



Annual Council Meeting 2022 – Minutes

Wednesday 16 November 2022, 1pm; Southern Cross University, Coolangatta

Attendees:	See Table 1 below
Apologies:	See Table 1 below
Item	Description
1	Welcome and president's report: Trina Myers
2	Treasurer's report: Will Billingsley The audited financial report for 2021 was presented and accepted. Carried nem con An unchanged subscription rate of \$3850 was proposed for 2023 membership: Carried nem con A budget was proposed for the 2023 financial year. Discussion focused on what bank balance was appropriate for ACDICT; the consensus was that a balance of 1½-2 years' income was appropriate, and that if necessary ACDICT should seek to spend more in order to attain that balance. The budget was then accepted by the meeting. Carried nem con
3	Proposed Resolutions 1. Revision of ACDICT constitution Members had been sent a set of proposed revisions to the constitution. The principal change was to replace the 13 objectives with a more compact set of four objectives that had been approved at the 2021 ACM. At the same time, a number of smaller updates were proposed, such as acknowledging the abbreviation ACDICT, recognising the terminology of the ACM, and removing the requirement for ACDICT to operate a cheque account. There was some discussion of further possible changes to the objectives, but these changes could not be incorporated at this point as the constitution requires all proposed amendments to be circulated to members prior to the meeting. The proposed amendments were approved nem con.



	<p>2. EO appointment and pay rate</p> <p>The constitution requires that the appointment, pay rate, term of office, and statement of duties of the executive officer be approved by council on the recommendation of the president.</p> <p>Concern was expressed that there was no limitation on the hours to be worked by the EO, and the president's recommendation was amended with the qualification that the hours worked were to be agreed by the executive.</p> <p>The president's recommendation was then ratified nem con.</p>
4	<p>Elections</p> <p>At the close of nominations for positions on the executive, the number of nominations was the same as the number of positions, so no election was required and the nominees were elected unopposed. The executive is now:</p> <p>President: Simeon Simoff, Western Sydney University Deputy president: Stewart Von Itzstein, University of South Australia Immediate past president: Trina Myers, Queensland University of Technology Ordinary members:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- William Billingsley (The University of New England)- Raina Mason (Southern Cross University)- Anna Shillabeer (University of Tasmania) <p>Executive will elect one of the ordinary members as treasurer at its next meeting.</p>
5	<p>Updates from member and guest institutions</p> <p>Members had been sent a summary of the updates that were presented at the 2021 ACM.</p> <p>The representatives of member and guest universities were invited to take up to three minutes to inform the meeting of developments and points of interest at their universities. No specific theme was proposed for the updates; the matters most often mentioned were upper-level staff changes at the universities, staffing levels and student numbers, and changes in degree offerings.</p>
7	<p>Open question/discussion session</p> <p>Theme: what are the benefits of ACDICT membership?</p>



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The executive has been considering the value proposition of ACDICT, a matter that is of particular interest because a number of universities withdrew their membership in 2022.

Ann Nicholson of Monash University presented an overview of peak bodies overall and within computing, the latter including ACDICT, CORE, ACPHIS, and the newly formed Go8 Heads of Computing. She suggested that the sector might be better served by a single umbrella organisation to advocate more effectively to government and industry, and that ACDICT (and CORE) might perhaps work more closely with other academic and industry bodies.

Stewart Von Itzstein conducted an interactive session; a summary of the responses will be provided when processing is complete.

Meeting closed 5.30pm

Minute taker:	Simon, ACDICT executive officer
Signed:	
Name:	Simeon Simoff, ACDICT President
Date:	



Table 1: Member universities and meeting attendees

Member university	Representative
Central Queensland University	Marilyn Wells
Charles Darwin University	Bharani Shanmugam
Charles Sturt University	Irfan Altas
Curtin University of Technology	Andrew Rohl
Federation University of Australia	
Flinders University	Greg Falzon
James Cook University	Dianna Hardy
La Trobe University	Prakash Veraraghavan
Macquarie University	Amin Beheshti
Monash University	Ann Nicholson
Murdoch University	<i>David Parry – apologies</i>
Queensland University of Technology	Trina Myers (ACDICT president)
RMIT University	<i>Karin Verspoor – apologies</i>
Southern Cross University	Carolyn Seton
Swinburne University of Technology	
The University of Adelaide	
The University of New England	Will Billingsley (ACDICT treasurer)
The University of Newcastle	
The University of Queensland	Richard Thomas
The University of Western Australia	<i>Mark Reynolds – apologies</i>
University of Canberra	
University of South Australia	Stewart Von Itzstein (ACDICT executive member)
University of Southern Queensland	
University of Tasmania	Anna Shillabeer (ACDICT co-opted executive member)
University of Technology Sydney	Rene Leveaux
University of Wollongong	Casey Chow
Victoria University	<i>Farzad Khosrowshai – apologies</i>
Western Sydney University	Simeon Simoff (ACDICT deputy president)
Guest university	Representative
Deakin University	Andrew Cain
Edith Cowan University	Paul Haskell-Dowland
Griffith University	Geraldine Torrisi