

13 April 2011

The Board of Trustees met on Wednesday 13 April 2011, in the Boardroom, Building AD, Werrington North campus. A summary of matters discussed is provided below.

Confirmation of Minutes

The [minutes](#) of the 23 February 2011 meeting of the Board of Trustees were confirmed and can be downloaded from this page.

Audited Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 December 2010

The Board adopted the audited UWS 2010 financial statements and authorised the signing thereof by the Chancellor and Vice-Chancellor. The statements had been reviewed by the 1 April meeting of the Audit and Risk Management Committee which members of the Finance and Investment Committee attended and included discussions with representatives of the Audit Office of New South Wales.

Mr Peter Boulous, Director Financial Audit Services of the NSW Audit Office, advised the Board that he is able to issue an unqualified independent audit report. He also advised that the individual controlled entity audit reports were satisfactory.

Board Report for UWS Annual Report

The Board approved the draft "UWS Board of Trustees Report" to be included in the UWS Annual Report and commended the 2010 Annual Report as very informative and well prepared.

Chancellor's Report

The Chancellor reported briefly on his continuing orientation at the University, which has recently included meetings with:

- the students who are part of our Aspire student leadership program
- our ALTC award winners
- the University's Foundation
- participants of the [Fast Forward program](#)

Vice-Chancellor's Report

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

- The Installation of the Chancellor
- Prime Minister Gives Inaugural Whitlam Oration
- International Women's Day 2011 and EOWA
- Women of the West 2011
- Federal Government Provides Funding to UWS to Boost Indigenous Employment and Engagement
- Schools and Unit Visits 2011
- [Bringing Sustainability to Life](#)

Whitlam Institute

Mr Eric Sidoti, Director of the [Whitlam Institute](#), gave a presentation to the Board, summarising the foundations of the Institute, progress to date and plans for the future.

Appointments

The Board appointed Gillian Shadwick as Pro Chancellor for a term ending on 30 April 2013 and Ms Susan Hartigan as a member of the Audit and Risk Management Committee for a two year term. Mr David Holmes (undergraduate student member) was appointed to the Finance & Investment Committee until 31 December 2011.

Staffing Matters

At its next meeting the Board plans to consider staff diversity in more detail.

Outcome of Election – Postgraduate Student Member of the Board of Trustees

Following a recent election, Ms Linda Ayache was declared elected to the position of Postgraduate Student Member of the Board of Trustees for a two year term 1 July 2011 to 30 June 2013. The Board looks forward to her joining the Board.

Other Reports and Items Considered by the Board

- Student Representation and Participation at UWS – Progress Report
- UWS AUQA Cycle 2 Audit Preparations
- Finance and Investment Committee
- Strategy and Planning Committee
- Audit and Risk Management Committee
- Report from the Chair of Academic Senate
- Campus Development Committee
- Occupational Health and Safety

Date of Next Meeting

The next Board meeting will be held at 9am on 8 June 2011 at the University's Werrington North Campus.