What should Universities be?

22–23 NOVEMBER 2018

Foreword

Students and their academic teachers form the core of every University, but corporatised University businesses run by managers now largely disregard this with detrimental effects on academic life and the ability to undertake high quality research and teaching. At the same time, Australia and other modern countries increasingly need universities run by scholarly criteria, yielding graduates and research outcomes for society.

USAP seeks to clarify what universities should be and to identify the changes required to improve public perception, industry connections, and Government policy that affect Universities.

We hope to develop consensus on recommendations and future plans for all stakeholders, by merging ideas from invited speakers, panel discussions, and audience members. One outcome might be the formation of an Australia-wide association of Professors that Government could consult.

Symposium program

Organized by the
University of Sydney Association of Professors (USAP)

Chaired by Tailoi Chan-Ling and Rebecca Mason

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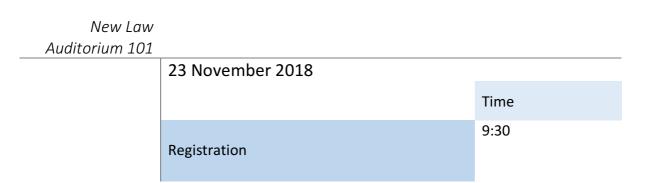
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	Time
	9:30
Registration (Foyer)	
Opening ceremony Provost Stephen Garton The University of Sydney	10:15 – 10:30 Chair: Marian Baird, Pro-Chancellor
Who and what guides a University in 2018? Sir Eric Thomas Mottisfont, UK	10.30 – 11:15 Session Chairs: Sinthia Bosnic-Anticevich, Chris Murphy
The dilemmas (and delights?) of the modern University Marian Baird AO The University of Sydney	11:15 – 11:45

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Australian Universities and the politics of time management Paul Giles The University of Sydney	

Lunch

	1:30 – 2 Session chairs: Kathryn Refshauge, Les Copeland
Global and Local: what should a top international university be? John Hearn, Chairman Australia Africa Universities Network (AAUN) The University of Sydney	

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The Politics of Higher Education John Hewson AM Australian National University	

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Irreproducibility: nothing is more certain Sally Cripps The University of Sydney	

	3 – 3:30
The biggest bang for the buck: How to optimise research productivity Hans Peter Dietz The University of Sydney	

What makes a good University Raewyn Connell The University of Sydney	3:30 to 4
Refreshments (Foyer)	
Space for public interest debate	4:30 – 5 Chairs: John Hearn, Robin Fitzsimons
In collaboration with Sydney Ideas Public debate Moderated by Don Nutbeam On the panel: Adrian Piccoli, Eric Thomas, Raj Logaraj, Sinthia Bosnic-Anticevich	5 – 6:30
Social Get-together in the Foyer *Students are especially invited!*	6:30 – 7:30

Day 2

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How can Universities best prepare students for the future of work? Peter Shergold Western Sydney University	10 – 10:45 Session chairs: Kate Jolliffe, Ivan Kennedy
Aligning institutional incentives with good social outcomes Ross Gittins AM Sydney Morning Herald	10:45 – 11:15
The changing nature of the academic role Pauline Ross The University of Sydney	11:15 - 11:45
Why is the market for degrees different to the market for apples? Asymmetric information and higher education Tony Aspromourgos The University of Sydney	11:45 – 12:15
Lunch	
Diversity and inclusion: Why it is essential for excellence in higher education Renae Ryan	1:30- 2 Session chairs: Iver Cairns, Rebecca Mason

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Images and representations of the University: From Cardinal Newman to Ernst & Young Joseph G. Davis The University of Sydney	2 – 2:30
Universities: a Historical Perspective Max Bennett AO The University of Sydney	2:30 – 3
Panel discussion on outcomes of conference Introduced and chaired by Joseph Sung Hong Kong With Chris Murphy, Fellow of Senate and Tailoi Chan-Ling, Conference Co-Chair and Rapporteur The University of Sydney	3 – 3:45
Australian Conference (Association) of University Professors and close of Conference Manuel B. Graeber The University of Sydney	3:45 – 4 Chair: Chris Murphy

To **register** for the conference please visit

http://www.sydney.edu.au/usap/Conference2018

To **register** for the associated Sydney Ideas event (public debate) please visit

https://sydney.edu.au/news-opinion/sydney-ideas/2018/what-should-universities-be.html

To **follow** the conference

https://twitter.com/universitiesbe

For **discussion** during and after the conference

https://join.slack.com/t/w-shd-universities-be/signup

For **speaker bios and last minute announcements** please refer to

http://sydney.edu.au/usap/Conference2018/

For a list of registrants and any other **queries** please email to usap@sydney.edu.au