COUNCIL

The University Council met at the Cradle Coast Campus, Burnie on Friday 3 June 2011, starting at 9am.

Joint Coursework Awards Policy and Procedure
Council approved the Joint Coursework Awards policy and procedure as amended at the meeting.

Council Committees
Council resolved that Finance Committee continues for now but is renamed Finance & Major Projects committee.

Council resolved that the future of Finance committee will be reviewed in the context of the intended provision of monthly financial (and other KPI) reporting.

Council resolved that Audit and Risk Committee continues as it is, noting that its existence is a requirement of both good practice and the University of Tasmania Act 1992.

Council resolved that these committees are wound up –
- AMC Integration Committee
- Legislation Committee.

Council resolved that Remuneration Committee and Nominations Committee are combined but are to have jurisdiction only over –
- appointment, extension and removal of the Vice-Chancellor
- remuneration and performance management of the Vice-Chancellor
- appointment, extension and removal of members of the senior executive, unless the Chancellor decides otherwise in any particular case
- remuneration of members of the senior executive
- setting parameters for Enterprise Bargaining
- considering and recommending to Council nominations for appointment to any position to which Council appoints, other than to Council itself.

Council resolved to establish a Council nominations process (involving people from Industry, State Government, Higher Education outside UTAS) for consideration of appointments to Council itself, as discussed by the working group on the size and structure of Council.

Council resolved that Ceremonial & Honorary Degrees Committee continues as it is.

Senior Executive and Senior Management Team Structure
Council approved the new Senior Executive and Senior Management Team structure.

Academic Senate
Council received the report from Academic Senate and the draft minutes of the Academic Senate meeting of 15 April 2011.

Council endorsed comments from the Chair of Academic Senate in relation to retiring Council members Mr Brian Hartnett and Mrs Yvonne Rundle, in which he noted their shared commitment to students and to making the student experience while at UTAS as rich and useful as possible, noting in particular Brian’s commitment to the northern campuses and his support for the scholarships in the applied science area and Yvonne’s officiating at several graduation ceremonies in the north,
how she had demonstrated a grace in the ceremony and, following the formal part, had been keenly interested in meeting students and their families and with warmth and charm celebrating their success.

Institute for Marine and Antarctic Studies Waterfront Project
Council approved the Ordinance amending Ordinance 17 – Institute for Marine and Antarctic Studies, as amended at the meeting, and resolved that it is to be sealed.

AUQA Performance Portfolio
Council received the progress report on the preparation of the AUQA Performance Portfolio and the draft Performance Portfolio.

2010 Performance against Plan
Council received the updated 2010 Performance against Plan, noting that this is a legacy report and that future performance reporting will be against a new strategic plan and will be targeted to measurable KPIs in that plan.

2011 Enrolment Load Report
Council received the Enrolment Load Report for 23 May 2011.

TUU Annual Financials
Council received the 2010 financial statements for the Tasmania University Union Inc.

ARC Centre of Excellence in Ore Deposits 2010 Annual Report
Council received the 2010 Annual Report for the ARC Centre of Excellence in Ore Deposits.

Media engagement
Council received the Vice-Chancellor’s report on media engagement. The Vice-Chancellor has undertaken media interviews in relation to him taking up his appointment as well as commenting on issues relating to education, the role of the University and issues impacting on the higher education sector. These interviews have resulted in the following debates-

- The issues affecting the Tasmanian education system in terms of retention and aspiration. Media across the State has featured articles about this issue and there have been a substantial number of comments and letters to the editor as a result. An opinion piece about this issue has since been published in The Mercury and will also be published in Unitas.
- There has been further media in The Examiner about the numbers of staff based in Launceston and the disparity perceived by some in the community.
- The Australian’s Higher Education section featured an article following a keynote presentation at the Higher Education Summit in Brisbane in relation to the sustainability of the higher education system in Australia post Bradley. This issue has since featured in international media.

Statement of Values Workshops
Council received the Vice-Chancellor’s report on the Statement of Values workshops. Workshops have been held at all campuses as well as at Campbell Town with staff to begin the process to develop a UTAS Statement of Values. This will be an important process as the University embarks on developing its new strategic plan this year. The process involves engaging in an institution-wide conversation, with 6 workshops being held – in Hobart, Launceston, Campbell Town, Burnie and Sydney – alongside interviews and an online survey. To date more
than 300 staff members have registered and/or participated in this process. The outcomes of this conversation will be distilled on 31 May during an all-day workshop with representatives from across the University. It is planned that a final draft of the Statement of Values will be submitted to the joint University Council and Academic Senate meeting of 22 July for endorsement.

**Preparation of a new UTAS Strategic Plan**
Council received the Vice-Chancellor’s report on the preparation of a new UTAS Strategic Plan.

**Senior appointments**
Council received the Vice-Chancellor’s report on senior appointments.

- Professor Ray Playford is expected to commence as the Dean of Health Science in mid-June. Professor Madeleine Ball is the Acting Dean until his arrival. Professor Playford obtained his medical degree (MB,BS) from St Bartholomews Medical School in London and also has a BSc (Biochemistry), a PhD, and a DSc. Professor Playford has most recently been deputy warden and professor of medicine at Barts and the London School of Medicine and Dentistry and vice principal at Queen Mary University of London.

- Professor Morgan Miles will take up his position as the New Star Professor of Entrepreneurship based in Launceston from 1 June. He has come from Georgia Southern University and as Professor of Marketing with particular expertise in Entrepreneurship. He has been a visiting professor at Massey University, University of Stockholm, University of Otago, Georgia Institute of Technology, and the College of the Virgin Islands. He was a senior research associate at the University of Cambridge.

- The position of Director, Human Resources, has now been advertised nationally and the recruitment agency BSP retained to undertake a search. Meanwhile, Ms Leanne Groombridge will take the role of Acting Director, Human Resources until the Director position is filled.

- Professor Brett Paull has started as a New Stars Professor in Chemistry (ACROSS) in the Faculty of Science, Engineering and Technology. Professor Paull’s research interests lie within the wider area of analytical science, more specifically new materials and technologies for advances in the separation sciences. Brett completed his PhD in 1994 at the University of Plymouth, UK, before taking up his first academic post, as Associate Lecturer, within School of Chemistry, UTAS, in 1995. In 1998, Brett relocated to Ireland to take up a post at Dublin City University, Ireland. Brett has now returned to the Faculty of Science, Engineering and Technology (Chemistry/ACROSS), UTAS, after a 14 year absence.

**Organisation and personal recognition**
Council received the Vice-Chancellor’s report on organisation and personal recognition.

- Professor Rod Rhodes (Faculty of Arts, School of Government) stood down last year after 25 years as Editor of the disciplines premier journal *Public Administration UK* (A* ERA ranking) and his colleagues decided to do a Festschrift (tribute issue) in his honour. The edition includes a select bibliography of Rod’s work, on his career thus far.

- Dr Sonya Stanford (Faculty of Art, School of Sociology and Social Work) was awarded the prestigious Australian Association of Social Work Educators prize for the Best Social Work Educator (Academic) in 2011.
• Professor Paul Haddad, from the Faculty of SET was presented with the Marcel Golay Award at the 35th International Symposium on Capillary Chromatography in San Diego, USA in May. The Golay Award is a major international award in chromatography and recognises lifetime achievements in the field of capillary chromatography. Professor Haddad is the first Australian recipient of this award in its 22 year history. He received a silver medal and he delivered the opening address of the symposium.

• Dr Stanislav Shabala (ARC Super Scientist) was awarded the top honour of ‘Tasmanian Young Achiever of the Year’ award and winner of the ‘TEMCO Science and Technology’ category.

• UTAS has been listed in a world listing of the 30 universities and other research organisations in the field of oceanography based on citations per paper to highly cited papers published since 2000. Highly cited papers are defined in the Thomson Reuters Essential Science Indicators database, from which these statistics derive, as ranking in the top 1% by citations for their field and year of publication. Some 387 oceanography papers were identified as highly cited during the eleven year period 2000 to 2010, and these were cited a total of 35,539 times, for an average of 91.83. Most of this research activity is now undertaken through the Institute for Marine and Antarctic Studies.

Public outreach
Council received the Vice-Chancellor’s report on Public Outreach.

Former High Court Justice, the Honourable Michael Kirby AC CMG and Adjunct Professor with the Law Faculty, visited on the 2 May. The highlight of his visit was a public lecture to an audience of approximately 700 in the Stanley Burbury Lecture Theatre, for the inaugural Sandy Duncanson Social Justice Lecture, ‘My Journey with Social Justice’ and launch of the Sandy Duncanson Social Justice Fund.

Quality
Council received the Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Academic) and Provost’s report on Quality.

A project team has been established to coordinate the implementation of the UTAS Quality Management Framework. The project team has the following members: Associate Professor Pam Allen, Dr Sara Booth, Associate Professor Alistair Broatch, Dr Peter Colbourne (convenor), Professor Bruce Gemmell and Ms Amanda Turner.

The new Planning, Performance and Review Committee has held its first meetings, including a round of meetings with each of the Faculty Deans and Managers during May.

A Benchmarking Policy is currently being prepared and was considered by Quality Committee during May. It is anticipated that it will be progressed through the usual consultation and approval processes.

Harmony Day Celebrations
Council received the Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Academic) and Provost’s report on Harmony Day celebrations.

On 22 April over 1400 school children, community members, staff and students participated in a lively program of entertainment, exhibitions and cultural activities. A true collaborative activity,
the program was developed in partnership with the Launceston City Council, Launceston Chamber of Commerce, the Migrant Resource Centre and Housing Tasmania and was actively supported by over eleven UTAS divisions. Corporate support from Southern Cross Television, *The Examiner* and the BHP Community Fund provided excellent media promotion and funds to provide complimentary transport to participating schools.

In a formal ceremony, international and CALD students were welcomed by Mayor Albert van Zetten and issued with a Launceston City Council Certificate of Welcome. Commander Richard Cowling conveyed the support of Tasmania Police and Mr Kerry Finch MLC demonstrated his support by hosting the afternoon and evening programs. Later, amidst face painting, hair braiding, art exhibitions and wide range of international foods, over 150 students and community members delivered over 25 performances reflecting diverse domestic and international cultures.

**CALT**

Council received the report of the Pro Vice-Chancellor (Students and Education) on the Centre for Advancement of Learning and Teaching.

**Brian Hartnett’s departure from Council**

Council farewelled with acclamation Mr Brian Hartnett, whose term on Council concludes on 30 June 2011, noting his significant contribution, particularly through his support for the Foundation and the northern campuses and through his involvement in the Council AUQA working party and in the statement of values process. Council also noted that his involvement with the Foundation will continue.

**Yvonne Rundle’s departure from Council**

Council farewelled with acclamation Mrs Yvonne Rundle, whose term on Council concludes on 30 June 2011, noting her significant contribution as Deputy Chancellor to the work of Council and its committees, and confirmed the Chair of Academic Senate’s mention of warmth and charm in the performance of her duties, together with her diligence and willingness to ask the hard questions.

**Graduation in Absentia and Conferring of Awards**

Council approved the applications for the conferring of awards on these people, and the Chancellor conferred degrees in absentia on them:

- **Amro Abdelkawy**  
  Graduate Diploma of Maritime and Logistics Management
- **Yousuf Hamoud A K Al Ahmad**  
  Bachelor of Applied Science (Marine Engineering)
- **Ahmed Mohammed A I Al Emadi**  
  Bachelor of Applied Science (Marine Engineering)
- **Nasser Mohammed N M Al Fuhaid**  
  Bachelor of Applied Science (Marine Engineering)
- **Mohamed Najib K M Al Kuwari**  
  Bachelor of Applied Science (Marine Engineering)
- **Hamad Mohammed N J Al Mutawa**  
  Bachelor of Applied Science (Marine Engineering)
- **Kylie Anne Ashlin**  
  Bachelor of Business (Maritime and Logistics Management)
- **Harjit Singh Bajwa**  
  Advanced Diploma of Applied Science (Chief Mate/Master)
- **Julian Barclay**  
  Bachelor of Business (Maritime and Logistics Management)
- **Karl Barlow**  
  Advanced Diploma of Applied Science (Chief Mate/Master)
- **James David Cairns**  
  Advanced Diploma of Marine Engineering (Chief Engineer)
- **Shareef Cooper**  
  Advanced Diploma of Applied Science (Chief Mate/Master)
- **Craig Richard Dawkins**  
  Diploma of Applied Science (Deck Watchkeeper)
- **Lauren Jane Dazeley**  
  Graduate Certificate in Health (Executive Development)
Carli Tara Dodson  Bachelor of Commerce
Jason John Grosser  Diploma of Nautical Science (Deck Watchkeeper)
David William Hamilton  Doctor of Philosophy
Timothy Joseph Jeavons  Diploma of Nautical Science (Deck Watchkeeper)
Liang Jiang  Advanced Diploma of Applied Science (Chief Mate/Master)
Do Young Kim  Bachelor of Business
Yuming Li  Bachelor of Business
Andrew Ross McClymont  Diploma of Nautical Science (Deck Watchkeeper)
Michael Scott Nord  Advanced Diploma of Marine Engineering
Huey Ling Sharon Ong  Bachelor of Business (Maritime and Logistics Management)
Jennifer Maree Rice  Graduate Certificate in Nursing
Jason Andrew Rose  Bachelor of Laws with Honours
Nichole Louise Jayne Saunders  Doctor of Philosophy
Jarrod Liam Saw  Advanced Diploma of Marine Engineering
Tapesh Kumar Trivedi  Graduate Certificate in Maritime and Logistics Management
Adel Vatandoost Kohnehshahri  Doctor of Philosophy
Milap Mukeshbhai Vora  Bachelor of Business
Melissa Weber  Doctor of Philosophy
James Michael Weldon  Advanced Diploma of Marine Engineering (Chief Engineer)
Jamie William White  Advanced Diploma of Marine Engineering
Matthew Bruce Williams  Advanced Diploma of Marine Engineering (Chief Engineer)
Wu Feng Yan  Bachelor of Information Systems
Ying Yu  Bachelor of Business