

Committee of Convocation
Minutes of Meeting

Held on Wednesday, 21 March 2018, at Graduate House,
220 Leicester Street, Carlton, commencing at 5.30 pm.

1. Welcome

The President, Ros McMillan, took the chair and opened the meeting at 5.30 pm. She welcomed all those who were in attendance. This was the first meeting to be held during 2018 and the first to be located at Graduate House.

2. Guest Speaker

The guest speaker was Ms Claudia Hooper of the Media Unit of the University.

A graduate of the University of Melbourne, firstly in Arts, and having experience in a number of internships at the University, including one in the Student Union, Ms Hooper described her present work in the Media Unit.

From early morning, Media Unit staff deal with enquiries from journalists for academic experts to provide comment and to be interviewed on matters of media interest. Where possible, staff members try to anticipate such enquiries by keeping abreast of current events that are likely to engender them.

A Media Studio is available, and everything possible is done to ensure the smooth running of interviews held there, or in the field. The Media Unit also conducts training to assist academics to communicate with journalists and their public.

Ms Hooper's lively account of the activities of this busy Unit was received with acclamation.

3. Attendance

a. Members Present:

Anne Ada, David Bellair, Max Chester, Cecily Close (Minute-taker), John Harcourt, Gary Israel, Irene Jablonka, David Janson, Ros McMillan, John Nelson, Christine Oldham, Barbara Perry, John Scott, Noel Whiting.

b. Apologies Received:

Lesley Boston, Elizabeth Mitchell, Trefor Morgan, Beverley-Anne Rodan.

c. Leave of Absence Granted:

Peter Ross, Jenny Stillman.

4. Confirmation of Minutes

The minutes of the previous meeting, held on 15 November 2017, were confirmed – Proposed John Nelson, Seconded: Gary Israel.

5. Correspondence

Nil.

6. Election of Office

Bearers

An election of Office Bearers, for terms of two years, was conducted with the following results.

President: David Bellair – Proposer: John Harcourt, Seconder: Noel

Whiting. **Deputy President:** John Nelson – Proposer: Irene Jablonka,

Seconder: Gary Israel. **Secretary:** John Scott – Proposer: John Nelson,

Seconder: Irene Jablonka. **Treasurer:** Christine Oldham – Proposer:

Barbara Perry, Seconder: John Nelson.

Ros McMillan had relinquished her role as President after expressing her appreciation of having been re- elected to a second term. She expressed her belief in the value of the Committee as an independent body, and her thanks to the members for their fellowship during her presidency.

David Bellair took the Chair.

7. Vote of

Thanks

Gary Israel proposed a vote of thanks to Ros McMillan for her outstanding services as the President of the

Committee. This was passed with acclamation.

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Appointments

a. Dinners' Coordinator

Barbara Perry and Cecily Close agreed to continue to share the role and their re-appointments were confirmed.

b. Speakers and Tours Coordinator

Irene Jablonka agreed to continue, and her reappointment was confirmed. She was warmly thanked for the outstanding program of speakers and tours that she has arranged.

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a. Additions and Withdrawals

Ros McMillan mentioned a prospective member who may attend the April

meeting. b. Leave of Absence

Continued Leave of Absence was approved for both Peter Ross and Jenny Stillman.

10. Report of the

President

Discussion of the issues followed, and it was decided that David Bellair and Ros McMillan should write to Ian

The President, David Bellair, presented a paper summarizing the problems that had been outlined in the recent newspaper article, written by the former Senior Vice-Principal Ian Marshman, which had been distributed to members by e-mail. In particular, it had been suggested that the proposed life-time cap on student loans would threaten the Melbourne Model by putting it out of reach of many prospective students. Federal Government views on University costs were also discussed. The President canvassed the possibility of the Committee, or some of its members, taking action in support of the University.

11. Financial Report

The Treasurer, Christine Oldham, advised that the bank account balance of the Committee stood at \$502.70.

Members are reminded that payments to the Committee should be made by bank deposit to BSB 633-000 Acct No. 141509497.

12. University of Melbourne Items of Interest

- a. Gary Israel reported that Professor Denise Varney has been appointed Dean of the Faculty of Arts.
- b. Barbara Perry reported that she had attended the launch of the new book *Committed to Learning* by Juliet Flesch, a history of education at the University.
- c. Irene Jablonka reported that Professor Pip Nicholson had been appointed Dean of the Melbourne Law School.

13. Key Matters for Consideration

- a. Actions Update

The Actions listing (attached) was reviewed. Items 85 and 97 are ongoing.

- b. Membership Development

Possible approaches to prospective new members were discussed and it was agreed that those approaches should be made.

14. Other Business

- a. Committee Website

John Harcourt reported that the web-site had been static, since August 2017, but it is now working following consultation with the service provider. A different software programme is needed for the future and David Bellair will be consulted.

- b. Speakers and Tours

Irene Jablonka referred to a document, that she had circulated to members, and she raised the problem posed by the small attendances at the pre-meeting tours. It was agreed that she send a questionnaire to members to ascertain their preferences in respect of tours.

Meanwhile, the Secretary will cease to include pre-meeting tours in the Agenda.

Max Chester suggested that we might visit Newman College, now celebrating its centenary.

The possibility was raised of a visit to the Werribee Campus of the Faculty of Veterinary and Agricultural Sciences.

15. Next Meeting

The next meeting is to be held at Graduate House on Wednesday 18 April 2018, commencing at 5.30 pm.

16. Close

The meeting closed at 7.20 pm.

Attachments

Updated Actions listing

Papers Circulated

E-mailed discussion input

Future Speakers and Tours

See item 14 (b), above.

Committee of Convocation
Minutes of Meeting

Held on Wednesday, 18 April 2018, at Graduate House,
220 Leicester Street, Carlton, commencing at 5.30 pm.

1. Welcome

The President, David Bellair, took the chair and opened the meeting at 5.30 pm. He welcomed all those who were in attendance including the Guest Speaker.

2. Guest Speaker

The Guest Speaker was Professor David Jamieson, Professor of Physics, School of Physics, University of Melbourne. Professor Jamieson graduated from the University of Melbourne and also studied at Caltech and Oxford. He has received awards for his teaching at the University and he has published more than 300 papers. He enjoys teaching in the Advanced Physics course at first year level as well as undertaking many other responsibilities. Whilst at Oxford, he was recruited back to Melbourne and became Head of School for several years. He played a major role in establishing the Melbourne Model program of a three-year Bachelor of Science (in Physics) followed by a two-year Masters' degree. This program has attracted outstanding scholars from all over Australia and overseas and its introduction has led to a considerable increase in academic research output in Physics.

His own research is heavily centred upon using the quantum computer to study matter and energy. One hoped-for outcome of this research is to produce more secure communication platforms, which are vital for our survival.

Professor Jamieson places considerable emphasis on his role in implementing the three strands of the University of Melbourne triple helix model. He is involved in teaching and learning, research and he gives public lectures and talks as part of pursuing the engagement strand.

The Professor discussed, in detail, his special interest in the work of Galileo, who lived in the 16th and 17th centuries. Galileo is most remembered for his observations of the Universe and Solar System. Professor Jamieson recounted his visit to Florence to research, at first hand, the notes and letters written by Galileo. He is particularly interested in the possibility that Galileo was the first to discover the existence of the planet Neptune. Professor Jamieson hopes to continue his study of these papers and, in particular, the letters which contain anagrams identifying the work that Galileo was doing at the time.

Professor Jamieson was warmly thanked for his most interesting address.

3. Attendance

a. Members Present:

David Bellair, Cecily Close, John Harcourt, Gary Israel (Minute-taker), Irene Jablonka, David Janson, Ros McMillan, Elizabeth Mitchell, Trefor Morgan, John Nelson, Christine Oldham, Beverley-Anne Rodan, John Scott.

b. Apologies - Received:

Anne Ada, Lesley Boston, Max Chester, Barbara Perry, Noel Whiting.

c. Leave of Absence - Granted:

Peter Ross, Jenny Stillman.

4. Confirmation of Minutes

The minutes of the previous meeting, held on 21 March 2018, were confirmed – Proposed: Ros McMillan, Seconded: John Nelson. Following discussion by the members present, it was confirmed that the minutes, as accepted, should continue to be placed on the website of the Committee.

5. Correspondence

Nil.

6. Membership

a. Additions and Withdrawals

No changes.

b. Leave of Absence

Given his current illness, Leave of Absence for Max Chester from future meetings was granted for as long as may be necessary.

7. Report of the President

a. There was brief discussion about the survey of members in respect of tours.

b. A recent Alumni Office event for volunteers was discussed . It was agreed that the current Membership Directory of the Committee should be sent to the Advancement Office by the Secretary.

c. Mention was made of a University website where alumni could register and obtain information about University activities.

d. The President invited members to alert him as to any functions which he may overlook and that may need his attention, as President.

e. The matter of Ian Marshman's letter to The Australian was further discussed. The President has been unable to contact Ian. It was decided to prepare a letter to the Vice-Chancellor regarding the issue of the proposed curtailment of HELP loans by the federal government. The Committee would let the VC know of its concern and offer encouragement and support to him in his endeavours to ensure that Melbourne students are not disadvantaged by the government proposals. [*Note that contact with Ian Marshman subsequently has been made - Secretary.*]

8. Financial Report

The Treasurer, Christine Oldham, advised that the bank account balance of the Committee stood at \$526.70 and that a website invoice was imminent.

Members are reminded that payments to the Committee should be made by bank deposit to BSB 633-000 Acct No. 141509497.

9. University of Melbourne Items of Interest

- a. John Nelson reported that the Melbourne Graduate School of Education public lectures are recorded and available for viewing.
- b. John Scott advised of a forthcoming Arts Faculty lecture entitled Big History and Truth.
- c. Christine Oldham reported on her attendance at the recent Faculty of Arts Dean's Lecture. Her notes are appended.
- d. Irene Jablonka reported that she had attended an event at the Law School to mark the Opening of the Centre for Statelessness. This Centre will deal with issues in connection with stateless people, including refugees. The Chancellor and many distinguished guests were present at this Opening.
- e. John Harcourt advised of a forthcoming Dental School Prize Awarding ceremony. In addition, there was recognition of his written report of the Dental Advisory Committee meeting of Tuesday 10th April, that had been forwarded to all members. John was thanked for the excellence of his regular reports.

10. Key Matters for Consideration

- a. Actions Update

The Actions listing (attached) was reviewed and all items are to continue.

- b. Membership Development

No discussion.

11. Other Business

- a. Committee Website – John Harcourt reported that the website was working well.
- b. Speakers and Tours – A survey was sent out, on 15 April 2018, to all members and remains in progress.
- c. There was a discussion about social media and the privacy of emails.

12. Next Meeting

The next meeting is to be held at Graduate House on Wednesday 16 May 2018, commencing at 5.30 pm.

13. Close

The meeting closed at 6.50 pm.

Attachments

Updated Actions listing.

Notes from Faculty of Arts Dean's Lecture.

COMMITTEE OF CONVOCATION - ACTIONS

Ref. No.	Date	Description	Responsibility	Status	Ref. No.
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97	2016-10-19	Consider how each member of the Committee might appropriately approach their faculty (faculties) to request regularly e-mailed information that could be passed on to all members of the Committee to provide them with an understanding of the fundamental progress and achievements of the faculty (faculties)	All	In progress	97
102	2018-03-21	Approach I Marshman in respect of Federal Government policies that might adversely affect the Melbourne Model to offer support.	D Bellair, R McMillan	In progress	102

Arts Faculty Dean's Lecture
Thursday 12 April 2018, Kathleen Fitzpatrick Theatre, Arts West Building

Title: 'No Petty People' – The Making of Literary Ireland.

Presenter: Professor Ronan McDonald, who took up the Gerry Higgins Chair in Irish Studies at the start of 2018. This was his inaugural professorial lecture.

Presented as part of the 2018 Faculty of Arts Dean's Lecture Series: Celebrating the Impact of Giving. – To celebrate the transformative impact of philanthropic giving for future generations of students.

Discussed

- the literary heritage of Ireland and political, social and cultural reasons for this;
- the conditions in which Ireland grappled with modernity after the Great Famine;
- the cultural nationalism that led to the Irish Literary Revival led by WB Yeats;
- modernist writers such as Joyce and Beckett.

The lecture looked at not just the merit of Irish writing itself but at its success in the wider cultural community.

'We are no petty people,' Yeats said of the Anglo- Irish. 'We have created most of the literature of this country. We have created the best of its political intelligence.' But would we (Yeats was speaking soon after the break away from the Union) have the stamina to survive in an Irish Ireland? He thought so: he—or at least his children—would know.

Christine Oldham

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Held on Wednesday, 16 May 2018, at Graduate House,
220 Leicester Street, Carlton, commencing at 5.30 pm.

1. Welcome

The President, David Bellair, took the chair and opened the meeting at 5.30 pm. He welcomed all those who were in attendance including the Guest Speaker.

2. Guest Speaker

The guest speaker was Associate Professor John Furler, (MBBS Adelaide, PhD Melbourne), a General Practice Academic in the Faculty of Medicine, Dentistry and Health Sciences.

A/Professor Furler spent 15 years as a General Practitioner before working in the UK in paediatrics and obstetrics. After an appointment as District Health Officer in Alice Springs he returned to London where he began specialising in General Practice, first working as a locum for the National Health Service. In London he began his academic career at King's Hospital studying Primary Care patients. There, he formed the view that when these patients were managed by specialist General Practitioners there was a better outcome than when managed by non-primary care specialists. A/Professor Furler then spent four years in the Northern Territory working in government-funded indigenous health programs before accepting a position at the University of Melbourne as a tutor in the Department of General Practice.

A/Professor Furler's work at the University is a combination of teaching and research, the latter focusing on health services using primary care innovation, clinical data analytics and linkage, and co-design with consumers and practitioners. In this third area he and his colleagues are working on the development of an electronic tool to draw on patients' medical data in order to recognise trends in general health. There is a recognition in Australia today that General Practice is one of the most important branches of medicine and that it is particularly strong in the provision of health care for those aged over 65 with multiple medical problems.

A/Professor Furler's presentation was received with acclamation.

3. Attendance

a. Members Present:

Anne Ada, David Bellair, Cecily Close, John Harcourt, Gary Israel, Irene Jablonka, David Janson, Ros McMillan (Minute-taker), Trefor Morgan, Christine Oldham, Beverley-Anne Rodan, John Scott.

b. Apologies - Received:

Elizabeth Mitchell, John Nelson, Noel Whiting.

c. Leave of Absence - Granted:

Lesley Boston, Peter Chester, Peter Ross, Jenny Stillman.

4. Confirmation of Minutes

The minutes of the previous meeting, held on 18 April 2018, were confirmed – Proposed: Ros McMillan, Seconded: Cecily Close.

5. Correspondence

Nil.

6. Membership

a. Additions and Withdrawals

Barbara Perry had advised the President that she wished to resign from the Committee of Convocation. She noted that in her ten years as a Committee member she had met a most interesting group of people and learned a great deal about the University of Melbourne. Her resignation was accepted, and it was agreed that Barbara Perry should be included in the list of invitees for the End-of-Year Dinner.

b. Leave of Absence

Lesley Boston had requested Leave of Absence for the remainder of the year and that was granted. Continued Leave of Absence was approved for Max Chester, Peter Ross and Jenny Stillman.

7. Report of the President

- a. The President, David Bellair, began with a summary of correspondence between Ros McMillan and Ian Marshman in regard to Ian's article (which concerned the likely negative impact on the University from the Federal Government's proposed new funding in regard to professional entry courses such as medicine and law). As Ian Marshman did not respond to further emails from either Ros McMillan or himself, David Bellair then wrote directly to the Vice-Chancellor expressing the support of the Committee and asking whether it would be possible to meet his representative for further discussion of the matter. Professor Davis replied, indicating that an appropriate approach to Senators would be most helpful. Accordingly, a letter was drafted by John Scott and Gary Israel, signed by David Bellair, and sent to all Senators. There has been no acknowledgement from any Senator regarding the letter, however, Irene Jablonka reported that through tracking the proposed legislation, she could advise that it had gone through the Lower House and was up to the third reading.
- b. In regard to the University's e-News, the President advised that graduates can register to receive this and choose their area of interest. David will send details of this to all members of the Committee.
- c. A Sustainability Tour has been planned by the Sustainability Team of the University and Irene Jablonka has circulated a hyperlink for the use of members wishing to register to attend the tour.

8. Financial Report

The Treasurer, Christine Oldham, advised that the bank account balance of the Committee stood at \$473.00. Since last month the amount of \$89.70 has been paid for the website and \$36 has been added to the account, consisting of \$16 from extra dinner payments and a \$20 donation from Beverley Rodan.

Members are reminded that payments to the Committee should be made by bank deposit to BSB 633-000 Acct No. 141509497.

9. University of Melbourne Items of Interest

- a. Irene Jablonka reported that she had attended the Faculty of Science Dean's Honours Awards presentation. Two graduates from the School of Chemistry received Science Medals and there were 187 recipients of other awards.
- b. Anne Ada reported that she had attended Dean's Lectures in both the Melbourne Graduate School of Education and the Faculty of Agriculture and Veterinary Science. Both occasions gave attendees the opportunity to meet the Deans as well as Visiting Scholars.

10. Key Matters for Consideration

- a. Actions Update

Item 102 (Approach Ian Marshman in respect of Federal Government policies ...) is now complete.

- b. Membership Development

All members are asked to consider possible new members for the Committee from amongst their colleagues.

11. Other Business

- a. Committee Website

John Harcourt reported that he is hopeful that all is now working correctly, after a recent glitch.

- b. Speakers and Tours

Irene Jablonka reported on the Tours and Speakers Survey.

The results showed that most people who replied wanted to continue to receive notification of University of Melbourne tours, which are organised by University staff.

Most replies stated that members wanted to continue to have tours specially organised for the Committee of Convocation.

There was strong support for a previously suggested tour of Newman College.

The responses also suggested that we should try to see whether Professor Mike Morgan (Dentistry), Professor Shitij Kapur (MDHS) and the Dean of Engineering, could be available to be our guest speakers at future Committee of Convocation meetings.

Irene Jablonka indicated that she also was attempting to contact some previously-nominated potential speakers.

12. Next Meeting

The next meeting is to be held at Graduate House on Wednesday 20 June 2018, commencing at 5.30 pm.

13. Close

The meeting closed at 6.50 pm.

Attachments

Updated Actions listing.

COMMITTEE OF CONVOCATION - ACTIONS

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Committee of Convocation
Minutes of Meeting

Held on Wednesday, 20 June 2018, at Graduate House,
220 Leicester Street, Carlton, commencing at 5.30 pm.

1. Welcome

The President, David Bellair, took the chair and opened the meeting at 5.30 pm. He welcomed those in attendance, including the Guest Speaker.

2. Guest Speaker

The Guest Speaker was Mr Neville Chiavaroli, Senior Lecturer in the Department of Medical Education, The University of Melbourne.

Mr Chiavaroli spoke of his work within a team of educationalists, and of his time on sabbatical leave, taken in Devon at the University of Plymouth, where there was an input of Humanities into the Medical degree. He emphasised the need for doctors to exercise professional judgement that combines clinical and humanistic considerations, making them better doctors. He argued that students who undertake studies in medicine need to pursue broader studies - to maintain an interest in humanities in order to assist their cognitive skills. His main point was that to reason clinically the doctor needs both scientific and humanistic studies, given that the practice of medicine is an art.

Mr Chiavaroli argued that medicine is a science of uncertainty and an art of probability. He was able to provide a number of examples to show how the humanities could be part of the curriculum. These included the use of photographs and paintings of doctors exhibiting care, diligence and concern; discussion of the manner in which doctors are viewed in film and TV; the use of the humanities as a means of critique; and the use of cartoons for the same purpose.

Mr Chiavaroli emphasised the development of phronesis, a type of wisdom relevant to practical action, implying both good judgement and excellence of character and habits, or practical virtue. This involves making appropriate decisions based on narrative skills together with observation and empathy.

It was acknowledged that the inclusion of humanities in the medical curriculum does not occur without negotiation, given the time pressure that exists.

Mr Chiavaroli's presentation was received with acclamation.

3. Attendance

a. Members Present:

David Bellair, John Harcourt, Gary Israel, Irene Jablonka, David Janson, Ros McMillan, Elizabeth Mitchell, John Nelson (Minute-taker), Christine Oldham, John Scott.

b. Apologies - Received:

Anne Ada, Cecily Close, Trefor Morgan, Beverley-Anne Rodan, Noel Whiting.

c. Leave of Absence - Granted:

Lesley Boston, Max Chester, Peter Ross, Jenny Stillman.

4. Confirmation of Minutes

The previously distributed Minutes of the preceding meeting, held on 16 May 2018, were confirmed – Proposed: Irene Janlonka, Seconded: Gary Israel.

5. Correspondence

Nil.

6. Membership

a. Additions and Withdrawals

Nil.

b. Leave of Absence

As previously granted.

7. Report of the President

- a. The President reported that he had visited past member Frank Lees, now frail and wheelchair-bound at BUPA Donvale, who had sent his greetings to members.
- b. The President requested that all general e-mail communication should be directed via the Secretary. To facilitate file retrieval, the use of descriptive subject lines in e-mails was also requested.

8. Financial Report

The Treasurer, Christine Oldham, advised that the bank account balance of the Committee stood at \$489.00. Since last month the amount of \$16.00 had been added to the account from extra payments by dinner attendees.

Members are reminded that payments to the Committee should be made by bank deposit to BSB 633-000 Acct No. 141509497.

9. University of Melbourne Items of Interest

- a. David Janson circulated a copy of the Melbourne Law School News, which included information about the new Dean and the new Solicitor-General. He also indicated that it was the 10th anniversary of the introduction, by Melbourne Law School, of the Melbourne JD degree course in what had become a fully graduate law school. [Earlier versions of the JD had been offered in previous years.]
- b. Gary Israel reported on this attendance at a lecture given by Dr Helen Green of the School of Earth Sciences. The School is working with the Kimberley Foundation, the University of WA and others to authentically date the extensive rock art in the Kimberley region. The rock art of Spain and France is readily dated because of the use of carbon in the paint, whereas the paint used in the Kimberley area is mainly of ochre, which does not contain carbon making the dating task very difficult. The University of Melbourne is playing a key role in experimenting with at least four differing dating technologies and there is confidence that it will become possible to date the art with relative precision.

There is also work to identify the various climate regimes that have been faced, over the millennia, by our first people.

The School of Earth Sciences has recently appointed a Professor of Archaeological Science.

- c. Irene Jablonka reported on the existence of the University Visitor Centre and Shop, on Kernot Road within the old campus, near the Main Gate (Gate 10) on Grattan Street. It sells branded merchandise and is able to provide maps of campus in a number of languages. She also reported on the daily free tours of the Parkville Campus at 10 am on weekdays. These are arranged by the Office of Advancement and hosted by Student Ambassadors.
- d. John Harcourt advised the meeting that a portrait of Professor Eric Reynolds had been unveiled in the Dental School.
- e. Christine Oldham reported on a CD launch she had attended. Available were several CDs of Australian symphonies previously not performed.
- f. Ros McMillan mentioned the forthcoming Alumni event at the National Gallery of Victoria, hoping that members had received invitations as a consequence of her request to the Advancement Office.

10. Key Matters for Consideration

a. Actions Update

Item 97 to be removed.

In respect of item 85, the meeting agreed to the formation of a sub-committee, comprising the President, Ros McMillan, and Gary Israel, to consider the possibility of extending the membership of the Committee in order to maintain a broad coverage of faculties and Schools.

b. Membership Development

All members are asked to consider possible new members for the Committee from amongst their colleagues.

c. Capped Student Loans

The President reported on the meeting that he and Ros McMillan attended with Ian Marshman, the author of an article on impending amendments to the Higher Education Support Legislation. The proposal to cap student support is of real concern to the University of Melbourne. Points discussed included the possibility that entry would become restricted to well-off families and the positive fact that there currently exists a low drop-out rate (indicating that provided funding is well employed).

There was general discussion, by the members, of the draft of a letter intended to be sent to the cross-benchers in the Senate. It was moved (Proposed: Ros McMillan, Seconded: Gary Israel and agreed to by the Committee) that the letter, as drafted, be sent to the cross bench Senators and to the Vice-Chancellor.

d. Humanities Funding

The discussion on the funding of the humanities was postponed to a later meeting.

11. Other Business

a. Committee Website

John Harcourt reported that the statistics on number of hits for the website are misleading and not to be relied upon.

b. Speakers and Tours

Irene Jablonka informed the meeting that the tour to Newman and St Mary's Colleges and the Academic Centre they share, scheduled for 17 July 2018, will take place and that members and guests should meet at the entrance to St Mary's College, at 10.30 am.

12. Next Meeting

The next meeting of the Committee is to be held at Graduate House on Wednesday 15 August 2018, commencing at 5.30 pm.

13. Close

The meeting closed at 7.15 pm.

Attachments

Updated Actions listing.

COMMITTEE OF CONVOCATION - ACTIONS

Ref. No.	Date	Description	Responsibility	Status	Ref. No.
85	2015-09-16	Identify individual graduates who may be approached to determine their possible interest in joining the Committee [Sub-committee of David bellair, Ros McMillan and Gary Israel formed on 2018-06-20]	All Sub-committee	In progress	85

Committee of Convocation
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Held on Wednesday, 15 August 2018, at Graduate House,
220 Leicester Street, Carlton, commencing at 5.30 pm.

1. Welcome

The President, David Bellair, took the chair and opened the meeting at 5.30 pm. He welcomed those in attendance, including the Guest Speaker.

2. Guest Speaker

Mr Matt van der Peet, Manager, Metro Tunnel Parkville Precinct, Rail Projects Victoria.

Mr van der Peet spoke of his work and his involvement with the University of Melbourne. He graduated from the University with degrees in Engineering and Arts. He initially worked as an environmental and surface engineer particularly in relation to water. His professional work led him to New Zealand and Christchurch after the disastrous earthquake.

Mr van der Peet returned to Australia to take up a position with Rail Projects Victoria. He was assigned to the Parkville Station development which is one of five new underground railway stations to be built by the State government. The main entrance to the Parkville Station will be outside the Medical School with other entrance routes beneath Royal Parade opening to the hospital complexes.

The aim of the railway project is not only to build the five new stations and connect them to the existing rail network but to increase network capacity. The new tunnel will divert trains on some routes from the Underground Loop, so permitting the provision of increased service intensity on the remaining routes. The total cost of the Metro Tunnel project has been estimated at \$11 billion. The new rail routes, to include the Parkville Station, are scheduled to be open for passengers in 2025.

The presentation by Mr van der Peet was acknowledged by acclamation.

3. Attendance

a. Members Present:

David Bellair, John Harcourt, Gary Israel, Irene Jablonka, David Janson (Minute-taker), Ros McMillan, Elizabeth Mitchell, Trefor Morgan, John Nelson, Christine Oldham, Beverley-Anne Rodan, John Scott.

b. Apologies - Received:

Anne Ada, Cecily Close, Noel Whiting.

c. Leave of Absence - Granted:

Lesley Boston, Peter Ross, Jenny Stillman.

4. Confirmation of Minutes

The previously distributed Minutes of the preceding meeting, held on 20 June 2018, were confirmed – Proposed: Ros McMillan, Seconded: Gary Israel.

5. Correspondence

Nil.

6. Membership

a. Additions and Withdrawals

The death, on 22 June 2018, of member Max Chester was noted with regret. Condolences had been conveyed, on behalf of the Committee, by the President, David Bellair, and by the Immediate Past President, Ros McMillan.

b. Leave of Absence

As previously granted, for the remainder of 2018, and, for the forthcoming meeting, to be held on 19 September 2018, John Harcourt, Gary Israel and Beverley Rodan.

7. Report of the President

- a. The President raised the issue of how often the Committee should meet and it was agreed by the Committee that the existing arrangements were satisfactory.
- b. The President reported that the legislation entitled Higher Education Support Legislation Amendment (Student Loan Sustainability) Bill 2018 passed the Senate at its Third Reading by 34 votes to 33. There was also some indirect reference made to the letter sent to the senators from the Committee in relation to the legislation.
- c. There was general discussion, led by the President, concerning the forthcoming University Alumni Council elections and the ranking of Australian universities by an international ranking agency. It was noted that the University of Melbourne increased its ranking from number 39 to 38, the highest ranking for Australia.

8. Financial Report

The Treasurer, Christine Oldham, advised that the bank account balance of the Committee stood at \$505.00. Since last month the amount of \$16.00 had been added to the account from extra payments by dinner attendees.

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9. University of Melbourne Items of Interest

- a. Irene Jablonka brought to the attention of the Committee the fact that July 2018 marked the 50 year anniversary of the extremely popular annual series of lectures given by the Physics School. This year the attendance at Prof Jamieson's lecture more than filled the largest lecture theatre on Campus.

10. Key Matters for Consideration

a. Actions Update

Item 85 remains. The Committee received the Interim Report of the Recruitment Subcommittee, dated August 2018. The subcommittee comprises the President, Ros McMillan and Gary Israel. The Interim Report discussed the requirements for membership, the need to increase membership to

between 20 to 25, the appointment process and the desirable attributes of those who might become members. The subcommittee recommendations included approaching the Deans of the Faculties and Schools and members taking the initiative to actively recruit new members of the Committee.

b. Membership Development

Irene Jablonka discussed possibly inviting former members to rejoin the Committee and approaching other interested alumni. Ros McMillan indicated that a senior member of the University could be asked about possible members and Ros also suggested that an article could be included in the Graduate House newsletter.

11. Other Business

a. Committee Website

Nil.

b. Speakers and Tours

Next month's speaker to be confirmed.

The Secretary advised that he had been impressed by what he saw on the July tour of St Mary's and Newman Colleges, especially the excellent shared library which actually contains books of considerable significance on shelves.

c. Annual Dinner

There was general discussion in relation to the Annual Dinner, in November, and it was decided by the Committee that the Dinner should be held at Graduate House for reasons of convenience and cost.

12. Next Meeting

The next meeting of the Committee is to be held at Graduate House on Wednesday 19 September 2018, commencing at 5.30 pm.

13. Close

The meeting closed at 7.00 pm.

Attachments

Updated Actions listing.

COMMITTEE OF CONVOCATION - ACTIONS

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Committee of Convocation
Minutes of Meeting

Held on Wednesday, 19 September 2018, at Graduate House,
220 Leicester Street, Carlton, commencing at 5.30 pm.

1. Welcome

The President, David Bellair, took the chair and opened the meeting at 5.30 pm. He welcomed those in attendance, including the Guest Speaker.

2. Guest Speaker

Professor Denise Varney, Dean of the Faculty of Arts, Professor of Theatre Studies and Co-Director of the Australian Centre in the School of Culture and Communication at the University of Melbourne.

Professor Varney was a most approachable, knowledgeable and accommodating speaker who gave the Committee background on her own career and the current situation in the Faculty of Arts.

Denise Varney was appointed to the School of Creative Arts more than 20 years ago. This was originally part of the Melbourne College of Advanced Education for training teachers: it became the Institute of Education. This was amalgamated with the University over a five-year period (1989 - 1993). At this point there was a move to a more academic, theoretical curriculum with a greater emphasis on research. This was the 6th school of the VCA.

There was a big student demand to enter the Bachelor of Creative Arts.

In 2000 the school of Creative Arts was moved into the Faculty of Arts. Professor Varney was pleased to move into this broader faculty and was welcomed to the English and Theatre Studies Department.

Professor Varney mentioned the recent gift from Ms Jane Hansen and The Little Foundation to the Hansen Trust for the benefit of Faculty of Arts has enabled the faculty to make a number of senior professorial appointments in the fields of History. The donation of \$8 million is the largest ever donation to the study of history in Australia.

Denise is currently working on an ARC-funded research project on the theatre writings of Patrick White.

Following the move of Mark Considine to the position of Provost, Professor Varney was appointed Dean for 2018. Recently, Professor Russell Goulbourne has been appointed to be the new Dean of the faculty. He is currently the Professor of French Literature at King's College, London where he is also Dean of the Faculty of Arts and Humanities.

It is a time of change at the University with a new Vice-Chancellor and three new Heads of School in the Faculty of Arts.

The presentation by Professor Varney was acknowledged by acclamation.

3. Attendance

a. Members Present:

Anne Ada (Minute-taker), David Bellair, Cecily Close, Irene Jablonka, David Janson, John Nelson, Christine Oldham, John Scott.

b. Apologies - Received:

John Harcourt, Gary Israel, Ros McMillan, Elizabeth Mitchell, Trefor Morgan, Beverley-Anne Rodan, Noel Whiting.

c. Leave of Absence - Granted:

Lesley Boston, Peter Ross, Jenny Stillman.

4. Confirmation of Minutes

The previously distributed Minutes of the preceding meeting, held on 15 August 2018, were confirmed – Proposed: John Nelson, Seconded: Christine Oldham.

5. Correspondence

Letter to Vice Chancellor congratulating the University on its elevated position in the latest Shanghai rankings.

6. Membership

a. Additions and Withdrawals

Nil.

b. Leave of Absence

As previously granted.

7. Report of the President

a. David Bellair advised that he will be absent from the October 2018 meeting.

b. Following discussion, it was agreed that a copy of the Alumni Council Annual Report should be requested by the President on behalf of the Committee.

c. It was agreed that each new member of the Committee of Convocation should be asked whether they are happy for their contact details to be forwarded to the Advancement Office – Moved: Anne Ada, Seconded: Irene Jablonka.

d. It was confirmed that the end of year dinner will be held at Graduate House on 21 November 2018. The cost of the dinner will be \$56 per head (two courses) and all members are requested to deposit the applicable amounts into the bank account of the Committee, well in advance.

e. David Bellair had prepared and distributed a draft document detailing the governance and listing the senior staff of the University of Melbourne. Discussion concerning this document will be held at a subsequent meeting. Meanwhile David Bellair will write to the Deans indicating the current representatives on the Committee of Convocation and inviting the nomination of graduates to join.

f. Concern was expressed that the library has suffered from neglect. Cecily Close spoke briefly to this but the discussion will be taken further when Gary Israel is present.

8. Financial Report

The Treasurer, Christine Oldham, advised that the bank account balance of the Committee stood at \$473.00.

Members are reminded that payments to the Committee should be made by bank deposit to BSB 633-000 Acct No. 141509497.

9. University of Melbourne Items of Interest

- a. Anne Ada attended a Graduate Faculty of Education Dean's Lecture by Professor Fiona Stanley AC. Professor Stanley is a Vice-Chancellor's Fellow at the University. Her research is on Beyond Growth: adding wellbeing to the balance sheet. This project aims to find measures of social progress to take us beyond purely financial economics.
- b. Irene Jablonka advised as to the 2018 Lady Masson Memorial Lecture which presents the inaugural Margaret Sheil Women in Chemistry Leadership Lecture. This is to be held on 02 October 2018 in the Masson Theatre, School of Chemistry at 5.15 pm.

10. Key Matters for Consideration

- a. Actions Update

Item 85 remains.

- b. Membership Development

Refer to item 7 (e), above.

11. Other Business

- a. Committee Website

Nil.

- b. Speakers and Tours

Next month's speaker remains to be confirmed.

The most successful tour of St Mary's College and Newman College by members of the Committee was referred to and Irene Jablonka was commended on the high standard of speakers and tours.

- c. Privacy

Further to item 7 (c), above, Irene Jablonka suggested that former members of the Committee of Convocation should not receive the contact details of any new members who may join the Committee.

- d. Status of Committee

The status of the Committee within the University was discussed.

12. Next Meeting

The next meeting of the Committee is to be held at Graduate House on Wednesday 17 October 2018, commencing at 5.30 pm.

13. Close

The meeting closed at 7.05 pm.

Attachments

Updated Actions listing.

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103	43362	Request a copy of the latest Alumni Council Annual Report	President	In progress	103

Committee of Convocation
Minutes of Meeting

Held on Wednesday, 17 October 2018, at Graduate House,
220 Leicester Street, Carlton, commencing at 5.30 pm.

1. Welcome

The Deputy President, John Nelson, took the chair, opened the meeting and welcomed those in attendance.

2. Guest Speaker

The scheduled guest speaker did not arrive, so the meeting proceeded to the next agenda item.

3. Attendance

a. Members Present:

Anne Ada, Cecily Close, John Harcourt, Irene Jablonka, Gary Israel, Ros McMillan, Elizabeth Mitchell, Trefor Morgon, John Nelson, Christine Oldham (Minute-taker), Beverley-Anne Rodan, John Scott, Noel Whiting.

b. Apologies - Received:

David Bellair, David Janson.

c. Leave of Absence - Granted:

Lesley Boston, Peter Ross, Jenny Stillman.

4. Confirmation of Minutes

The previously distributed Minutes of the preceding meeting, held on 19 September 2018, were confirmed – Proposed: Christine Oldham, Seconded: John Scott.

5. Correspondence

Nil.

6. Membership

a. Additions and Withdrawals

Nil.

b. Leave of Absence

As previously granted.

7. Report of the President

John Nelson read the following report prepared by David Bellair.

President's report 17th October 2018

Sale of sugary drinks on ACU campus at Ballarat

David Bellair was in Ballarat on September 21, 2018, and noticed that the Ballarat Courier for September 21, 2018 contained an article describing how the ACU Ballarat Campus had stopped the sale of sugary drinks. I have sent it to Ros McMillan, and she should feel vindicated in having raised the topic with Glyn Davis.

Letter sent to the President of the Alumni Council re its reports to the University

David Bellair has sent a very diplomatic letter to Dr Joseph Doyle, the President of the Alumni Council, asking whether the Alumni Council makes annual or more frequent reports to the University and, if so, asking how the Committee of Convocation could obtain copies.

As David is away until October 29, he isn't able to check for a reply.

Letters to Deans introducing the Committee

David Bellair wants to write to each Dean introducing the Committee of Convocation and asking whether they might suggest graduates from their Faculty who might be suitable members of the Committee. He believes that giving Deans some personal information about their current members representing their faculty might be helpful.

Could members please indicate to David whether they are willing to provide a thumbnail description of their qualifications, experience and special interests, and email and/or postal address, to be included in his letter to Deans.

Providing that information is purely voluntary, and David will understand if some members do not wish to do so. However, he thinks the letters should contain the names and degrees of members representing each Faculty, as that information should be on the public record.

8. Financial Report

The Treasurer, Christine Oldham, advised that the bank account balance of the Committee stood at \$541.00.

Members are reminded that payments to the Committee should be made by bank deposit to:

BSB 633-000 Acct No. 141509497.

9. University of Melbourne Items of Interest

- a. Ros McMillan attended the opening of Objects of Fame: Nellie Melba & Percy Grainger, an exhibition at the Grainger museum. Robyn Archer opened the exhibition and gave a most entertaining address. Ros highly recommends this exhibition. It is open until 17 February 2019.
- b. Anne Ada advised that the Melbourne Graduate School of Education will mark its 10th year as a Graduate School with special events, in November, including a Golden Alumni Morning Tea on Friday 16 November.
- c. Anne also advised that the new dean of Agriculture is to be welcomed in November.
- d. John Scott will attend an Engineering event on Thursday 18 October to welcome the new dean and to view Final Year student projects.
- e. Irene Jablonka attended the launch of the new ARC Training Centre for Chemical Industries on 21 September. The training centre is led by the University of Melbourne in collaboration with the University

of New South Wales, Swinburne University of Technology and other participating organisations. With the inception of the training centre, a new Master of Industrial Research (Chemistry) course has been created that will start taking students from 2019.

10. Key Matters for Consideration

a. Actions Update

Ongoing.

b. Membership Development

The benefit of providing deans of faculties with information about Committee of Convocation members representing their faculties was discussed. The view was put that this might not be worthwhile and that the emphasis should be more on attracting new members who could offer a fresh perspective rather than reporting on established members. There might even be a disincentive where the Committee already has one or more members who are representative of a particular faculty or School. It was considered that it might be better to wait until new deans have settled in before taking further action.

Gary Israel suggested that Professor Richard James might be invited to be a guest speaker. He is Pro Vice-Chancellor (Academic) and Director of the Melbourne Centre for the Study of Higher Education.

11. Other Business

a. Committee Website

John Harcourt has been keeping the website up to date. Over the past two years there have been 540 hits.

b. Speakers and Tours

Irene Jablonka reported that she had been in recent contact with the guest speaker scheduled for the meeting and that she was surprised and concerned that he had not appeared.

Many of the speakers Irene had approached for the meeting were not available at this time but were willing to be contacted about speaking at a future meeting.

Possible speakers and topics for 2019 were discussed. Irene suggested that, as an alternative to a guest speaker, the Committee could debate contentious issues, such as climate change, from time to time. Another option would be to have committee members give presentations about their areas of interest.

There will be no speaker at the November meeting nor at the dinner after the meeting.

c. University Governance

David Bellair had asked that the draft document *University of Melbourne Governance and Senior Staff*, which he had distributed before the September meeting, be added as an appendix to the October agenda and that it should be considered at this meeting. This extensive document indicates the great diversity of faculties and leadership within the University.

It was noted that faculty names, leadership positions and personnel listed in the document are in a state of flux. It was decided that further discussion of the document be deferred until David Bellair can be present.

d. University Library

Gary Israel advised that, at the time of the announcement of the Master plan (some years ago), there were issues in relation to the library including structural problems, lack of accommodation for students wishing to study in the library and inadequate shelf space for books. He further advised that, although he was not really up to date as to those issues, his understanding was that some of the master plan has not been undertaken and the construction of Arts West has seen a major portion of the plan halted.

Cecily Close and Gary Israel are seeking information with the intention of preparing a report for the Committee. It was suggested that the Committee of Convocation could invite the librarian to be a guest speaker at a future Committee of Convocation meeting. When we are well informed about the true circumstances, we will be in a position to offer appropriate support.

Discussion ensued about the changing role of the library and altered student needs.

e. Dinner on 21 November 2018

The final dinner for 2018 will be at Graduate House on 21 November, following the Committee meeting.

The cost of the dinner is \$56 per person. Attendees separately buy their own drinks.

People who wish to attend should make their payments by bank deposit to Bendigo Bank BSB 633-000 Account No. 141509497, quoting their name as reference.

The final day for payment is Wednesday 14 November 2018.

Alternatives to the set menu are available. Notify Ros McMillan as to any dietary requirements at the time of payment.

12. Next Meeting

The next meeting of the Committee is to be held at Graduate House on Wednesday 21 November 2018, commencing at 5.30 pm.

13. Close

The meeting closed at 6.40 pm.

Attachments

Updated Actions listing.

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Committee of Convocation
Minutes of Meeting

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220 Leicester Street, Carlton, commencing at 5.30 pm.

1. Welcome

The Deputy President, John Nelson, took the chair, opened the meeting and welcomed those in attendance.

2. Guest Speaker

No guest speaker was scheduled because of the special Christmas Dinner, with guests, that followed the meeting.

3. Attendance

a. Members Present:

Anne Ada, Cecily Close, John Harcourt, Irene Jablonka, Gary Israel, David Janson, Ros McMillan, Trefor Morgon, John Nelson, Christine Oldham, Beverley-Anne Rodan (Minute-taker), John Scott, Noel Whiting.

Past member Anne Rusden was in attendance.

b. Apologies - Received:

Elizabeth Mitchell.

c. Leave of Absence - Granted:

David Bellair, Lesley Boston, Peter Ross, Jenny Stillman.

4. Confirmation of Minutes

The previously distributed Minutes of the preceding meeting, held on 17 October 2018, were confirmed – Proposed: Ros McMillan, Seconded: Beverley Rodan.

(Irene Jablonka clarified that it had been Noel Whiting, not she, who had initiated a discussion in relation to climate change that had arisen during the meeting of the Committee that had been held on 17 October 2018. She also clarified that she had not attended the launch of the new ARC Training Centre for Chemical Industries, as suggested by the October 2018 minutes, rather that she had reported that it had taken place.)

5. Correspondence

Nil.

6. Membership

a. Additions and Withdrawals

Nil.

b. Leave of Absence

As previously granted.

7. Report of the Deputy President

Deputy President John Nelson read two e-mails that had been received from the President, who is convalescing. David Bellair expects to be fit to resume his duties as President early in the coming year.

The Deputy President invited Gary Israel to provide an update in relation to the Library. Mention was made of the warm relationship that had existed between the Committee and the Library during the time of the previous Librarian. Further, it was indicated that the development of the Library was clearly proceeding, although evidently not in accordance with the original Master Plan for the expansion of library services.

Gary Israel mentioned that he had had what he felt was a positive chance conversation with Gwenda Thomas, Director, Scholarly Services and University Librarian. A more formal meeting may follow when opportunity presents.

8. Financial Report

The Treasurer, Christine Oldham, advised that the bank account balance of the Committee stood at \$1476.30 (the major part of which was dinner money).

Members are reminded that payments to the Committee should be made by bank deposit to:

BSB 633-000 Acct No. 141509497.

9. University of Melbourne Items of Interest

- a. Gary Israel related that he had attended the Annual University Heritage Society luncheon on 15 November. It was held at University College (formerly Women's College). The Guest Speaker was Associate Professor Richard Frankland, who is Head of the Wilin Centre for Indigenous Arts and Cultural Development at the VCA. Gratifying increases in participation by indigenous communities were reported and mention was also made of work in the wider community, especially in relation to the Treaty. The Vice-Chancellor, Professor Duncan Maskell, attended and spoke, providing an opportunity to hear him for the first time.
- b. Gary Israel also reported on his attendance, on the previous day, at Trinity College for the launch of the book *A Delicious Bundle of Prejudices – The Australian Life of G W Rusden*, written by Paul Nicholls. Rusden was a great uncle of former Committee member Anne Rusden. He was the first Clerk of the parliaments of Victoria, the first mapper of early colonial education in what are now NSW, Victoria and Queensland, a foundation member of the Council of the University and of the Trinity College Council. Rusden was a personal friend of Charles Dickens, of Anthony Trollope and of General Gordon. He was invited by the Prince and Princess of Wales (later King Edward and Queen Alexandria) to take tea at Marlborough House. He was a fascinating early Victorian.
- c. Irene Jablonka attended a lecture on robotics and 3-D printing given by Dr Claudia Dibello, an Orthopedic Surgeon, at St Vincent's Hospital (a hospital affiliated with the University of Melbourne). Irene reported that film clips were shown of robots being used in orthopaedic surgery. Dr DiBello also discussed the use of 3D printers to produce layers of gel and stem cells for insertion into joints where there is bone on bone contact. The event was held at the Peter Doherty Theatre.
- d. John Harcourt reported that the scheduled October meeting of the Dental Advisory Committee had been cancelled and that he planned to attend the All School Meeting on the following day and would furnish a report to the Committee of Convocation, in due course.

- e. Anne Ada advised that she had attended a Golden Alumni Morning Tea on Friday 16 November in connection with the tenth year of the Melbourne Graduate School of Education as a Graduate School. Christine Oldham also attended.

Anne Ada also advised that leading plant scientist Professor Herbert Kronzucker has joined the Faculty of Veterinary and Agricultural Sciences as Head of the School of Agriculture and Food.

10. Key Matters for Consideration

- a. Actions Update

The currently listed matters are ongoing:

Ref. 85 – identify individual graduates who may be approached;

Ref. 103 – seek copy of the latest Alumni Council Annual Report.

- b. Membership Development

Gary Israel advised that he intended to invite a prospective member to the next meeting of the Committee.

John Harcourt advised that an approach that he had made to a prospective member had not met with success.

11. Other Business

- a. Committee Website

The latest half-yearly payment for website hosting has been made.

- b. Speakers and Tours

Irene Jablonka reiterated that she had been in contact with the guest speaker scheduled for the previous meeting and that she had established that there had been an accidental failure of e-mail communication on the part of the intended speaker.

Irene Jablonka suggested that members of the Committee of Convocation might consider the purchase or design of some gift to be presented to our speakers. She observed that perhaps a Committee of Convocation lapel badge might be appropriate.

There was mention of a possible a tour of the Library of the University, in March 2019.

Irene Jablonka tabled a report on past speakers and tours.

12. Next Meeting

The next meeting of the Committee is to be held at Graduate House on Wednesday 20 March 2019, commencing at 5.30 pm.

13. Close

The meeting closed at 6.30 pm.

Attachments

Updated Actions listing.

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