Convocation
Second Ordinary Meeting 2016
Friday 16 September 2016
6pm for 6.30pm commencement
Banquet Hall
The University Club of Western Australia
Second Ordinary Meeting of Convocation 2016

Professor Dawn Freshwater
Senior Deputy Vice-Chancellor
UWA Renewal Project Update

Prior to moving to Western Australia in 2014, Professor Freshwater served as the Pro Vice-Chancellor for Staff and Organisational Effectiveness, Professor of Mental Health and Head of the School of Healthcare at the University of Leeds.

Professor Freshwater has championed the successful Award of Athena SWAN – an accreditation program for enhancing gender equity for STEMM; funded a study to examine the impact of globalisation on leadership and developed a manifesto for Inclusive Leadership jointly with the British Council. Dawn has served numerous committees including the NHMRC Women in Health Sciences Committee and the UK Research Excellence Framework.

Having a track record of leading large scale organisation change and renewal across higher education, Dawn has developed a creative approach to inclusivity and to understanding how large organisations use social systems as defence mechanisms as a proxy for managing uncertainty and anxiety.

In late 2015, following the launch of the Vice-Chancellor’s paper ‘Securing Success’ and extensive consultation with stakeholders across the University about the future needs of UWA, Professor Freshwater was appointed to lead the UWA Renewal Project.

The Renewal Project has been charged with driving cultural and organisation change based on the identified need for future resources to invest in, building on existing teaching and research performance, and to deliver a strategy for the University that encompasses innovation and impact.

Agenda

1. Minutes of the First Ordinary Meeting held on Friday 1 April 2016
2. Amendments and motion of acceptance of minutes
3. Business arising from the minutes
4. Correspondence
5. Vice-Chancellor’s report
6. Guild President’s report
7. Warden of Convocation’s report
8. Convocation Officer’s report
9. Audit report
10. Other business
11. Keynote Speaker
12. Q & A session

Keynote Speaker

The guest speaker for the evening Professor Dawn Freshwater, Senior Deputy Vice-Chancellor and Registrar, will be speaking on the ‘UWA Renewal Project Update’.

Agenda papers

All the Agenda papers will be available at the Ordinary Meeting. Copies are available in advance from the Convocation website, or on request to the Office of Convocation, by:

Email: convocation@uwa.edu.au
Phone: +61 8 6488 4214
Web: convocation.uwa.edu.au/events/meetings

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What is a Convocation?
The general definition of Convocation is a “gathering together for a large formal assembly.” At UWA, it refers to those members of the university community who are entitled to have input into aspects of the governance of the university such as voting for members of the governing body, attending general meetings or being consulted regarding major decisions.

Because the Convocation (principally comprising graduates of UWA) is an integral part of the University, UWA differs from many other universities where graduates have no formal role in the university.

What are the roles of Convocation?
In the UWA Act and Statutes, Convocation has been assigned the following five key roles:

Representative role
• To represent the interests and opinions of members through effective communication and to present such views to the University and the community of Western Australia;

Governance role
• To encourage members of Convocation to participate in the governance of the University through the election of Convocation members to the Senate and the review of amendments to University statutes;

Contribution role
• To encourage members to support and contribute to the intellectual and cultural prosperity of the University community;

Engagement role
• To promote professional and social links between members of Convocation by creating and supporting opportunities for graduate interaction; and

Promotion role
• To promote the ideals and purpose of the University and Convocation to graduates and undergraduates, other members of the University and the community of Western Australia.