



Summary of Meeting UCC 16 May 2017

TUESDAY 16 MAY 2017 8:30AM – 6:00PM

Sydney Nanoscience Hub – Level 3 Seminar Room 3001, Physics Road, The University of Sydney, Camperdown Campus NSW 2006

Welcome

The UCC met on Tuesday, 16 May in the Nanoscience Hub of the University of Sydney. A summary of matters discussed is provided below.

The meeting commenced with a welcome from the host institution delivered by Chancellor Belinda Hutchinson AM from the University of Sydney. Thanks were proffered by Professor Peter Shergold AC, as convenor of the UCC.

Minutes of the last meeting held in October 2016 were confirmed.

AICD Course on University Governance

Mr Clinton Jury from AICD gave a presentation on the latest developments on the proposed AICD Governance Course for Universities, which is currently in writing stage. Considerable progress has been made. The goal is to deliver the first two, 3-day courses in the second half of 2017. Chancellors provided useful feedback on the course materials, particularly in relation to the need for tailored case studies. It was agreed that three Chancellors would participate some of their time at the proposed after-dinner panel discussion at each course. Other Chancellors might sit in during the course to provide insight into Governance issues (and also assess the quality of the course). It was agreed in principle that the UCC would provide a subsidy to assist University Board and Council members to attend.

Future of the International Student Market

Dr Stephanie Fahey, CEO of Austrade spoke to the UCC on the future of the International Student Market. She outlined emerging opportunities and how universities might respond to the disruptions to the global market, and manage the risks associated with maintaining and enhancing student numbers.

Gender Diversity in Universities

Professor Marcia Devlin, Deputy Vice-Chancellor of Federation University, and co-convenor of the UA Executive Women's Group, spoke to her report on Gender Diversity in Universities. It was acknowledged that whilst there was a relatively high proportion of a woman on University boards (41%) there was a very low proportion (15%) of female Chancellors. Strategies to increase female representation at the senior levels of University management and governance were discussed.

Revised Code of University Governance

The UCC discussed the proposed revised Code of University Governance. There was not agreement. Members recommended that a working party be formed to continue work on the draft, comprising members from both UA and UCC. This proposal was accepted at the joint UA-UCC working lunch.

Remuneration of Chancellors

The report on the recent survey of the remuneration of Chancellors was discussed. Around a third of universities now remunerate board and council members, although generally at modest levels.

'Respect, Now, Always' Survey

Kate Jenkins, the Sex Discrimination Commissioner, addressed the UCC on the impending *Respect, Now, Always* Survey results and what they reveal about campus behaviour. The report is expected to be released publically mid-year, and is likely to attract significant media interest. Chancellors spoke of strategies required to respond effectively to the release of the report.

Meeting with New Zealand Chancellors

After the Joint lunch with the Vice-Chancellors, the UCC met with a delegation of seven New Zealand Chancellors from Lincoln University, Auckland University, Auckland University of Technology, Otago University, University of Canterbury, Massey University and the University of Waikato. Facilitated discussion was led by Barney Glover, outgoing chair of UA, and Belinda Robertson, CEO of UA. There was a lively conversation on a range of topics that are impacting both the Australian and New Zealand higher education environments, including:

- risks and opportunities for the growth in international student numbers
- the mix between public and private funding
- funding for university research and building research collaboration with the business sector
- income contingent funding and loans for students
- changing pathways to university
- increased competition between public universities and private higher education providers.

Next Meeting

The next UCC meeting is to be hosted by the University of Canberra, with partnership support from ANU, on 12-13 October 2017.