delegations (Administrative) Policy and Delegations Schedules, which will take effect from 1 January 2011 and will be available on the University's [Policy DDS](#) from that date.

Extension of the Terms of Office for Elected Members of the Senate and Its Committees

To ensure continuity at the time of the AUQA audit, the Board approved the extension of the terms of office of all elected Academic Senate members (including the Chair and Deputy Chair), and elected members of Senate committees, to 31 May 2011, with elections arranged to fill the elected positions for new two year terms beginning on 1 June 2011.

BOT Meeting Protocols

The Board approved the revised UWS Board of Trustees Meeting Protocols.

Chancellor, Mr John Phillips AO

This was the last formal meeting of the Board presided over by John Phillips AO, who has been Chancellor since 2001. He will stand down as Chancellor on 31 December 2010.

The Vice-Chancellor recorded her, and the University community's, immense gratitude and thanks to the Chancellor for his service and support over the last ten years. She noted the dramatic change and progress that had been made during this period under his leadership and efforts on behalf of the University.

On behalf of the Board Mr Glen Sanford, Deputy Chancellor, also paid tribute to the Chancellor's leadership of the Board and his support, dedication and commitment to the University.

The Chancellor expressed his gratitude for these remarks. He thanked Board members, past and present, and Board staff for their support and service and noted that the University had been well served over the last 10 years by the Board's unity and commitment to the growth and development of the University and its ideals and objectives.

Other Reports and Items Considered by the Board

- Review of Student Representation and Participation at UWS – progress report
- UWS AUQA Cycle 2 Audit Preparation Process
- Presentation by Executive Director, Engagement and Partnerships, about the University's branding and current website
- Presentation by PVC Quality about the University's sustainability activities
- Strategy and Resources Committee
- Audit and Risk Management Committee
- Report from the Chair of Academic Senate
- Campus Development Committee
- Occupational Health and Safety
- Staffing Matters

Date of Next Meeting

The next Board meeting will be held at 9am on 23 February 2011 at the University's Werrington North Campus.