

**MELBOURNE UNIVERSITY SPORT ADVISORY BOARD**  
**MEETING 2/2023 – 3 August 2023**

The minutes of meeting 2/2023 of the Melbourne University Sport (MU Sport) Advisory Board held on 3 August at 6pm in Social Space A, Nona Lee Sports Centre.

**PRESENT:**

Mr Ian Marshman (Chair)  
Professor Pip Nicholson  
Ms Stephanie Spence  
Ms Kitty Chiller  
Ms Meezaan Dickinson  
Mr Matt Roseby  
Mr Tim Lee (Director)

**APOLOGIES:**

Ms Lara McKay  
Ms Joanna Weston  
Ms Rosemary Bissett

**IN ATTENDANCE:**

Professor Jamie Evans  
Mr Ken Barton  
Ms Jo Massoud (Secretary)  
Ms Toni Sutherland (Minute taker)  
Ms Julie Caundle  
Ms Liz Tregoning

**1. WELCOME, APOLOGIES AND INTRODUCTION**

**1.1 Welcome**

The Chair welcomed all present and commenced with an Acknowledgment of Country. The Chair introduced the new Board members Ms Kitty Chiller and Ms Stephanie Spence and also thanked Professor Evans for attending to present on item 2.1.

**1.2 Apologies**

Apologies were noted.

**1.3 Tennis Club Presentation**

The Chair noted that the tennis club were a late withdrawal from the board meeting.

#### **1.4 Minutes from the previous meeting**

The minutes are normally approved by circular resolution prior to the meeting but the recent change over with the Board secretary and executive support positions did not allow sufficient time to complete the task between meetings.

The minutes were accepted as a true and accurate record.

#### **1.5 Business Arising/Action Item Updates**

##### **1.5.1 Sport Capital Infrastructure Plan**

Included under agenda item 2.2.

##### **1.5.2 2022 Annual Review Report**

*Distribute the Annual Report to Senior University Management.*

Relevant information from the Annual Report will be presented to the Campus Experience Committee which reports up into the various senior management forums.

## **2. MATTERS FOR DISCUSSION**

### **2.1 Advancing Students and Education Strategy**

The Chair introduced Professor Evans, Pro Vice-Chancellor (Education).

Professor Evans provided the context for the development of the Advancing Students and Education Strategy (ASES) by presenting the Quality Indicators for Learning and Teaching (QILT) results and the ranking for the university. QILT is a national survey conducted across all universities that measures and benchmarks student satisfaction. It was noted that this data does not include sport or physical activity.

The ASES articulates a vision to build, nurture and strengthen a vibrant, diverse and inclusive scholarly community that collectively embodies excellence in education and provides a framework to guide and enhancement the student experience. The implementation plan is a devolved model that assigns the responsibility to academic divisions and departments for implementing the strategy. The reporting on progress rests with the Provost.

The Director presented on the link between on-campus physical activity and increased student satisfaction and the goal for 70% of students to be active on campus by 2031. A discussion followed on how this aligned with the ASES. Prof Nicholson noted the importance of collecting student data and involving students in the process of program design. A new financial/funding mix may be required to ensure an continuing increase in on campus student activity.

Professor Evans noted that QILT is a macro measurement tool of student satisfaction and more robust internal data would be required to measure success. The Student Experience Survey Group should be encouraged to include physical activity in future student university wide surveys. Discussion followed on the benefit of developing opportunities for smaller cohort experiences.

The Chair thanked Professor Evans for the presentation and engaging discussion.

#### **Resolution**

*That Advisory Board noted the Advancing Students and Education Strategy presentation.*

### **2.2 Capital Planning**

Mr Barton presented an update on sport capital planning activities.

The University's Estate Masterplan (EMP) was released recently which included renders of the Sports Precinct and specific references to two sport projects of the 40 identified across

the Parkville campus. The Chair attended the EMP launch and met with Mr Baird and Mr Roberts the report authors.

The University Estate Planning Team subsequently confirmed the inclusion of an upgrade to the external facilities in the Sports Precinct. It was also confirmed that an enabling plan, to sit under the EMP, would be developed to increase opportunities for physical activity. University investment in sport projects is not yet assured, but the bidding process will be aligned to the broader goals of the University in future and less of a competitive process that favoured academic division projects.

The Sport Capital Plan is close to completion but the purpose of the document to demonstrate a case for sport in the EMP has been achieved. The Investment Case will be completed after the inclusion of more current student data as requested by the Master Planning Team. The Chair and Professor Nicholson agreed that the University should be approached to support the collection of the required student data.

It was noted that the EMP report link should have been distributed to the Board prior to the meeting but will now go out in a future Board update.

#### **Resolution**

*The Advisory Board noted the Capital Planning presentation.*

#### **Action**

The link to the EMP to be distributed to the Board Members

### **3. MATTERS FOR NOTING**

#### **3.1 Advisory Board Update**

The Director presented the Advisory Board Update.

The Lacrosse Club celebrated their 140 Anniversary as the oldest continues lacrosse club in Australia and possibly the oldest continuous lacrosse club in the world. Many of the alumni in attendance expressed their deep connection to the club reflecting the long-lasting friendships formed in sporting clubs and Intervarsity. The Chair did a sterling job as MC and keynote speaker on the evening.

The most recent Engagement/Participation graphs, which compare 2019, 2022 and 2023 data, were presented to demonstrate that participation has continued to increase during first semester against last year but is still some way off 2019 figures. Total participation is up by 60,000 visits to June this year with the greatest improvement in the gym, group fitness, pool, and casual play. The goal this year is to increase participation by 10% against last year which we are set to achieve.

The new management system Xplor went live two weeks and is still operating successfully. The new system provides a better customer experience including an online customer portal to ensure most transactions and bookings can be done online. This has been a significant and complex process to transition from the previous system which is a credit to the many staff involved.

Semester two commenced with a successful Sport Clubs Day with all 43 clubs on site to present to the 2,000 students who took part. New activities this semester include a regular Women's only fitness sessions at Lincoln Square and two new recreation common rooms in Market Hall in Student Precinct with a third room in the 1888 building to open later in the year.

There are six students currently representing Australia the World University Games in China and the men's basketball team, featuring Board member Mr Roseby, took out the grand final of the University Basketball League (UBL) against UTS in Sydney. The women's team went deep into the tournament but unfortunately lost the semi-final to eventual winner La Trobe. The four home games attracted close to 3000 spectators with the house full signs up on several occasions. As result of the UBL win Mr Roseby along with fellow team members was invited to participate in a popular reality show in China called 'Dunk of China' involving local Chinese university students and a select number of foreign students.

The Director thanked Ms Massoud and Ms Sutherland, with the support of Ms Caundle, for overseeing their first meeting successfully. It was noted that future meetings will be extended to 2 hours (from 1 ½hrs) at the request of the Chair to allow more time for discussion on strategic items and updates on current significant activities.

**Resolution**

*The Advisory Board noted the Board Update.*

**4. OTHER BUSINESS**

There was no other business.

**5. MEETING FINALISATION**

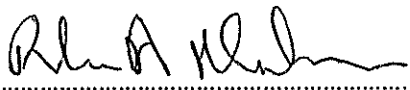
**5.1 Meeting Close**

The meeting closed at 8.05pm

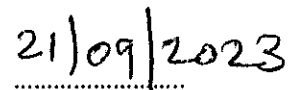
**5.2 Next Meeting**

Next meeting on 21 September at 6pm.

Signed by the Chair as a true and accurate record:



Chair Mr Ian Marshman



Date

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**ACTION SHEET 2/2023 – 3 August**

<b>Minute no.</b>	<b>Item Title</b>	<b>Action</b>	<b>Person/s Responsible</b>
2.2	Capital Planning	The Estates Master Plan to be distributed to the Board	Secretary/Director

