5 June 2024

The Board of Trustees met on 5 June 2024 at the Western Sydney Conference Centre, Mulgoa Road, Penrith. A summary of matters discussed in the open session is provided below.

The minutes of the previous Board meeting held on 10 April 2024 were confirmed.

Chancellor's Report

The Chancellor briefed the Board on several important matters, including the successful trip to Vietnam to sign a new Memorandum of Understanding, the plenary meeting of the University Chancellors Council (UCC), the formal event to farewell Emeritus Professor Barney Glover AO, and updates on governance and policy matters, Freedom of Speech and Academic Freedom on campus and the Western Sydney Leadership Dialogue Summit.

Vice-Chancellor's Report

During the meeting, the Vice-Chancellor provided a number of updates to the Board. These included an update on the UA and IRU meetings, the Federal Government's Migration policy issues, the impact of the Federal Budget, Pro-Palestinian/Anti-Israel Protests on Campus, cyber matters, graduations, an update on rankings, and the latest student load and revenue figures.

Chair of Academic Senate Report

The Chair of Academic Senate spoke to aspects of the report, including the Academic Risk Working Party sponsored by TEQSA, and engagement in and with academic governance.

Sustaining Success 2021-2026: In-Depth Analysis and Reporting

The Board received an in-depth analysis of two of the Sustaining Success 2021 – 2026 key performance measures. Key measure 4 Increase the proportion of students who are Indigenous, and key measure 5 Represent gender equity, diversity and inclusion in our culture, workforce, process and policies.

Modern Slavery Statement

The Board of Trustees approved the Western Sydney University 2023 Modern Slavery Statement.

Global Network Policy and the revised Controlled and Associated Entities Governance Framework

The Board of Trustees approved the Global Network Policy and the revised Controlled and Associated Entities Governance Framework.

Sophie Buck Acting University Secretary