

7 August 2019

The Board of Trustees met on 7 August 2019 in the Boardroom, Building EB, Parramatta South campus. A summary of matters discussed in the open session is provided below.

The minutes of the previous Board meeting held on [12 June 2019](#) were confirmed.

Chancellor's Report

The Chancellor advised the Board about a number of issues, including the Donor Thank You Function attended by Deputy Chancellors Dibbs and Hourigan. The Chancellor also advised the Board on the first Giving Day event as part of the University's 30th birthday celebrations. As part of this event, the Chancellor will abseil down the Peter Shergold Building to raise funds for BabyLab at the MARCS Institute.

Vice-Chancellor's Report

The Vice-Chancellor provided an update to the Board members on his recent trip to Africa, collaboration with the University of Canberra, an update on rankings, launch of the Solar Car, Partnerships Strategy, update on student load, Gender and Equality and an update on recent staff appointments.

Academic Senate

The Chair of Academic Senate spoke to a number of issues, including the final report of the Academic Senate Review and noted that a working party has been formed to address the recommendations concerning representation following the academic restructure.

The Chair of Academic Senate advised the Board that the criteria for award of the University and Dean's Medals have been reviewed to include Masters of Research students.

2021-2026 Strategic Planning Framework

The Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Strategy and Planning) advised the Board that consultation with staff about the strategic planning framework has commenced. A series of meetings will also be held as part of that process in September and early October.

School of Social Sciences and Psychology Presentation

Professor Kevin Dunn and Professor Brian Stout, attended the meeting to provide Board members with an overview of the School of Social Sciences and Psychology, highlighting the history of the School, overview of the program performance, international reach and reputation of the School. Professor Stout spoke of the academic restructure and the outlook for 2020.

Helen Fleming
University Secretary and General Counsel