

CONVOCATION OF UWA GRADUATES

SECOND ORDINARY MEETING

MINUTES

15 SEPTEMBER 2017

The Second Ordinary Meeting of Convocation was held on Friday 16th September 2016 commencing at 6:30 p.m. in University Club of WA.

The meeting was attended by the following graduates and guests.

Ian Abbott, Thankam Abraham, Chacko Abraham, John Adeney, Yanti Adiyanti, Diana Adler, Jo Agnew, Mark Anastasas, Kent Anderson, Michael Andrews, Paul Appleton, Helen Appleton, Pooya Arjomandnia, Diana Atkinson, Ahmad Bagbag, Rachima Bannerman, Greg Benjamin, Aileen Bennett, Brian Beros, Catherine Bhaskaran, Warwick Boardman, June Boddy, Jeanne Boles, Glenda Britton, Jean Brodie-Hall, Lesley Cala, Colin Campbell-Fraser, David Carlson, Maria Carvalho, Michael Chaney, Tshung Hui Chang, Tat Meng Chow, David Clarke, Audrey Clarke, Alex Cohen, Dorothy Collin, Mary Conroy, Kevin Crombie, Lachlan Crossley, Dan D'Annunzio, Alissa D'Annunzio, David Davidson, Janet Davidson, Brett Davies, Timothy Dawe, Eve Day, Ema Denby de Braganza, Luke Dimasi, Neil Donaldson, Ralph D'Sanges, Anne Dunne, Adam Dzieciol, Mark Edwards, Gary Ellis, Henry Esbenshade, Angela Evangelinou-Yiannakis, Jocelyn Everett, Jim Everett, Tony Fetherston, Marie Finucane, Dawn Freshwater, Elizabeth Frith, Dick Frith, Jack Garber, Chantelle Gaskell, Agi Gedeon, Tony Goodman, Peter Green, Jeff Gunningham, Chris Harkness, Khim Harris, Eugenie Harris, Bruce Hartley, Nicholas Hasluck, Patricia Hatch, Frank Hedges, Jo Hiller, Wendy Hillier, Susan Hoddinott, Janet Holman, Maureen Humpage, Nevin Jayawardena, Gary Jeneson, Lynette Jennings, Julia Johnson, Debra Judge, Kevin Kenneally, Chneoh Hooi Khor, Susan King, Nelly Kleyn, Louisa Lawrance, Freda Livingston, Yokwe Longinya, Charles Lotoro, Samuel Lotoro, Terence Love, Quang Ly, Richard Lyon, Sandra-Lee Mackey, Elizabeth MacKinnon, Alexander MacKinnon, Robert MacMath, Althea Malligan, Terence Malligan, Yadrin Marinovich, Simon Marshall, Anne Maughan, Rose McAleer, Bruce McCallum, Wendy McCallum, Doug McGhie, Simon McGrath, Lidia McMullan, John Melville-Jones, Ken Michael, Barbara Miller, Simon Millman, Marri Milton, Hannah Morgaine, Kevin Morgan, Richard Mount, Murray Mount, Tom Murrell, Bill Murrell, Brian Njamba, Stephen Oh, Nee Nee Ong, Angeline Ong, Chuan Ong, Mark Palermo, Lawrence Peh, Gary Pennefather, Juanita Perez, Anne Pickett, Bec Pigney, Conrad Pires, Catherine Podesta-Mooney, Joan Pope, Alan Porter, Bostang Radjagukguk, Lucia Ravi, Kaye Regan, Joan Robins, Linda Rogers, Enid Rose, James Rose, Murray Rosenberg, Richard Scarff, Richard Schiefler, Jennifer Searcy, Enid Sedgwick, John Seotis, Susan Sharpe, Hilary Silbert, Simon Smith, Ric Stern, Leonie Still, Jonathan Strauss, Bevan Sturgess-Smith, Dennis Sugiono, Paulus Sui, Bob Sullivan, Cathy Tang, Tony Tate, Ray Tauss, Roger Thompson, Brenda Tournier, Pauline Tremlett, Fiona Tremlett, Agatha van der Schaaf, Sheila Walker, Anne Willox, John Willox, Paulina Wroblewski, Madeline Wu,

Zhisheng Xie, Leon Yeap, Maryellen Yencken, Allen Yeow, John Yiannakis, Dorothy Yu and Mark Zhang

The following members of Convocation asked that their apologies be recorded.

Greg Acciaioli, Niniek Sanoda Toley Acciaioli, Hugo Acosta Martinez, Jillian Adams, Richard Adams, Steven Ahern, Mohamed Ahmed, Jeanne Ainley, Shahidul Alam, Courtney Alderdice, Fiona Allan, Danielle Alosi, David Ambrose, Lyneve Amooore, Glynn Andersen, Alison Anderson, Caitrin-Jane Anderson, Carol Anderson, Hazel Anderson, Joan Anderson, Maureen Anderson, Monica Anderson, Sheila Andersson, John Anderton, Margaret Anderton, Carlo Andreacchio, Chris Andrich, Molly Angus, Amrith Anthony, Richard Anthony, Tania Anthony, Marjorie Apthorpe, Max Aravena-Roman, Ashley Arbuckle, Isabel Arevalo-Vigne, Julie Armour, Francis Arndt, Azman Arshad, Mel Ashton, Julia Ashton, Emily Atkins, Glenis Ayling, Deborah Baker, David Balfour, Sue Bant, Bruce Barblett, Shelley Barker, Lynette Barker, Eli Barlow, Lynne Barnard, Colin Barnett, Cynthia Barrett, Ruth Barrett, Irwin Barrett-Lennard, Godfrey Barrett-Lennard, Michael Bartosiak, Mary Basley, Nathan Batskos, Estie Bav, Michael Beahan, Simon Beatson, Gabor Bedo, Leita Bell, Samuel Bennett, Sandy Bennetts, Haia Ber, Juanita Kay Berry, Tim Berryman, Brian Betts, Krishna Bhaskaran, Enzo Biagioni-Froudust, Naomi Bickley, Suzanne Biddles, Eugenio Bini, Isaac Bird, Sam Birman, Roger Blackett, Alice Blackett, Peter Blake, Dominique Blanke, Maurice Blechynden, Lynda Blum, Amy Blundell, Ron Bodycoat, Astrid Boggs, Maureen Boland, Luke Bone, Humphrey Boogaerdt, Angharad Booth, David Booth, Robin Bourke, Diane Bowyer, Jane Boxall, Bernard Boycott, Michael Boylson, Rewa Boylson, Ivan Brabant, Felicity Bradshaw, Fabio Brandao, Adriana Brandao, John Bremner, Neil Brick, Ted Brindal, Mark Brogan, Ann Brown, Henry Brown, Ivan Brown, Julie Brown, Ross Bryant, Matthew Budge, Paul Bumbak, Stuart Bunt, Peter Burke, Samantha Burke, Joan Burke, Peter Burke, Charles Burleigh, Helen Burleigh, Amanda Burt, Tony Buti, Helen Buttfeld, Ildy Button, Brian Byrne, Maria Calabro, Anna Cannon, Alison Carlin, John Carrigg, Derek Carruthers, Ken Carruthers, Anne Carter, Craig Carter, Terrence Casey, Michaelia Cash, Annette Castley, Rachel Catterson, Sonia Cattley, Diane Cavanagh, Robert Cavanagh, Alexander Cazalet, Tara Celenza, Lee Chai, Betty Chan, Karyn Chan, Chee Seng Chan, Margrete Chaney, Kok-Foo Chang, Madeline Chappell, Ric Charlesworth, Kevin Chee, Lily Chen, Christina Chen, Victor Cheung, Ming Yao Chew, Terence Chia, Siew Chiang, Lucy Chiari, Graeme Chinnery, Robin Chinnery, Jimmy Chong, Patti Chong, Caroline Christie, Virginia Christie, John Christmass, Davina Chung, Erica Churchill, Nicoletta Ciffolilli, Gavin Clark, Alan Clarke, Lynette Clayton, Danny Cloghan, Harold Clough, Greg Cockram, Philip Codde, Samuel Cohen-Cooke, Danielle Colalillo, Helena Coleman, Karen Colli, John Collingridge, Nathan Collins, Simone Collins, Margaret Collins, Sue Colyer, Belinda Coniglio, Paul Connell, Colin Cook, Danica Cook, Gregory Cook, Roderick Cooper, Steve Coppens, Vida Corbett, Fleur Cornelius, Sarah Coulton, Ellen Cowcill, Margot Cox, Richard Crago, John Crawford, Neil Creagh, Robin Creyke, Liz Criddle, Cristian Crisan, Daniela Crisan, Kieran Cromb, Phillip Croot, Malcolm Crosbie, Mark Cuomo, Norma Curnow, Claire Dafforn-Smith, Bruce Darby, Glenice Davey, Laura Davey, Matthew Davey, Dean Davidson, Patricia Davies, Richard Davies, John Davis, Melissa Davis-Cotgreave, Steve Davison, Christine Davy, Haydn Daw, Simon Dawkins, Reginald Dawson, Lee de Byl, Celeste de Villiers, John Deacon, Alma Della, Nigel Denny, Brian Devine, Natasha Dewani, Dean Diepeveen, Mike Dilworth, Amelia Dixon-Pugh, Christine Donis, Geoffrey Donnes, John Doogue, Edmund Doogue, Graham Dowland, Elizabeth Dowson, Philip Drake-Brockman, John Driscoll, Elle Drummond, Judith

Drummond, Alexia Drygan, Cleo Drygan, Paul Duncan, Barbara Dundas, Lachlan Dunjey, Tom Durkin, Katherine Dwyer, Timothy Dymond, Katrise Eager, Rod Eagleton, Linda Earl, Peter Eastlake, Gregory Ebsworthy, Cyrus Edibam, Bronwyn Edmunds, Tony Ednie-Brown, Cyril Edwards, Johanne Eldridge, Petra Elias, Sue Ellery, Michael Elphick, Robert Elstone, Laura Emery, Terri Emslie, Ryan Evans, Vivien Eyre, Trenwyn Fahey, Corrado Fantuz, Camile Farah, Adele Farina, Karen Farley, Shannon Farmer, Peter Farr, Richard Farrar, Julie Feary, John Feenan, Klaus Felsche, Ben Feng, Janie Feng, Gus Ferguson, Catherine Fetherston, Ross Field, Gavin Fielding, Cletus Fimmel, Carlo Fini, Annette Finn, Ann Firth, Michael Firth, Topsy Fischer, Chris Fisher, Ashleigh Fisher, Margaret Floyd, Rachel Foong, Jonathan Foster, Robin Foulds, Christopher Fowers, Janine Freeman, James Gall, Tony Galvin, Brent Gardner, Carrie Gardner, Michael Garlepp, Brian Gaull, Hannes Gebauer, Caitlin Geiles, Luke Geiles, John Genovese, Sean Geoghegan, Elizabeth Gerner, Nick Gerrard, Khanh Giang, Lynton Giles, Peter Gilet, Anita Gillespie, Maureen Glancy, Donald Glassford, Graham Glover, John Godfrey, Mayford Godfrey, Tiffany Goh, Barbara Good, Richard Goyder, Lloyd Graham, Dieter Grant-Frost, Stephen Graves, Raymond Gray, Helen Green, Michael Green, David Greenhill, Thomas Greenwell, Alison Gregg, James Gregg, Pamela Gregor, Kip Grieve, Tony Grincer, Claire Grose, Warren Grubb, Peter Gunning, Anne Gunson, Jim Gunson, Angela Guthrie, Leon Ha, Syd Hall, Fatuma Hamid, John Hammond, Tim Hammond, Samuel Hancock, Alec Hand, Helen Hankey, Pauline Hansen, Damon Hansen-Knarhoi, Teresa Hardman, Joan Harlow, James Harper, Daisy Harries, Maria Harries, John Harriott, Arthur Harris, Max Harris, Reinhold Hart, Dennis Haskell, Sally Anne Hasluck, Mubashar Hassan, Scott Hawkins, Kerry Hawley, Ken Hay, James Hayes, Charity Haynes, Winifred Hazebrook, Pauline Heaton, Milanna Heberle, Eric Heenan, Terry Heenan, Ray Heffer, Marion Hercock, Ricardo Herrera Ayala, Bill Heseltine, Keith Hester, Patrick Hew, Ricki Hewitt, Ian Hewson, John Heydon, Barbara Hill, Murray Hill, Marcus Hitch, Ngoc Luan Ho Trieu, Peter Hoad, Trang Hoang Nguyen, John Hobday, Nick Hodges, Edward Hodgson, Kim Hoff, Gary Hoffman, Donald Hogben, Joyce Hogben, Jennifer Hole, Benjamin Holland, Reza Honarmand, Margaret Hooton, Elizabeth Hopkins, Peter Hopwood, Jill House, Tony House, Bette Howell, Ben Huang, Mengyuan Huang, Robert Hughes, John Hulbert, Margaret Hutchinson, David Huynh, Zoe Hyde, Peter Hyman, Jock Irvine, Bill Isted, Laurie James, Ian Janes, Steven Janicke, Douglas Janney, Peter Jarman, Stephen Jarrett, Laksiri Jayasuriya, John Jeffreys, Jeanette Jensen, Don Johnson, Doris Johnson, Lindsay Johnson, Sue Johnson, Charles Johnston, Malcolm Johnston, Patricia Jones, Kath Jordan, Jacqui Joseph-Bowen, Cheyne Jowett, Patrick Joyce, Patricia Kailis, Janice Kalinowski, Jordan Kalinowski, Aadhya Kalli, Anthony Kane, Garry Kane, Jansje Karajas, Bill Kean, Anne Keith-Fraser, Bob Kelliher, Dave Kelly, Richard Kelly, Rob Kelly, Phillip Kemp, Irene Kempa, Warren Kerr, George Kingsley, Nin Kirkham, Dain Kirwan, Johnson Kitto, Josip Knezevic, Julia Kovesi, Vijay Kumar, Tilak Kuruppuarachchi, Jennifer La, Eric Lam, Reginald Lance, Christopher Lancucki, Louis Landau, Rona Landquist, Bruce Langford, Tom Langley, Jesse Lansdown, Ross Lantzke, Jenny Lerner, Paul Latham, Ian Laurance, Bernie Laurence, Roger Lavell, Kathryn Lawry, Sheila Lea, Brian Leach, Giann Luke Leandri, Isabella Leandri, Trevor Leaver, Jia Ling Lee, Kay Lee, John Lee, Marilla Lee, Ken Lee, Marc Lehmann, John Leishman, Christian Lemnell, Cornelius Lenahan, Barrie Lepley, Kenneth Leung, Ian Lewis, Steve Lieblich, John Liew, Kenny Lim, Very Lim, Janusz Lipnicki, Rowena Long, Virginia Longley, Linda Low, Catharine Low, Nicola Lucano, Jong Xin Ly, Marilyn Ma, Catherine MacDonald, Miku Michelle MacDonald, Amos Machlin, Jill Mack, Gary Mack, Alannah MacTiernan, Richard MacWilliam, Christal Mai, John Malone, Rachael Mani, Margaret Mardon, Claire Maree, Clive Mariano, Jude Marinoni, Bill Marmion, Wayne Marron,

Peter Marshall, Glenda Martinick, Dheeraj Mascarenhas, Anne Masters, Josephine Masters, Suzanne Mather, Julie Matheson, Pam Mathews, Joyce Matson, Brent Matthews, Gene Matthews, Lydia Maurice, Roger May, Suzanne May, Trevor Mazzucchelli, Ian McCall, Terence McCall, Carolyn McCleery, Thomas McCleery, Gordon McColl, Ian McCulloch, Moira McDermont, Bianca McGoldrick, Macca McGoldrick, John McGrath, Michael McGuire, Paul McGurgan, Kathleen McGurk, Douglas McInnes, Frances McKinnon, Michael McLean, Gaye McMath, Ian McNaughton, Shirley McWhirter, Bob McWilliam, Jenna Mead, Tim Mead, Rebecca Meakin, Rebecca Meegan-Lowe, Kathryn Menzel, Con Michael, David Michael, Rosalie Mickan, Bruce Middleton, Tony Middleton, Felicity Millar, Geoffrey Miller, Virginia Miller, Robert Milliner, Nikolaos Millios, Brad Mills, Robyne Millward, Andrew Milne, Josephine Mincham, Mark Minissale, Michael Mischin, Andrew Moffat, Khwaja Mohiuddin, Richard Mollett, Malcolm Monley, Richard Moore, Robert Moore, Felicity Morel-EdnieBrown, Patricia Morgan, Patricia Morison, Penny Moyes, Patricia Mulcahy, Bruce Mullan, Joe Murphy, Peter Naumoff, Ainalem Nega, Chris Neretlis, Mal Newman, Alan Ng, Frederick Ng, James Ng, Kah Wai Ng, Kenneth Ng, Aik Chern Ng, Kim Guan Ng, My-Hanh Nguyen, Shiah Nguyen, Thuyen Nguyen, John Nicholas, Xianwa Niu, Patricia Nixon, Pauline Norman, Pat Nottle, Garry Nutt, Tony Nutt, Christine O'Brien, Catherine O'Connor, Peta-Michelle Odgers, Christopher Olde, Chow-Loo Ong, Daniel Ong, Jin Kar Ong, Wilson Ong, Peter Onley, Amanda Ormerod, Lizzy O'Shea, Tony Osman, Sean Ow, Garry Palmer, Sally Pamberger, Swathi Pandalaneni, Carl Pantos-Conquilla, Dina Papas, Hae Jin Park, Alan Parker, Jodie Parker, Serena Parker, Wayne Parker, Merle Parkes, Jim Parry, Trevor Parry, Brian Partridge, Arthur Pate, Mary-Anne Paton, Leigh Patterson, Taliah Payne, Alistair Peacock, Chris Peacock, Ian Peacock, Jane Peacock, Trevor Pearse, Brian Pegrum, Maurie Pegrum, Kelli Peirce, Raymond Pelham Thorman, Steven Pereira, Nicholas Peres, Zeke Pervan, Peter Phillips, Stephen Phillips, Haydn Pickersgill, Pamela Pihu, Bernadette Pilkington, Margaret Pinchback, Michael Pintabona, Terry Pitsikas, Geoff Playford, Bill Plozza, Joshua Plummer, Julian Polain, Michael Poli, Andrew Pomeroy, Barbara Poniewierski, Raymond Pontague, Diane Porter, Gray Porter, Deidre Powell, Frederick Powell, Cameron Power, Yvonne Power, Frank Pownall, Christina Pranata, Daryl Pranata, Jennifer Prentice, Neville Pringle, Janet Pritchard, Belinda Provis, Don Punch, Barrie Purser, John Puzey, Margaret Puzey, Leslie Pyke, Daphne Pyke, Aylene Quartermaine, Dan Quirante, Bryan Radden, Noele Radford, Arvin Raj, Donald Ramsden, Peter Randell, Lee Ranford, Nishita Rao, Emma Redden, Terry Redman, Thomas Rees, Lauren Reid, Robin Reid, Nathanael Rensen, John Ricciardo, Janette Richards, Ronald Richards, Grace Richardson, Ann Rigg, Gianni Ripani, David Robb, David Roberts, Michelle Roberts, Bruce Robins, David Robinson, Della Robinson, Helen Rogan, Linda Rogers, Sam Rogers, Kirsten Romany, Anthony Ross, Gwyneth Rothols, Robin Routley, Graeme Roy, Jiayan Ruan, Gesa Ruge, Tony Ruse, Jeffrey Russell, Carol Ryan, David Ryan, Barry Saker, Robin Salter, Jenevieve Samuel, Barry Sanders, Melvyn Sargent, Lida Sayademi, Jane Scanlon, Eugene Schlusser, Rob Schmidt, Travis Schwertfeger, Andrea Giovina Sciubba, John Scott, Tony Scott, Jackie Scurlock, Amanda Seabrook, Leah Segal, Robyn Sermon, William Shaw, Richard Shemesian, Bijan Shirinzadeh, Marie Therese Sicouri, Sharif Siddique, Stuart Silbert, Catherine Simcock, Karl Simich, Tajinder Singh, Mary Skidmore, Brian Smith, Matthew Smith, Nola Smith, Patricia Smith, Peter Smith, Philip Smith, Raymond Smith, Rodney Smith, Warwick Smith, David Snowdon, Alberta So, Coralie Solomon, Scott Somerville, Ewe Koon Soon, Li Yuan Soon, Paul Sor, Louise Sparrow, Caroline Spencer, Cornelia Staats, Asha Stabback, Beryl Stacey, Conway Stacey, Gerrit Stafford, Rodney Steed, Ilarion Stepatschuk, Judith Stephens, Sandra Stevenson, Jon Stewart, Tom Stewart, Jan Stewart,

Trevor Still, Paul Stobie, Christine Storer, Graham Storer, Peter Strickland, Jan Stuart, Denise Sullivan, Penny Sutherland, Murray Swain, Matthew Swinbourn, Patricia Syme, David Synnott, Monika Szalai, Stella Tagbo, Simon Taheri, Sally Talbot, Hui Lin Tan, Evan Taplin, James Taylor, Roger Taylor, Michael Teare-Williams, Barbara Temperton, John Templeman, Ken Teoh, Diana Teplyj, Liz Terracini, Lucienne Tessens, Ian Tester, Heather Thanos, Anita Theruviparambil, Adrian Thomas, Allan Thomas, Andrew Thomas, Sally Thomas, Chris Thompson, Michael Thompson, Ray Thompson, Siew-Lee Thoo, Neville Threlfall, Timothy Threlfall, Justin Ti, Teng Chye Ti, Daina Timermanis, Jacqueline Timmins, Nicola Tincey, Catherine Tiong, Josephine To, Bernard Tobin, Ian Toleman, Mary Townsend, Malcolm Treadgold, Florence Treharne, Christine Tropiano, Daniel Tschorn, Charles Tucak, Ian Tucker, Teesh Tuckett, Jonathon Tuckey, David Tunley, Gyula Turchanyi, Alister Turner, Leisa Turner, David Turpin, Deidre Twaddle, Brenden van Fleet, Sharyn Vary, Helen Vaughan, Richard Vaughan, Grady Venville, John Vidovich, Adnan Visram, Aalia Visram, Marco Vittiglia, Eva Vlahov, Margaret von Perger, Jacinta Vu, Petar Vujovic, Elizabeth Waller, Andrew Walter, Kenneth Walters, Yajun Wang, Claylia Ward, Lionel Ward, Kirrilee Warr, Robin Warren, Ken Watson, Meryl Watts, Cara Webling, John Welborn, Jason Wells, Frank Welten, Yee Sang Welten, Patricia Weston, John Wheeler, Jodi White, Kevin White, Robert White, Debbie Whiting, Suzanne Wicks, Gareth Widger, Helen Wildy, Phyl Wilkin, Janet Williams, Luke Williams, Jim Williams, Anthea Williamson, John Williamson, Brian Willis, Rachel Willis, Rod Willox, Albert Wilson, Anthony Wilson, Ida Wilson, Roslyn Wilson, Jenefer Wiltschut, Caroline Winwood, George Wittorff, Josephine Wittorff, Tommy Wong, William Wong, Eric Wood, Edit Wood, Matt Woodall, Jenni Woodroffe, Felicity Woods, Pat Woolley, Brenda Wright, Robert Wright, Ben Wyatt, Ray Wyatt, Madeline Wyre, Zihao Xu, Mary Ann Yeats, Fong Tieng Fiona Yee, Jaime Yong, Michael Yoo, Maureen Young, Don Young, Leith Young, Elizabeth Yuncken, Rizwan Zeb, and Xihong Zhang

Ms Juanita Perez, Convocation Officer as Secretary

1. WELCOME

In opening the Spring Ordinary Meeting for 2017, the Warden of Convocation, Dr Doug McGhie, welcomed the following guests:

- Chancellor Dr Michael Chaney AO CitWA
- Former Chancellor and Governor, Dr Ken Michael AC CitWA
- Former Chancellor, Clinical Professor Alex Cohen AO
- Vice-Chancellor, Professor Dawn Freshwater
- Guild President, Mr Nevin Jayawardena
- Deputy Warden of Convocation, Dr Joan Pope OAM
- Guest speaker, Mr Tom Murrell
- Professor Kent Anderson (the Deputy Vice-Chancellor Community and Engagement)
- Members of the UWA Senate and the Council of Convocation, and
- all the life-long members of Convocation, including their guest and friends

The Warden then declared the meeting open at 6.33pm.

2. APOLOGIES

The Warden noted apologies from the Immediate Past Warden, Adjunct Warren Kerr AM and over 800 other members of Convocation.

3. MINUTES OF THE AUTUMN ORDINARY MEETING 2017

A copy of the minutes of the Autumn Ordinary Meeting 2017 held on Friday, the 17th March 2017 appeared at **Attachment A** of the Spring Ordinary Meeting 2017 booklet.

As there were no amendments required to the minutes. The motion to accept the minutes of the Autumn Ordinary Meeting 2017 held on Friday, the 17th March 2017 was proposed by Dr Joan Pope OAM and seconded by Dr Brett Davies. The motion was carried.

4. BUSINESS ARISING

The Warden reported that in keeping with previous feedback that the opportunity to view the Agenda papers prior the meeting is valued by our members the Council has continued that process and the agenda papers have been available online through a link that was provided in the email reminder sent out in the last week.

Q&A

Following the last Ordinary Meeting, the Convocation Council also received many positive comments regarding the Q&A session at the end of the meeting. Consequently, another Q&A session was included in the agenda of the meeting.

Statute Amendments

At the last Ordinary meeting, Warden Warren Kerr confirmed that the Act has passed with the immediate implications to Convocation now known in terms of representation on the UWA Senate. However, many of the items that govern Convocation's operations are found in the statutes. Warden Dr Doug McGhie confirmed that the Convocation Council has been invited by the University to consider and contribute to the amendments of interest to Convocation. This is expected to progress over the coming year and is of great interest to the Council's Governance Committee chaired by Dr Susan King.

5. CORRESPONDENCE

The Warden reported that Convocation receives regular correspondence, and the emails and letters received since the last Ordinary Meeting have covered a very broad field. The Warden has responded to these emails and letters individually, and will also provide an overview of the important topics in his report for this meeting.

6. VICE-CHANCELLOR'S REPORT

The Warden next invited Vice-Chancellor, Professor Dawn Freshwater, to present her report. A copy of the text of the Vice-Chancellor's report appeared at **Attachment B** of the Spring Ordinary Meeting 2017 Booklet.

The Vice-Chancellor took her report as read and began with some updated information since her written report.

Professor Freshwater reported that 2017 has been a year that the University focused on three key objectives: education, culture and reputation. In her report, she focused on the education strategy and those four key projects that are identified in the report really address a whole range of initiatives that fit within those three key priorities but particularly around education.

The University has undertaken a staff survey recently, and from that staff survey, the university executives are now beginning to understand the implications of those results for the development of the work that they will be doing over the next year or two with staff in order to really understand how the University can continue to build on existing strengths and to build the strengths into the future that are required for the University's 2030 vision.

Since the report the Vice-Chancellor reported that the University has moved up 14 places in the Times Higher Education world rankings, from 125 to 111. The University has also been advised this week that the University has done very well in the 2017 Australian Awards for University Teaching. The University had citations for outstanding contributions to student learning. The awards for these recipients will be presented in Perth next week. And this week the University also celebrated the election of four Fellows of the Academy of Social Sciences in Australia. These came from the Faculty of Law, School of Social Sciences, the Business School and the School of Education. The Vice-Chancellor gave thanks to all those people involved working behind the scenes that lead to these successes.

There has been a lot of activity over recent weeks focusing on the issue of the higher education reforms and in particular the legislations that have been debated in Federal Parliament this week. UWA as part of the GO8 have been actively lobbying against the legislative changes on the basis that they will place further financial constraints on universities, further burdens on students and create policy uncertainty for the sector. The Vice-Chancellor was pleased to say that she believes the efforts are having an impact and starting to give us some success. The bill is currently in the Senate and she is watching with interest on its progress in the coming week although it will not be back on the table until the middle of October.

At a state level, the state government budget was handed down last week. The Vice-Chancellor attended and hosted a table at that budget briefing. The presentation from the Premier and Treasurer was of interest to the University because whilst the budget includes a range of measures of interest to other sectors it is particularly pertinent to recognise that the Premier is bringing international education to the fore along with the work that is taking place in the schools and the regional strategy, and so she is watching closely the commitment to international education noted during the state government's campaign as a strong area for growth and focusing on the school engagement strategy.

The Vice-Chancellor reported that she is overwhelmed by the response and the level of interest in the Be Inspired campaign. In the University's search for 50 new academics, to date the University has had over 440 people expressing an interest in working at UWA. The University has yet to advertise a single role in that campaign. The Vice-Chancellor noted that those expressions of interest came from 46 different countries from all over the globe and

are across a wide selection of faculties, disciplines and fields of expertise. With some of the changes that are taking place in higher education the University is also very keen to appoint joint appointments working with industry and bringing in people with different expertise to support the future education of our students.

Professor Freshwater has made the commitment to start next year in earnest revising and developing the new strategic plan culminating in a 2030 vision. That work is underway and begins with the first roundtables with visiting Vice-Chancellors from all over the world from the top 50 universities, and two from the top 10 universities. They will be visiting the campus to support UWA in its endeavours to achieve that ambition. Those roundtables will take place at the end of this 2017 and early next year. The Vice-Chancellor expressed that she is really pleased to note that the growing relationship with Convocation through Convocation Council means that the University Executives will be engaging with Convocation in building that strategy for the future.

Professor Freshwater added that a lot of that work around the strategy of the future will also focus on the campus and the new campus master plan. She said that there have been some really interesting developments of late. She then mentioned the work that was taking place at the moment in Forrest Hall, and said that it will be a wonderful place for our scholars to be housed.

She has also approved the development of the new School of Indigenous Studies and this is going to be an outstanding building, it has the Noongar palette of colours, it's going to house some art and a small coffee shop but more importantly it will be a place where we can really celebrate our traditions and cultures.

The Engineering Zone (E-zone) is progressing, and work has taken place already in phase 1, and will be moving into phase 2. All very exciting to see that development taking place on the campus.

The Vice-Chancellor advised that regarding development of Underwood Avenue, the University's current understanding which is that a response to the extension of the timeframe of the state environmental approval is with the Environmental Protection Authority. The University has been advised that a decision is due in coming months. The University will carefully assess its response from the EPA - to the EPA before making any decisions on the future of that project and as always we remain committed to close and constructive community engagement and consultation.

Professor Freshwater felt that it is really important to mention in terms of progress by way of completion, is to note that the work that the University is currently engaged in, is building a stronger relationship with Convocation through Convocation Council. Professor Freshwater reported that she has been able to go to Convocation Council's meeting recently as have the Chancellor and the Chief Advancement Officer of the Office of Development and Alumni Relations. She said that she and the University are working in a very committed way to develop that existing relationship and advance the way in which we might all work together to create the sustainable future for this wonderful university.

As the Vice-Chancellor was not able to stay for the Q and A session, she was happy to take a few questions at the end of her speech.

Questions and Answers are recorded verbatim

Question 1: Murray Rosenberg

Can you please explain the factors which led to the successful completion of the EB negotiations at UWA?

Response from Vice-Chancellor

Thank you, I really appreciate that comment and question. We started the process of enterprise bargaining about nine months ago and it is a testament to the hard work of bringing to the table on a regular basis some of the difficult challenges that we face in the sector on both sides from both the union and management and really being committed to working those through in the best interests not only of the staff but for the students in the future. And what's happened of course through that process is we've had to reach compromise and it's been that willingness to compromise, notwithstanding of course both sides have a line in the sand around which they're willing to compromise. It's that willingness to compromise that brought our enterprise bargaining to a conclusion at a – in a reasonable timeframe.

So I'm very happy that we've got to where we've got to. We had a very good turnout in terms of the voting, I have to say that this has been really collegiate working on behalf of the union and on behalf of management and staff. And I think one of the other contributing factors is that we've attempted to communicate with staff both in terms of what we've been doing internally through the management and where - the direction that we're heading in and having the support of the unions to do that I think has meant that the staff have been brought along with those discussions and negotiations.

Question 2: Mark Zhang

I'm paying \$35,000 per year to this university and as an international student but people who are like me doing mechanical engineering often have to live in Australia because you couldn't find work because employers don't often want to hire international students. So I understand that the University has an incentive to attract more international students from China because this is an important source of income for the University so does the University have a plan to improve this situation and help the international students to thrive after their university life?

Response from Vice-Chancellor

Thank you and that's a really multifaceted question. So let me just start by commenting on the drive to recruit more international students and I'd like to broaden that out and talk about the range of international students that we're looking to recruit to the University. Yes, of course, we have very good relationships with China and we have strong research partnerships with China but it is much broader than seeking to recruit additional Chinese students so I just wanted to make that comment. And that's particularly around our internationalisation strategy because as you saw from the report around the Be Inspired we're also looking to recruit international academics so this is about creating a truly international experience for all students on our campus to benefit from.

Your particular question around work and this isn't just about making sure that we provide opportunities for work-integrated learning through the program which is key to the success for you in terms of your career and your future in your employment opportunities so that's one of the things we're doing, and providing internships, it's also about our relationships with industry and our relationships with key stakeholders. And I had a meeting earlier this week actually with two of our captains of industry talking exactly about this particular issue and have the ear of the Premier and the Minister for Education in this regard because it's in the best interests of the state and us all to really make this work.

Of course for individual students, you're one of them, and for the University, but the University's situated in the state and in the nation and this has to be really addressed as a national issue which is why I have made numerous delegations to our state government and to the federal government around visa-related matters so that's part of it but making sure that we have appropriate pathways through internships, through work-integrated learning and then opportunities for you to be in practice early before you graduate. So we can do what we're doing to support you and I think it's important and incumbent on us to also do what we can to make sure that that message is clearly understood at the state and the federal levels.

Question 3: Mark Anastasis

Hi, my name's Mark Anastasis. I just – wondering what the University's policy is on commercialising its research and what has been the success of its commercialisation in the past 10 years and income derived from that to build a more sustainable University setting where it has income from other sources?

Response from Vice-Chancellor

Great question, thank you. So you're probably aware of course that this question is in the context of what's coming out of the federal government in terms of the impact and translation agenda, in other words ensuring that funding that goes into research and development translates and goes through the cycle in terms of end-user outcome and impacting society, improving lives, impacting and helping industries to solve real world problems. And so this is in that context, we are encouraged more to think about commercialisation and innovation. This University does have a history of some commercialisation of its research, it doesn't have large numbers of spinout companies but it's one of the things that we're currently looking at and in fact talking at the moment around providing opportunities for our staff and students to have spin-in opportunities in order to really then look at the best opportunities for spinning out in the University and with industry.

We are doing a fair bit in the medical space so some in the biomed tech. That could be developed further and that's likely to happen through our state-wide collaboration through the WA Health Translation Network. That's one of the key outcomes that we're looking for and driving that hub of medical research through that joint network.

We're also working at the moment in the state on two other areas where I expect there's going to be further commercialisation opportunities for all the universities but in particular for us and that one of them will be in the defence space and the other one will be in big data, the Square Kilometre Array in Radio Astronomy.

The Warden thanked the Vice-Chancellor for her report and noted that the Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Community and Engagement) Professor Kent Anderson would take questions on behalf of the Vice-Chancellor during the Q&A session later in the meeting.

7. GUILD PRESIDENT'S REPORT

The Warden invited the Guild President, Mr Nevin Jayawardena, to present his report to Convocation. Mr Jayawardena spoke to his report, a copy of which was provided at **Attachment C** of the Spring Ordinary Meeting 2017 agenda booklet. The same report was also illustrated through PowerPoint presentation slides at the meeting.

Mr Jayawardena commenced by saying that the Student Guild has done a lot this year and also that it has been a very busy year for himself. He stated that it has been a very rewarding experience for him as Guild President. At this very moment, they are in the midst of Guild elections.

There are five core functions of the Guild:

- Student representation
- Opportunities to get involved
- Food and drink on campus
- Support services
- Information and advice

All of this is funded by 50% through SAF and the remainder through the Guild's commercial operations.

The Guild President has had three areas of focus this year:

Building Relationships

The Guild President has been working to create a better culture between University Executive administration as well as students. Students are not just consumers of education but are also partners in developing and delivering education and the broader student experience.

The Guild has also been networking with the state government to ensure that there are supports for the student experience and that they are always looking to ensure that any decisions made within that particular body positively affects students at UWA.

The Guild Alumni Network was established to connect all previous people involved in the Guild and get them to come back to learn about what the Student Guild is doing, and to also in the future, help the Guild in ensuring that they are introducing new initiatives and projects, and not making the same mistakes that may have been made in the past.

Operational Excellence

The Guild has introduced a strategic plan that will ensure consistency and continuity of initiatives between the councils to show to their stakeholders and to show to the Guild Council that this is where they want to be in three years.

Student Representation

Ensuring that student representatives understand their role on University committees.

The Guild has established structures and mechanisms in place to ensure student representatives are as effective as possible and that they are able to assist the University in ensuring that they are improving the student experience.

The Guild President then reported on a number of key achievements:

- 2017 year to date, they have held 778 events. In 2016, they held 813. The Guild is on track to hold about 1,200 events over this year. In an international survey, the UWA Student Guild was recognised as being the top institution in Australia for social activities.
- In 2017, there has been 1,200 cases from Student Assist. Student Assist is a service that delivers academic welfare and financial support for students. This indicates that more students are now more aware of the service and are seeking formal help.
- This year the Guild has raised \$55,000 for Prosh
- There are now 172 clubs – affiliated clubs and societies in comparison to 142 in 2016
- Engagement with the students has increased to 15,000 opens of their newsletters each week.
- They have recorded 19,000 volunteering hours and 2,000 student leaders.

The Guild President believes that its clubs and societies provide students with an opportunity not only to engage with other students to build important support networks - to just network in general, is also a way for personal development and skill development.

He added that for quite some time a lot of these skills were not formally recognised. The Guild is looking to have these skills gained through involvement in a club and society through the Guild formally recognised on student academic transcript, and ensuring that UWA graduates are placed on a higher level in comparison to other graduates.

Mr Jayawardena reflected that by being involved in clubs and societies, a lot of these opportunities have put him in a place where he feels a lot more ready to take on a job within the workforce. This is something that is very unique to WA, which is something that students should capitalise on. The Guild is encouraging more students to get involved so that they are able to become more employable once they get into their final year and start to find core jobs.

This is reflective in the significant increase in volunteering engagements through the Guild. Each month the level of engagement with students seeking volunteering opportunities has increased quite dramatically.

The Guild President then reported on some challenges.

Student Wellbeing

The issues surrounding student wellbeing are on the rise. The figures around a recent survey that was conducted by the National Union of Students that recognised – 67% rated their mental health as fair or poor and that 65% of respondents reported high or very high psychological distress.

The Guild, in partnership with the University, is working quite hard to ensure that they have reactive measures to support students who are going through difficult times. They are also being proactive in making it easier to study at University, to get engaged in extracurricular activities, and that they have the necessary and adequate support networks around them. The Guild has 2,000 student leaders that are helping to achieve positive outcomes for students that have issues around student wellbeing.

Cuts to Higher Education

With the Federal cuts to higher education, there is a general feeling that students nowadays are required to pay more, to pay back sooner, and they are getting less for their degree. There are barriers and challenges in that space. The Guild is again working with the University for their efforts around lobbying the Federal government in making sure that UWA's unique degree structure is protected and that the University continue to have a degree structure that again places UWA graduates on top of others.

As this will be the Mr Jayawardena's last report as Guild President. He gave thanks to Warden, Dr Doug McGhie, and the Convocation Council in their support over everything that the Guild has been doing over this year. He then said that he cares a lot about this University. Being involved in the different clubs and societies, being involved in the Guild has definitely helped him to understand how important universities are for a student. Getting involved in all of these different things has been a life-changing experience for him.

UWA has been a life-defining experience for him and it is really important that the Guild, that Convocation, that the University are all working together to ensure that students have the best possible experience over their time at UWA so that they graduate, they look upon this experience fondly and that they maybe get involved in Convocation, whether it be in the Council or coming back to these meetings to ensure that they are doing the same for the UWA students.

8. WARDEN'S REPORT

The Warden, Dr Doug McGhie, spoke to his report. A copy of the Warden's Report appeared at **Attachment D** of the Spring Ordinary Meeting agenda booklet.

Rather than go through his report in detail, the Warden just briefly highlighted a number of important developments that Convocation Council has addressed since the last Ordinary Meeting.

Chancellor and Vice Chancellor

Since the last Ordinary Meeting, Convocation Council has played an important and high profile role in the installation of Professor Dawn Freshwater as the new Vice-Chancellor. Professor Freshwater has attended a Convocation Council meeting. The Council has established regular communication with the Vice-Chancellor, and is finding this extremely positive for Convocation.

The Chancellor Dr Michael Chaney AO CitWA, has also attended a Council meeting and met with the Warden.

Both of these Council meetings have proven to be important recognition of Convocation and its voluntary work with the University and the relationship with the University is very positive and encouraging.

The Council thanks Dr Chaney for his work with, and support of Convocation throughout his term and extends their very best wishes for his future after twelve years as Chancellor. Council has one further opportunity to farewell the Chancellor at a later Senate Dinner.

The new Chancellor will be the Honourable Robert French AC CitWA who offered sage advice to Convocation in his Guest Speaker role at the Autumn Ordinary Meeting. The Council looks forward to working with him.

Amendments to the UWA Act

The next phase of this legislative reform process will be undertaken over the next this year when the Statutes affected by the changes to the UWA Act, will be reviewed and amended. Convocation Council has been invited to contribute and will ensure that the rights and responsibilities of the members of Convocation and its relationship to the University are maintained and enhanced through this process.

Convocation Communication

All members of Convocation are life-time members of the University community, and of UWA. Maintaining communication with graduates and the other members of Convocation is viewed as vitally important in keeping everyone informed of the challenges facing the University and the actions being taken to address these challenges.

The Council has promoted that Convocation must be viewed as far more than the occasional meeting of about 300 of its mainly more senior and experienced members. There is a role for Convocation with the newest graduates as there is for those who graduated many years ago.

To this end the Council has reinvigorated its recently inactive LinkedIn site to create an important vehicle for communicating with and celebrating the achievements of Convocation members.

UWA Convocation's LinkedIn will build on the powerful network of colleagues and friends to demonstrate the global contribution of the University's graduates. Please join the Convocation of UWA Graduates group at www.linkedin.com/groups/78667.

The Council has also reinvigorated the discussions and partnership with the operational sides of the University and Guild who are critical to support our function and operation, as they work with and support the University.

A further expression of that is the invitation tonight to Mr Tom Murrell, UWA graduate, member of Convocation and past President of the UWA Graduate Management Association, to examine Convocation's Challenge – Communicating and Connecting. To that we will later add Celebrating, the success and achievements of our graduates, the members of Convocation.

The Council has included an invitation to a bespoke event for Convocation members called 'Convocation Conversation - Why Wine?' At this event, graduates with high impact on the WA Wine Industry will come together to discuss their progress beyond UWA and into the wine industry. Council thanks the Student Guild for helping to stage this event. This Event is an example of Celebrating the success and achievements of our graduates who are members of Convocation.

Graduation Ceremonies

Convocation plays an important role in the University's graduation ceremonies and is a part of the review of graduations that appreciate the new degree structure has generated many more ceremonies than in the past, imposing time and other pressures on the many involved. Equally Convocation values the opportunity at the graduation ceremonies to welcome its new members and present a positive and supportive face to the new graduates. Changes and improvements are being examined, Convocation is a part of those considerations and will express its views strongly.

Honours for Members

Convocation's Honours Committee plays an important role is assisting and promoting the recognition and celebration of achievement by UWA's graduates. An impressive list of recipients of Australian Honours was printed in the booklet of this meeting.

Convocation is also prominent in promoting graduates for UWA Honours such as the Convocation Medal, Chancellor's Medal and Honorary Degrees.

The Warden encouraged Convocation members to put forward anyone who they felt would be a worthy nominee. Nominations could be forwarded to Convocation through the Warden, Warren Kerr as Committee Chair, or Juanita Perez as Convocation Officer.

Volunteering and the Student Guild

In a developing partnership Convocation has decided to recognise and support Student Volunteering, presenting an award for the top student volunteer. This was presented to Hannah Morgaine, whose very impressive volunteering details were found in the Warden's report.

Masonic Hall Innovation Apace — contribution by Convocation

Some nine months ago a request was made to Council to consider supporting the development of a Graduate Innovation Space in the redeveloped Masonic Hall on the corner

of Broadway and Stirling Highway. Many aspects of the costs and benefits of such a contribution were considered by Council over an eight month period. At a special meeting conferred to consider the final decision, Council agreed to contribute \$100,000 in the first year of the development, with an allowance to be returned to Convocation to account for the lost return on the investment in 2017. The consideration was detailed and the vote to support was very positive. That the contribution to the new initiative limits Convocation's future investment income is appreciated. Convocation has revisited its capacity to raise funds by various mechanisms and the opportunity is now reopened, where it has been constrained in recent years.

Some of Convocation's contributions to the University, in gifts and building initiatives were featured in the booklet of this meeting.

The Warden then invited the Chancellor Dr Michael Chaney to come to the stage and receive the presentation cheque that marked Convocation's support for the Masonic Hall Innovation Hub in 2017.

The Chancellor thanked the Warden and the Council of Convocation. He said that it was a very significant donation by Convocation. The development of the Masonic Hall will beautify the north-west corner of the campus which has been pretty derelict over the years, and even more so, the innovation hub that is going to be developed there will provide an opportunity for Convocation members, other alumni and students to network and develop ideas. The Chancellor further said that Convocation, in the past, has been involved in providing funds to restore buildings like the Irwin Street buildings, and he sees this as a continuation of that, a very valuable significant contribution by your Convocation. He thanked all once again.

Convocation Council

The Warden drew the attention of the audience to the section of the meeting booklet which included all the names and faces of the Convocation Councillors so that they might better know them; their representative and volunteer Councillors.

9. CONVOCATION OFFICER'S REPORT

The Convocation Officer's report appeared as **Attachment E** of the Spring Ordinary Meeting 2017 booklet. This report contains a list of graduates whose whereabouts have become unknown since the last Ordinary Meeting. Those attending the meeting were asked to review the list and to notify the Convocation Officer, Ms Juanita Perez, if the contacts details of any graduates listed in this report were known to them.

10. AUDIT REPORT

The independent Audit Report appeared as **Attachment F** of the Spring Ordinary Meeting 2017 booklet. The Audit Report has been considered and endorsed by Convocation Council on behalf of the members of Convocation. The audit report is without any qualifications and demonstrates that Convocation is in a healthy financial state and able to pay their debts when they fall due.

On behalf of the members of Convocation, the Warden commended the work of the Honorary Treasurer, Dr Brett Davies and the Convocation Officer Juanita Perez for their contribution to this excellent outcome.

11. OTHER BUSINESS

Presentation of Convocation Medals

Peter Malcolm Green

The Convocation Medal is periodically awarded by the Convocation Council to individuals who have distinguished themselves by their service to UWA.

The Warden, Dr Doug McGhie presented the Convocation Medal to Mr Peter Green who has committed his service to the University Cricket Club, because of his longevity as a player and also his commitment and contribution to the club, both behind the scenes and in the spotlight since 1975.

Hannah Morgaine

The Warden also presented the Convocation Medal for the best student volunteer through Guild Volunteering. This year, the medallist is Hannah Morgaine, whose citation was included in the Warden's report.

50th Reunion

The Warden reminded all that the annual 50 Year Anniversary Reunion luncheon this year for the graduates 1967, will be held in the Old Ref in Hackett Hall on Saturday 21st October. All graduates of 1967 and those who were at UWA at this time were all invited to attend.

The annual 50th Reunion is an initiative by Convocation.

Keynote Speaker

The Warden then introduced the guest speaker for the evening, Mr Tom Murrell, an international business speaker and the Managing Director of 8M Media & Communications, who delivered his address on, '*Convocation's Challenge – Communicating and Connecting.*'

12. Q & A SESSION

The Warden opened the Q&A session by inviting all those who wished to ask questions to wait for the microphone (as the session was being recorded), to stand and state their name for attribution in the minutes, and to keep their questions brief and to the point so that in the time available as many members of Convocation as possible could have the opportunity to ask questions.

Question 1:

Mr Ray Tauss: "Convocation raises and disperses funds. Constitutionally can Convocation hold patent or copyright and invest as a partner in marketing UWA innovations? 'Cause I can't wait for the Convocation innovation of the year."

Response:

Dr Doug McGhie: “Constitutionally, no, I don’t know that we can hold a patent. I certainly think that we can be involved in all such things and our involvement in the innovation hub is an example of where we can be involved in innovation with graduates, with students, with staff and so on. Would we be a partner in the value of the innovation? It’s something we’d have to take on notice, Ray, and check out for you.”

Question 2:

Dorothy Collin: “I would like to ask a question about the University’s investment policy. The Senate as far, as I understand available information, approved an investment policy in 2015 which was due for review last month. Within the 2015 policy there is a reference – one reference to sustainable investing. There is – the policy has incorporated a separate University policy on tobacco. There is no other reference to investment in accordance with sustainable principles and the phrasing is that it is left to the investment managers to invest as relevant. Would it be time to be more specific?”

Response:

Chancellor: “ Well the – as the questioner said the policy is being reviewed and it hasn’t yet come to Senate for final approval and so I’m reluctant to talk about that in detail but the policy has been in the past that it’s in the interests of the University to ensure that returns are adequate on our investments but that we should invest in a sustainable way and perhaps the best thing, Doug, would be when the latest iteration’s finalised we provide some detail of that in the annual report.”

Question 3:

Ric Stern: “Ric Stern, this is a question for Tom. Tom, I’ve been on LinkedIn probably since it’s – began and I have one of the latest technology phones – I used to say it was the latest but now it’s probably antiquated because of the Samsung Galaxy S8 and the iPhone competition. It’s a Samsung Galaxy S7 Edge and for the life of me I – and nobody has been able to figure this out at Vodafone – when I try to congratulate somebody who has just had a recent appointment on LinkedIn or celebrating an anniversary of some description it will not allow me to do that on my phone. It brings me to a link that says upgrade your membership and I cannot get rid of it. And I don’t want to join LinkedIn as a full member and pay, I don’t want to be a paying member, I just want to congratulate someone as they have done me – I can receive these messages but I cannot send them. Can you comment on this because...”

Response:

Tom Murrell: “My answer to that is you definitely need to be on LinkedIn on your phone and I would firstly maybe Google the problem and if you can’t find a solution on that maybe look at a YouTube video, that might explain how you overcome that, and thirdly go into a shop and see someone belly to belly and get someone to take you through.”

Question 4:

Michael Andrews: “On the subject of digital transformation and so on, as we know that digital transformation is disrupted, that is going to cause a lot of work to diminish and people have to start looking for it. And the question to the panel and also to the Convocation is that as a university and also as a group of graduates here what is our outlook and what plans we have. I do know that we have a central transformation of work centre so what are we doing and how much is the - Convocation is involved?”

Response:

Doug McGhie: “Look, I might take first answer to that as Convocation and Convocation Council. Certainly in terms of the way we operate under statutes we’ve been limited in terms of our communication means and frequency of communication. And that’s pretty well where we’ve found ourselves and knowing that we have to do something to improve it. The only way we can do it is in collaboration with the University and the University’s systems and we’re working very strongly at the moment to go towards that so to be able to link with the younger membership and you know any graph of our membership versus age would show that the bigger rump is in the younger end and we need to be there – the University needs us to be there because if you take the example of the wine function where we because of our network are able to pull together someone like John Gladstone who really caused the wine industry to move to the southwest and great southern 40 years ago – nearly 50 years ago and he is known to us, I rang him the other day and he was delighted to be asked and to come along.

So the network is powerful at both ends and it’s that that we have to do but we can’t forget Nevin’s mates either, they’re out there, they’re young, I’m sure that Hannah knows far, far better than I do – how to use her phone in various ways, I feel somewhat like a dinosaur there. But I know that we have to get there and hence the request to Tom to speak tonight so in collaboration with the University working with the systems that are there, appreciating the value of us and them we can get there and we can make a real difference.”

Kent Anderson: “Thank you and thank you for the question. Indeed I think everyone acknowledges that the workplace is transforming and we know the statistics, we know that the job of the future, there’ll be many transitions, people will have many jobs and we’re not quite sure what the job of the future is. The University acknowledges that and is working with it on a number of levels. One of the most obvious is the new Vice Chancellor has set up a partnership with Harvard Business School to deliver online modules through the Harvard Business School to prepare people for the skills to allow the flexibility that’s needed. That’s one example but there’s multiple examples of it.

But one of the things that concerns me personally about this is we’ve spent a lot of time talking to young people who are coming in as undergraduates but also coming in as postgraduate and there’s a high level of anxiety about what they need to do. And so hopefully you’ve noticed some of our messaging is about how we can give you flexible skills and a broad base so that you can be adaptive and so that you can be a lifelong learner and so those are the kinds of things that I think all of us need to be doing to prepare for the digitally transformed environment we’re moving into.”

Nevin Jayawardena: “So the transformation around the role of universities within the next five or 10 years is definitely a difficult one to tackle. Myself for example, I’ve spent six years

on campus both studying and also getting involved and I think my main worry is that students will see less of a need to come onto campus and equally there is also that need to provide a digitally flexible system so that students have - an array of different commitments, are able to say study at home and go to work and all of those sort of things. But at the same time if students don't come onto campus then they aren't able to get engaged with the many opportunities that we offer outside of class and a lot of my experience has been shaped outside class like getting involved in clubs and societies and the Guild as I mentioned before.

So part of our job as the Student Guild is also trying to find a reason to get students involved through the various different opportunities, whether it be volunteering, a club or whatever and that may not necessarily mean they have to be on campus 24/7, it might just be giving them a reason to come onto campus to I don't know, volunteer or to even go out into the community directly and volunteer in some sort of organisation. So there is that aspect that we are trying to consider to shape that whole student experience but it comes to online learning, it's definitely something that I support because it does take a lot less – it takes a bit of faith when it comes to learning and managing the vast array of commitments that students are facing nowadays. It's just a matter of finding that solution to find that nice balance of providing students with an array of digital learning options but also keeping them engaged in that face-to-face interaction that is important for networking, support networks and also personal and skill development.”

Michael Chaney: “Perhaps, Doug, I could add a few comments. I think this is a huge challenge for universities. Paul Johnson has made the comment when he was Vice Chancellor that he doesn't think - he thinks that half the universities that exist in Australia today won't exist in 20 years' time. Now whether that's true or not I think it illustrates the concern people have about universities, how they conduct themselves, how attractive they are to students. You can go online and do a unit of physics at MIT and get some sort of a certificate and I don't think it's a huge leap to imagine a situation where you can get a degree at a famous international university taught by Nobel prize winners and so on. The fact is that university life today is not the way it was when many of us went to university 30 or 40 years ago.

When I came here I came usually from 8 'til 6pm except on a Wednesday afternoon and I worked during the summer holidays to earn some pocket money to last me for next year. Well many – almost – well most I think students now have a job during the week and so they come to campus occasionally, they work at their job, they do lectures online, they come down for tutes which have quite a few more students than they used to have 30 or 40 years ago. And the challenge is to make university life sufficiently attractive that they do continue to come here and they see an advantage of getting a UWA degree versus something online. You know at the moment it's not a huge threat but I fear it's a bit like a boiling a frog you know if you don't continually improve what you're doing and tackle the challenge you'll find there's a bit of a rush in the direction you don't want.

The Vice Chancellor mentioned earlier the focus here on teaching and in recruiting 50 new academics and making sure that we have performance appraisal across the board here, we lift our teaching game so that we're a great research university and a great teaching university and that I think's one thing we need to do if we're going to attract students.”

Question 5:

Emma Denby de Braganza: "Video killed the radio star, internet killed video star, will graphite kill internet star? What will it look like and should Convocation go straight for graphite?"

Response:

Tom Murrell: "So, Emma, you've got a tongue in cheek question about whether the funds of Convocation should be put into walkabout resources in our graphite project, is that right? Look, I'm into thematics and the thematic is that fossil fuels will be phased out and we'll move towards a renewable energy economy. I'm sure there's some road bumps in the way like in South Australia but just look at Britain phasing out motor vehicles by 2040 with electric vehicles. If you look at the giga factories of batteries manufacturing starting up all around the world there's going to be enormous demand for industrial minerals that go into batteries and those industrial minerals are graphite. Eighty-five per cent of lithium ion battery is graphite, cobalt and also obviously lithium plus copper and some nickel.

So we're seeing a big demand in that but people don't understand graphite is a very common element, you've got coal, graphite and diamonds all being carbon and their hardness depends on how much they were metamorphosed. So there's lots of graphite around but all graphite's not equal and it's due to the flake size so the larger the flake size the more valuable it is. And you can always make a large flake smaller but you can't make a smaller flake larger. And we believe the larger flakes will find niche industrial applications in one area in particular, as a fire retardant. For those of you that saw the Four Corners program about that flammable cladding on buildings, that's horrific.

Now if you add graphite to that cladding material it then becomes a fire retardant because what happens is the flakes under heat expand and they pop like popcorn and so therefore it's a fantastic fire retardant so that's one application we see for our large flake graphite. Plus when the flakes pop like popcorn you can then roll it out and create a graphite foil much like aluminium foil and we believe that aluminium foil which is in demand will be very much a new material that'll be wanted in things like phones and TVs. We're not talking about graphene which is like a one atom thick graphite molecule, we're talking about a high-value large-flake graphite which will be into niche products. And I liken this to the revolution in graphite marketing that happened in the wheat industry 20 years ago. Twenty years ago wheat was marketed as a bulk export commodity and then we saw wheat being marketed for its specific characteristics, in particular protein and we saw the emergence of specialised markets like the Japanese Udon noodle market where the grains were grown for a particular specification. We'll see that same transformation in the graphite marketing space where industrial consumers will buy specific flake-size graphite for very specific uses in high-tech products."

Question 6:

Murray Rosenberg: "This question is no criticism of the excellent presentations that we've had tonight but it relates to the use of PowerPoint and I was reading that old-fashioned medium, the newspaper, in the weekend. Marcus Bradley had a quote and he said this about PowerPoint – this is really to Tom and I'm really wanting your comments on this quote, whether you agree or disagree with it, what you think of the use of PowerPoint. And quoting from Marcus, he said PowerPoint has sucked the art of entertainment out of the presentation

business by empowering the most unimaginative, reclusive, bland but credentialed introvert to present well". What do you think of the use of PowerPoint or misuse of PowerPoint as a presentation medium these days?"

Response:

Tom Murrell: "So Murray's question is about death by PowerPoint and how PowerPoint has ruined the art of presentations and look, I couldn't agree more. In fact in reflecting on my own presentation tonight I probably put too much PowerPoint in and therefore had to rush through it and what I find is presenters use PowerPoint as a crutch, as speech notes and they don't edit it down. So the key thing is to edit your content down so that it fits and the other key takeaway is to think of PowerPoint as a television screen so that if you put a lot of text on the screen, that's like going back to the 1970s and teletext when that was on our TV screens. And so what I'm finding is that with younger audiences - younger audiences, they want great visuals, they want highly designed visuals and no text. And this is really important when you're speaking internationally, when you're speaking to audiences where English is not their first language, you have to take out a lot of content, you have to customise your content and you need visuals that a picture is going to be more powerful than five bullet points. So in answer to your question, Murray, if you'd like more answers of course I've got a whole book that explains that in more detail."

Conclusion

The Warden of Convocation thanked all of his colleagues on Convocation Council for the support they have given to him in his first six months. He said that together the Council accepts the many challenges and great times presented to them as they represent the members of Convocation.

He reminded all that elections for the Council will soon approach with various positions becoming vacant and encouraged those that wish to be involved to please nominate for a position and support their Convocation.

The Warden thanked the Convocation Officer Juanita Perez for her wonderful assistance and hard work. He also thanked her for all her advice and guidance over the past six months, and for coordinating all the arrangements for this Ordinary Meeting.

The Warden also thanked the University's Activations team for their assistance in organising this meeting.

The Warden acknowledged Mr Manny Tamayo of Manny Tamayo Photography for delivering his impeccable services. Mr Tamayo is a UWA MBA graduate and provides all the photography for Convocation events at "mates' rates" as his contribution to Convocation.

There being no further business, the Warden declared the Spring Ordinary Meeting of Convocation for 2017 closed at 8.35 pm.