11 September 2013

The Board of Trustees met on 11 September 2013 in the Boardroom, Building AD, Werrington. A summary of matters discussed in the open session of the Board meeting is provided below.

Confirmation of Minutes

The minutes of the <u>5 June 2013 meeting (PDF, 222.55 KB)</u> of the Board of Trustees can be downloaded from this page.

Vice-Chancellor's Report

The Vice-Chancellor reported on the establishment of the Foundation Council and that the next meeting is to be held on 30 October 2013. Recruitment to the Executive Director, Advancement position is underway.

Making the Difference 2014-2016

The Board approved the University's revised Making the Difference strategy which incorporates changes from discussions at the Board's strategy day on 6 June.

Campus Design Covenants

The Board was presented with the campus design covenants document, which articulates the principles that underpin building design across all UWS campuses and will ensure that each campus character and presentation are preserved.

UWS Community and Regional Engagement- Masterplan

An engagement masterplan is being developed and it includes initiatives such as the UWS Gateway and sports strategy, and aims to establish UWS in a leadership position as the higher education provider of Western Sydney. The final masterplan will be presented to the Board early in 2014.

Amendment to Revocation of Award Rule

The Board made some minor amendments to this rule prescribing the manner in which Awards can be revoked.

UWS Maldives Project

The Board discussed this project that aims to deliver high quality policing training to police in the Maldives. This project forms parts of a series of planned regional partnerships.

Student Representation & Participation Model

The Chair of the group reviewing the effectiveness of student representation across the University outlined the recommended changes to make this model more effective. The model appears to be working well with students having more opportunities to get involved at the campus level, and this engagement is expected to increase over time.

Parking Strategy

The Board discussed the proposed parking fees for 2014. The annual rise in parking fees is considered fair and minimal, and acknowledges the necessary subsidy by the University for the provision of parking on UWS

campuses. The Board resolved to increase parking permits by 3% for 2014 and to adjust an off-peak (Orange) parking permit start time to 5.30pm.

Board of Trustees Undergraduate Student Member- Casual Vacancy

The Board of Trustees discussed the current vacancy in the position of the undergraduate student member of the Board, and resolved to appoint the student who is declared elected at the forthcoming election for the undergraduate student position on the Board for 2014-15 to immediately fill the casual vacancy, subject to their consent.

Election of Deputy Chancellors

The Board elected Gillian Chadwick and Michael Pratt as the new Deputy Chancellors to replace the Hon. Kim Yeadon and Glen Sanford whose terms of office on the Board end on 31 December 2013.

Other reports and items considered by the Board

- Our Future Action Program Status Report
- 2013 Review of UWS Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Education
- Reports from Committees and Advisory Council of the Board
- Staffing Matters
- Gender Equality and Diversity Activities
- The Board's next meeting will be held on Wednesday 4 December 2013.