
Agency number:	1
Agency title:	Council
Start date:	1949
End date:	
Creation:	Technical Education & New South Wales University of Technology Act, 1949 (Act No. 11, 1949)
Abolition:	
Administrative history note:	<p>The New South Wales University of Technology Council was established under the Technical Education & New South Wales University of Technology Act, 1949, which came into effect on 1st July, 1949 (Act No. 11, 1949). The Council was based on the Developmental Council and seventeen members of this developing body became members of the final Council. Six others made up the rest of the inaugural Council membership, bringing the initial number to twenty-three, although under the Act the Council could hold a maximum of thirty (Act No. 11, 1949, 19(2)). Council members were appointed by the Governor (Act No. 11, 1949, 19(2)) and included individuals from Parliament, industry and commerce, trade unions, the University of Sydney, professionals and technical education (Act No. 11, 1949, 19(2)). The Act (No. 11, 1949, 25) also stated that the Council:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">a) may provide courses in applied science, engineering, technology, commerce, industrial organisation and such other related courses as it deems fit and may, after examination, confer the several degrees of Bachelor, Master and Doctor, and such other degrees and such certificates in the nature of degrees or otherwise as it thinks fit;b) may from time to time appoint deans, professors, lecturers and other officers and employees of the University;c) shall have the entire control and management of the affairs, concerns and property of the University; andd) may act in all matters concerning the University in such manner as appears to it best calculated to promote the objects and interests of the University. <p>As well, the Act affirmed that the titles of the principal officers of Council were President, Vice-President and Director.</p> <p>The inaugural meeting of Council took place on 6th July, 1949, with Wallace</p>

a Newcastle University College Advisory Committee on 8th March, 1954 (resolution 391(i)). As well, an Applied Arts Sub-Committee of the Buildings & Equipment Committee was formed on 11th May, 1953 (resolution 316vii).

A special Council meeting on 29th March, 1954 passed resolution 405(i) on the "Appointed Day", which was approved by the Governor and proclaimed on 1st July, 1954. Under clause 33 of the 1949 Act, after the "Appointed Day" the Council was invested with powers previously held by the Public Service Board and given its autonomy. As a result, resolution 405(i) also established two new Committees - the Academic Committee and the Appeals Committee, as well as two Sub-Committees of the Executive Committee - Finance and Personnel.

Major alterations occurred to Council in 1955, with the passing of the Technical Education & New South Wales University of Technology (Amendment) Act (No. 8, 1955). The names of the President, Vice-President and Director were changed to the Chancellor, Deputy Chancellor and Vice-Chancellor respectively (Act No. 8, 1955, 3(1)). The number and constitution of the Council membership was also varied. The maximum number of members rose from thirty to thirty-nine with the addition of the Chairman of the Professorial Board, two representatives of agricultural, pastoral and rural interests, and an increase in the number of graduate members to a possible seven (Act No. 8, 1955, 4(1)).

The name of the New South Wales University of Technology was altered to the University of New South Wales in 1958 under the University of New South Wales Act, 1958 (No. 24, 1958). Consequently the original objectives of Council were altered slightly to allow the approval of non-technological courses and research (Act No. 24, 1958, 2(d)).

In 1961 more changes occurred to Council under the University of New South Wales Act, 1961 (No. 49, 1961). Membership numbers of Council increased from thirty-nine to forty, by adding one more member of the professions to Council (Act No. 49, 1961, 2(b)i-ii).

Variations to the Council's various Committees also took place. On 12th March, 1962 the Newcastle University College Council was formed in place of the Newcastle University College Advisory Committee (resolution 62/45). The Newcastle University College Council eventually ceased to exist when the University of Newcastle was given its autonomy on 1st January, 1965 and obtained its own independent Council. Similarly, on 11th September, 1961 the Wollongong University College Advisory Committee was established (resolution 61/135), later being replaced by the Wollongong University College Council on 20th January, 1969 (resolution 69/28i), with autonomy occurring on 1st January, 1975. The last meeting of the Council's Library Committee was held on 27th April, 1962, as it was felt that since the Professorial Board also maintained a Committee that supervised the Library in a similar fashion the Council Committee was no longer needed. Then at the 8th July, 1963 meeting of Council a Student Affairs Committee was formed (resolution 63/134).

In 1968, the University of New South Wales Act, 1968 (Act No. 37, 1968) was passed. This Act repealed the previous two University Acts and much of the 1949 and 1955 Acts, especially those parts relating to Council. Most of the new Act remained similar to the old, but along with its earlier four terms of reference, Council was given the extra proviso that it "may invest any funds belonging to or vested in the University in such securities as may be prescribed by the by-laws"

and d) nominated members" and only the nominated members were now appointed by the Governor (8(6)). Council numbers also rose to forty-one, as the Act allowed for another member to be nominated from the professions (Act No. 37, 1968, 6a).

Only two years later the makeup of Council was altered again, under the University of New South Wales (Amendment) Act, 1970 (Act No. 75, 1970). The number of Council members was increased to forty-three. This occurred through an addition of two more faculties who could elect members (5d) and two more student members (5A), as well as the reduction of those members from the professions (6a) and those nominated by the Minister (6e).

The Council's Committees also underwent variations. The Applied Arts Sub-Committee held its last meeting on the 29th June, 1970. It was then re-titled and reformed into the Fine Arts Sub-Committee at the 12th May, 1975 Council meeting (resolution 75/81).

The membership of Council was next altered under the University of New South Wales (Amendment) Act, 1978 (Act No. 170, 1978). Council numbers rose to forty-four with the introduction of a member representing the non-academic staff of the University (Act No. 170, 1978, 5e). Under this Act the members classified as "nominated" became "appointed" members (section 8(2)d), whilst the official charged with accepting these members was changed from the Governor to the Minister (section 6). The 1978 Act as well defined more distinctly the type of fees and charges that could be formulated by the Council for the University (section 20).

New Committees also continued to be formed. On 13th July, 1981 an Honorary Degrees Committee was established (resolution 81/109). Then on 13th September, 1982, a University Union Liaison Committee was created, as a Sub-Committee of the Student Affairs Committee (resolution 82/120).

In 1984 and 1985 two University of New South Wales (Amendment) Acts (Act No. 15, 1984 & Act No. 81, 1985) provided for other changes take place in Council. The 1984 Act regulated the type of investments that Council was permitted to undertake for the University (section 14A-E). The 1985 Act greatly modified the makeup of Council. Under this Act the Council was reduced to twenty-nine, with there now being only six graduate.1(y)(gw Act)a20).tyt.3en u19 Tc648 .c4.1s th

- d) may borrow money for the purpose of exercising any of its functions, for the renewal of loans or for the discharge or partial discharge of any indebtedness to the Treasurer or to any bank, within such limits, to such extent and on such conditions as to security or otherwise as the Governor, on the recommendation of the Treasurer, may approve;
- e) may invest any funds belonging to or vested in the University;
- f) may establish or participate in such trusts, companies or other incorporated bodies as it considers appropriate to promote the objects and interests of the University;
- g) may engage in the commercial developm

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