

AUSTRALIAN NATIONAL UNIVERSITY.

INTERIM COUNCIL.

Minutes of the first meeting of the Interim Council of the Australian National University held in the Senate Committee Room, Parliament House, Canberra, on Friday 13th September, 1946 at 2 p.m.

ATTENDANCE :

The following members were present :-

Professor Eric Ashby
Professor K.H. Bailey
Dr. H.C. Coombs
Mr. C.S. Daley
Sir Frederic Eggleston
Sir Robert Garran
Mr. H.J. Goodes
Mr. J.D.G. Medley
Professor R.C. Mills
Sir David Rivett
Professor R. Douglas Wright.

Dr. R.B. Madgwick acted as Secretary for the meeting.

MESSAGE FROM HON. J. J. DEDMAN M.P. MINISTER FOR POST-WAR RECONSTRUCTION.

Dr. Coombs expressed Mr. Dedman's regret at not being able to be present to welcome members at their first meeting. In the circumstances the Minister had asked him to welcome the members to Canberra and to assure them of the keen interest the Government felt in the National University. He had also asked that his personal thanks and the thanks of the Government be conveyed to members for agreeing to act on the Interim Council. Finally he had asked Dr. Coombs to suggest that members might proceed immediately to the election of a Chairman.

1. CHAIRMAN: Professor R.C. Mills was the only member nominated and was therefore declared elected unanimously. Professor Mills then took the chair and thanked members for the honour they had conferred on him.

DEPUTY-CHAIRMAN: After discussion it was unanimously agreed that it was desirable to appoint a Deputy-Chairman to act during the absence of the Chairman and, in general, to assist the Chairman in the preparation and conduct of the business of the Interim Council.

Mr. J.D.G. Medley was the only member nominated and was therefore declared elected unanimously.

Mr. Medley thanked members for the confidence they had reposed in him.

2. DRAFT STATUTE GOVERNING MEETINGS OF THE INTERIM COUNCIL:

It was agreed that this item be deferred until a later date in view of the difficulty of deciding the questions involved at such an early stage in the proceedings of the Interim Council.

3. INTERIM ACTIVITIES:

General:

It was agreed that before any detailed discussion was possible or advisable, members should discuss generally any matters and ask any questions they wished to raise.

In the ensuing discussion in which all members participated the matters raised included the name of the University; the power under Section 27 of the Act to grant Honorary Degrees; the position regarding finance in the first five years, i.e. before the endowment commences; the provision made for buildings and other capital charges; the question whether it was mandatory on the Interim Council to establish the Schools mentioned in Section 7 and whether other Schools might be established; whether Section 8 was intended as a direction to the Interim Council to make arrangements for specialist training or whether those could stand over at the discretion of the Interim Council.

In reply to these questions and in the discussion on them the Chairman explained that the Act was quite clear on the responsibility of the Interim Council. The whole government of the University was vested in the Council, and by Section 12 of the Act all the powers of the Council with one or two minor exceptions were vested in the Interim Council. It was clear from the Act and from the speeches in both Houses while the Bill was being debated that neither the Government nor the Opposition had any intention of interfering with the Council which had full power to run the University as it thought fit.

Regarding finance (other than £872,500 for buildings and equipment which had been approved by Cabinet) it was clear that until the endowment started in 1951-52 a budget would need to be prepared annually and approved by the Treasurer, but the control of funds so approved would rest with the Council, subject of course to normal audit procedure.

On this point it was agreed that the University accounts should be audited by the Commonwealth Auditor-General in addition to any internal audit that might be approved by the Council.

On the question of Honorary Degrees Professor Bailey agreed to look into the position again although it seemed clear that the power to grant such degrees was implicit in the Act.

After further discussion the Secretary was instructed to extract from the files for each member a complete set of documents showing the negotiations leading to the establishment of the University and the various decisions taken by the Government. Dr. Coombs agreed to ask the Minister's permission for this to be done.

1. Research Schools:

General discussion took place regarding the nature of the various Research Schools. Sir David Rivett spoke regarding the need for a strong school of Biological Sciences in association with the School of Medical Research, and regarding the desirability of a School or Department of Agricultural Economics.

/Dr. Coombs

Dr. Coombs expressed the view that the content of the four Schools mentioned in the Act might be interpreted very widely to take in the Biological Sciences, Agricultural Economics or any other Schools or Departments deemed necessary. He preferred this to approving new Schools before those mentioned in the Act were in operation. Professor Bailey and the Chairman agreed in general with the approach and pointed out that a School of Social Sciences would be incomplete without a Department of Agricultural Economics.

Professor Wright believed that the only way to establish the School was to get men of sufficient calibre and allow them to decide what the various Schools should do. Professor Ashby agreed with this approach. Dr. Coombs also agreed and pointed out that this was not inconsistent with his statement.

Professor Wright asked what approaches had been made to Sir Howard Florey and suggested that the Interim Council should decide as soon as possible whether a School of Medical Research would be started immediately and the conditions under which it should be started so that firm proposals might be made as soon as possible to Sir Howard Florey.

Dr. Coombs then outlined the negotiations that had taken place with Sir Howard Florey and Professors Oliphant, Massey and Hancock, and read letters from Sir Howard Florey and Professor Oliphant. He hoped that decisions would be taken immediately to allow him to discuss the situation with these gentlemen in England on a firm basis.

The Chairman, Sir David Rivett and Professor Bailey also outlined conversations they had had with the gentlemen mentioned.

In summing up the discussion to this point the Chairman stressed very strongly that no offer of any sort had been made to any of the gentlemen mentioned, but that they were all interested if satisfactory conditions could be laid down.

Following further general discussion it was unanimously resolved that invitations be sent to Sir Howard Florey, Professor Oliphant, and Professor Hancock to visit Australia as soon as possible to advise the Council on matters relating to the nature of the Research Schools and particularly staffing, finance and administration. Dr. Coombs stated that he understood Professor Oliphant would be visiting Australia in October 1946 for the Department of External Affairs and suggested that advantage be taken of this visit for discussions with him. This was agreed and it was suggested that Sir Howard Florey might be invited at the same time.

Professor Wright then suggested that a small Committee be appointed to report to the next meeting on the principles covering the establishment of the School of Medical Research and the Research School of Physical Sciences. It was finally agreed that the matter be left to the Chairman, the Deputy Chairman and the Secretary who would co-ordinate and prepare a report upon suggestions forwarded by members of the Interim Council.

Sir Frederic Eggleston then pressed very strongly for similar investigation and report on the Research Schools of Pacific Studies and Social Sciences. This was discussed and agreed.

ii. Visit to Australia of Professor Oliphant:

This matter having been discussed was not further considered.

iii. Incorporation of Canberra University College:

It was agreed that the question of the incorporation of Canberra University College was one for the Council when appointed and not for the Interim Council. Mr. Medley assured members that the existing affiliation of the College with the University of Melbourne would be renewed until the Council had considered the matter.

Sir Robert Garran asked whether the Interim Council would meet the Council of the Canberra University College to discuss questions of mutual interest. It was agreed that the Interim Council should wait until an approach was made by the College if they wished such discussions.

Sir Robert Garran also mentioned the desirability of some diploma or other recognition being awarded to Diplomatic Cadets who successfully completed the course of instruction at the College. This matter was deferred for further consideration later.

iv. The Library.

General discussion took place regarding library requirements and the relationship of the University to the National Library. Matters discussed included a leicagraph service; and the general question of principle as to whether the aim should be to establish a central University Library, departmental libraries or a combination of both.

It was agreed that matters connected with the establishment of the library including the provision of funds, the ordering and cataloguing of books and periodicals should be proceeded with immediately.

v. Other Interim Activities:

Sir Frederic Eggleston suggested that until the Research Schools were established it might be desirable to arrange for visits to Australia by distinguished overseas scientists.

Dr. Coombs suggested that the scientists might be associated with seminars in Canberra to which select groups of Australian scientists might be invited.

Professor Wright suggested that large meetings of interested scientists, for example in the fields of Pacific Studies, might be sponsored, similar in many ways to the Science Congress but at which courses of lectures might be given and the proceedings published.

It was finally agreed that an approach should be made to Professor Oliphant to see whether he would be prepared while in Australia to lead a seminar at Canberra of six or eight Australian physicists.

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4. APPOINTMENT OF ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF:

Some difference of opinion developed regarding the need for the immediate appointment of a Vice-Chancellor. It was finally agreed however that a Vice-Chancellor should be appointed when one could be found of outstanding ability, but that until such a man was available no appointment would be recommended. It was further agreed that members should give the matter consideration and that Dr. Coombs be authorised to explore the position by discussion with appropriate people in England.

It was agreed that applications be called immediately for the positions of Registrar and Assistant Registrar, the former to be advertised overseas as well as in Australia.

It was agreed further that Dr. R.B. Madgwick be appointed Secretary to the Interim Council for the period ending 31st December 1946. The Chairman, Deputy Chairman and Mr. H.J. Goodes were appointed a Committee to report to the next meeting on the conditions of the appointment.

It was agreed finally that a Committee be appointed consisting of the Chairman, the Deputy Chairman, Mr. H.J. Goodes and the Secretary to report to the next meeting on the administrative staff immediately necessary and on the conditions of their appointments.

The Secretary was instructed to make enquiries and submit a report regarding office accommodation.

He was also empowered to take the necessary steps regarding the ordering of stationery and other essential supplies.

5. FINANCE:

It was agreed that estimates should be prepared for the year ending 30th June 1947 for submission to the Treasurer. Meantime Mr. Goodes assured members that £10,000 in the estimates for 1945-46 for the National University would continue until the Budget was presented.

6. CONSIDERATION OF DRAFT STATUTES:

The Draft Statutes submitted to the meeting were considered merely as statements of principle. Some amendments and suggestions were made and the whole question of Statutes was then deferred pending the appointment of a Statutes Committee.

7. APPOINTMENT OF SUB-COMMITTEES:

After discussion it was left to the Chairman and the Deputy Chairman to report on the Committees required together with their membership and functions.

8. GENERAL:

The Secretary was instructed to take the initial steps regarding the preparation of a Common Seal.

It was agreed that travelling allowance should be paid to members at the rate of £2.2.0 per day with the exception of members of the Commonwealth Public Service whose normal rates would apply.

The meeting was adjourned at 6.20 p.m. until Friday, 27th September, 1946 at 9.30 a.m.

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The meeting adjourned from Friday 13th September 1946, was resumed in the Senate Committee Room, Parliament House, Canberra, on Friday, 27th September 1946 at 9.30 a.m.

ATTENDANCE:

The following members were present :-

The Chairman (Professor R.C. Mills)
 The Deputy Chairman (Mr. J.D.G. Medley)
 Professor Eric Ashby
 Professor K.H. Bailey
 Dr. H.C. Coombs
 Mr. C.S. Daley
 Sir Frederic Eggleston
 Sir Robert Garrahan
 Mr. H.J. Goodes
 Professor R. Douglas Wright.

APOLOGIES:

An apology was received from Sir David Rivett.

The Secretary (Dr. R.B. Madgwick) and Mr. L.F. Crisp were in attendance.

MINUTES:

The minutes of the meeting of 13th September, 1946, having been distributed were taken as read.

The Chairman explained that he did not propose to seek confirmation or amendment of the minutes until after the minutes of the adjourned meeting had been distributed.

BUSINESS ARISING OUT OF THE MINUTES.

The Chairman pointed out that the question of the granting of Honorary Degrees was one which might be referred to the Statutes Committee.

Regarding the preparation of a complete set of documents for each member covering the establishment of the University, the Chairman explained that time had not yet permitted this to be done.

The Chairman informed the meeting that cables had been sent to Sir Howard Florey, Professor Oliphant, and Professor Hancock inviting them to visit Australia to advise on the establishment of the various research schools. No replies had yet been received.

Regarding principles covering the establishment of the Research Schools the Chairman drew attention to the paper prepared by Sir Frederic Eggleston which had been distributed. He pointed out that this matter would be discussed in detail during the course of the meeting.

The cable to Professor Oliphant had included a request that he lead a seminar in Canberra during his visit to Australia.

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The Committees, appointed to inquire into the Administrative Staff, the conditions of appointment of the Secretary and the appointment of Committees of the Interim Council, had met and papers had been distributed to members following their meetings.

There was nothing to report regarding accommodation.

The Chairman suggested that all matters relating to finance might be deferred pending the appointment of a Finance Committee.

CORRESPONDENCE.

A letter was received from Dr. H.C. Coombs nominating Mr. A.S. Brown, Director of Research and Administration, Department of Post-War Reconstruction, to attend meetings of the Interim Council in his place during his absence abroad. This was agreed and Dr. Coombs introduced Mr. Brown to members of the Interim Council.

4. RESEARCH SCHOOLS.

(i) Invitations to Sir Howard Florey, Professor Oliphant. Procedure if accepted. The Secretary pointed out that Professor Oliphant might be in Australia very shortly and asked that the Interim Council consider the procedure to be followed if he arrived before the next meeting. It became clear during discussion that members were not certain regarding Professor Oliphant's arrival or regarding the sponsorship of his visit. After further discussion it was decided that the whole question be left to the Chairman, Deputy Chairman, and Secretary in Australia and that Dr. Coombs should explore the position and resolve any difficulties in England.

It was agreed that the Council would wish to meet Professor Oliphant at least twice to confer with him regarding the organisation and general administration of the University. The Council recognised that it would be necessary to confer with C.S.I.R. and possibly with the Minister or Cabinet on the financial side in view of the fact that the University's finances might not be adequate to cover all the activities of a Research School of Physical Sciences.

Regarding the seminar which it was hoped Professor Oliphant might lead in Canberra, it was agreed after discussion, that a long week-end from Friday to Monday inclusive would be adequate and that the fares and accommodation of the scientists invited should be paid by the University.

It was agreed that the scientists invited should include the Professor of Physics of each of the Australian Universities, Dr. Woolley, the head of the Physics Section of C.S.I.R. and possibly 4 or 6 other physicists. It was further agreed that Professor Oliphant should be consulted regarding the number to be invited. It was left to the Deputy Chairman to discuss confidentially with Professor L.H. Martin of Melbourne the whole question of who might be invited in addition to those already named.

Regarding the proposed visit by Sir Howard Florey it was agreed that if he accepted the invitation similar arrangements for a seminar in Canberra should be approved.

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Regarding Professor Hancock's visit it was agreed that if he was unable to accept immediately, no invitation should be issued to any other overseas scientist so long as Professor Hancock indicated that he might be able to come at a later date.

(ii) General Principles Covering the Establishment of the Research Schools. The Paper submitted by Sir Frederic Eggleston provided the basis for discussion on this point.

Dr. Coombs said that although he had read Sir Frederic's paper he thought that precipitate action might be undesirable and that he would like additional time to consider the proposals. He asked for permission to take copies of the paper to England for discussion with Professor Hancock and possibly other persons in England. He said that he was not keen to have a geographer as head of the School of Pacific Studies.

Sir Frederic Eggleston said that although he wished his paper to be regarded as strictly confidential he had no objection to Dr. Coombs discussing it with Professor Hancock or any other persons in England who might be able to help. He went on to say that he did not favour an anthropologist as head of the School of Pacific Studies but would prefer someone with a broader approach to the problems involved.

Professor Wright pointed out that the particular branch of study in which a man was expert did not matter so much as his capacity to work out a broad approach to the general problem of Australia's position in the Pacific. What should be aimed at was to get someone as head of the School or someone to advise, who was capable in his own field, but interested also in all phases of Pacific Studies. He asked whether one way of getting a number of overseas scientists to advise might not be to invite them to Australia to lecture at the Australian School of Pacific Administration. This might be regarded as a nominal excuse, the real reason being to secure their advice about the general problem.

After further discussion it was agreed that the best approach would be to write to a number of people overseas for advice regarding the general basis and organisation of the School of Pacific Studies. The following names were mentioned :-

Professor Raymond Firth
 Professor W.K. Hancock
 Professor K.C. Wheare
 Professor Debenham
 Professor Horace Belshaw
 Professor J.B. Condliffe
 Professor A.G.B. Fisher
 Mr. J.B. Brigden
 Mr. Holland (Secretary General of the
 Institute of Pacific Affairs)
 Baron Lindsay, and
 Professor Griffith Taylor.

It was agreed further that if overseas scientists visited Australia at the invitation of the National University all their contacts with other Australian Universities should be financed from Canberra, at least in the initial stages. Later it might be reasonable to expect the other Universities to assist in financing these visits and particularly any seminars which their members would attend.

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It was agreed on Professor Ashby's suggestion that it should be announced as a matter of policy that the National University would promote seminars in Canberra to enable overseas visitors to meet members of the Australian Universities and that arrangements should be made with the other Australian Universities whereby visitors might work in their laboratories.

Dr. Coombs then suggested that a programme should be drawn up for 1947 which would, in the first place, provide a basis for University finance and would also let the other Universities know what the National University proposed to do.

Dr. Coombs thought that in addition to visiting Professors it might be possible in 1947 to provide four or five Senior Fellowships which could be made available to fairly senior members of the staffs of existing Universities and to members of the Public Service of similar standing. This would enable research to be carried out either in Australia or overseas.

The Chairman thought it should be made perfectly clear that the Fellows would not be compelled to work in Canberra where facilities are not yet available. He thought that their headquarters should be in Canberra but that they should be left free to work where their best work could be done.

After further discussion it was agreed that a Programme Committee should be appointed to meet in Melbourne. The membership of the Committee to be as follows :-

The Chairman
The Deputy Chairman
Professor Eric Ashby
Professor K.H. Bailey
Dr. H.C. Coombs
Sir Frederic Eggleston
Professor R. Douglas Wright.

The functions of the Committee should be to produce as detailed a statement as possible of the programme for 1947 so as to enable the Finance Committee to consider estimates and to permit a clear statement being made regarding the University's policy.

On this point it was agreed that the Chairman should inform the Press that although no buildings or equipment would be available for some years the Interim Council proposed undertaking some activities as soon as possible including invitations to overseas scientists to visit Australia in association with the existing Australian Universities.

On the general question of the principles to be followed in establishing research schools Professor Wright's suggestion was accepted that as far as possible these should be agreed upon immediately.

After considerable discussion the following principles were accepted :-

(a) That where outstanding men are available and accepted appointments as heads of the various Research Schools they should give considerable discretion in deciding what the schools should do.

(b) That where no outstanding man is available as head of the School, the School should be established rather as a Federation of Departments.

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(c) That the appointment of a Vice Chancellor is a matter of supreme importance.

(d) That the title given to the senior members of the staff of the Research Schools (other than the heads of the Schools) should be that of Professor.

(e) That the principle be clearly laid down that the head of each Research School should have considerable discretion in approving travel both in Australia and overseas for members of his staff and that provision be made specifically in the University budget for this to be done. Regarding travel by the heads of the Research Schools the Council should make clear their view that they would intervene only if expenditure on travel was likely to exceed the amount which the University could afford for this purpose.

(f) That superannuation arrangements would be made in accordance with the F.S.S.U. Scheme.

(g) That residences would be provided within the University for those members of the staff who desired to live there but that considerable freedom should be allowed the staff in deciding where to live.

(h) That Statutes or Regulations should be carefully framed setting out the University's policy regarding restriction of entry to the University. The principle was accepted that it would in general be preferable to have fewer staff and fewer students with satisfactory facilities than to open the University to everyone who had the necessary educational attainments.

(i) That the principle of fixed salaries should be adopted and not the principle of a salary range with annual increments.

(j) It was accepted that appointments should be made to the University as soon as appropriate people were available irrespective of whether laboratories and other accommodation were available. It was agreed that in such cases suitable financial arrangements should be made to enable the people concerned to work during the interim period in other Australian Universities or overseas.

(iii) Visiting Professors and Seminars. This matter having been fully discussed was not further considered.

(iv) Discussions in England by Dr. Coombs. It was agreed that Dr. Coombs should discuss the position of the University with those persons in England whom he thought might make some contribution towards the planning of the University.

5. REPORTS BY COMMITTEES APPOINTED AT THE MEETING OF 13TH SEPTEMBER, 1946.

(i) Administrative Staff.

The report of the Committee appointed to make recommendations on this matter was amended in respect of the Secretary to the Registrar by the reduction of the salary from £400 to £450 to £350 to £400. With this amendment the Report was adopted.

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After further consideration it was agreed that applications be invited immediately for the following appointments:-

1. The Registrar
2. Assistant Accountant
3. Secretary to the Registrar
4. Typists (2).

The question of the appointment of an assistant librarian and the salary to be paid such an officer was referred to the Library Committee.

It was agreed that the principle should be followed in relation to the administrative staff, that fixed salaries should be paid and that no provision be made for cost of living adjustments.

(ii) Committees of the Interim Council.

The report of the Committee appointed to make recommendations on this matter was adopted with amendments, the Committees finally agreed upon being as follows :-

The Finance Committee.

The Chairman
Deputy Chairman
Dr. H.C. Coombs
Mr. H.J. Goodes
Sir David Rivett
Professor R. Douglas Wright.

The Statutes Committee.

The Chairman
The Deputy Chairman
Professor Eric Ashby
Professor K.H. Bailey
Sir Robert Garran
Professor R. Douglas Wright.

Buildings and Grounds Committee.

The Chairman
The Deputy Chairman
Dr. H.C. Coombs
Mr. C.S. Daley
Sir Robert Garran
Mr. H.J. Goodes.

The Library Committee.

The Chairman
The Deputy Chairman
Professor Eric Ashby
Professor K.H. Bailey
Sir Frederic Eggleston
Mr. H.J. Goodes.

(iii) Secretary to the Interim Council.

The Report of the Committee appointed to make recommendations on this matter was accepted without amendment.

6. FINANCE.

The terms of reference of the Finance Committee and its method of procedure were left to the Finance Committee for report to the Interim Council.

7. STATUTES COMMITTEE.

The terms of reference of the Statutes Committee and its method of procedure were left to the Statutes Committee for report to the Interim Council.

8. BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS COMMITTEE.

The terms of reference of the Buildings and Grounds Committee and its method of procedure were left to the Buildings and Grounds Committee for report to the Interim Council.

9. LIBRARY COMMITTEE.

The terms of reference of the Library Committee and its method of procedure were left to the Library Committee for report to the Interim Council.

10. GENERAL.(i) Date of Meetings.

It was agreed that the meetings of the Interim Council should be held in Canberra at 9.30 on the third Friday of each month.

(ii) Travelling Expenses.

The Chairman asked the members to reaffirm the decision taken on 13th September 1946 that travelling allowances should be paid at the rate of two guineas per day other than for members of the Commonwealth Public Service with the rider that these be paid by the Department of Post-War Reconstruction until such time as the University had its own funds.

(iii) Bank Account.

In view of the fact that the funds at present available for the University were on the estimates of the Department of Post-War Reconstruction it was not considered necessary to open a bank account at this stage.

(iv) Petty Cash.

It was agreed that all petty cash payments should be made through the Department of Post-War Reconstruction.

(v) Use of Government Cars.

It was agreed that while the Council was financed through the estimates of the Department of Post-War Reconstruction government cars should be used. When other financial arrangements were made an agreement should be reached with the Department of the Interior for the provision of government cars at the normal rate.

(vi) Minute Books and other Printing and Stationery.

The Secretary was authorised to order the necessary books of record in addition to stationery. It was agreed that the University Statutes should provide for the use of loose-leaf minute books on the understanding that the Chairman should initial each page.

Confirmed.

(Sgd.) R.C. MILLS

Chairman

AUSTRALIAN NATIONAL UNIVERSITY.

INTERIM COUNCIL.

Minutes of the second meeting of the Interim Council of the Australian National University held in the House of Representatives Committee Room, Parliament House, Canberra, on Friday, 18th October, 1946, at 11.30 a.m.

Present:

The Chairman (Professor R.C. Mills)
Professor Eric Ashby
Mr. M.C. Boniwell
Mr. C.S. Daley
Sir Frederic Eggleston
Sir Robert Garran
Mr. H.J. Goodes
Professor R. Douglas Wright

The Secretary, Dr. R. B. Madgwick, was in attendance.

1. APOLOGIES.

Apologies were received from the Deputy-Chairman (Mr. J.D.G. Medley), Mr. A.S. Brown and Sir David Rivett.

The Chairman formally welcomed Mr. Boniwell whom he had already welcomed as a member of Committees of the Interim Council.

2. MINUTES.

The minutes of the meeting of 13th September, 1946, and of the adjourned meeting of 27th September, 1946, having been distributed were taken as read.

It was agreed that the Minutes be amended by the insertion of the following at the foot of page 4 under General Business:- "It was unanimously agreed that press statements relating to matters arising out of meetings of the Interim Council or any of its Committees should be made only by the Chairman".

The Minutes as amended were confirmed and signed by the Chairman.

3. BUSINESS ARISING OUT OF THE MINUTES.

(i) Visits by Sir Howard Florey and Professors Oliphant and Hancock.

The Chairman reported that no replies had been received to the cables sent Sir Howard Florey and Professors Oliphant and Hancock.

He had, however, received a cable from Dr. Coombs as follows:- "Oliphant available to visit Australia in January. Would be pleased to participate in suggested seminar. He emphasises the importance of enabling younger physicists to participate which suggests plans should be prepared on basis of larger number than originally contemplated. Hancock would be unable to visit Australia until December 1947. Have not yet seen Florey but understand from Oliphant, who has discussed the matter with him, he also is prepared to visit Australia in January. Will advise further later".

In addition the Chairman reported that he had received a personal letter from Professor Hancock explaining why he could not visit Australia before December 1947, but expressing his eagerness to help.

After discussion it was agreed as follows:-

- (a) That a cable be sent to Professor Hancock informing him that the invitation still holds and that the Interim Council would welcome a visit by him in December 1947.

- (b) That in view of the doubt still existing regarding the sponsorship of Professor Oliphant's visit, the Prime Minister's Department be informed that the University will assume full responsibility for his visit in January and also for the visit by Sir Howard Florey.
- (c) That the Prime Minister's Department be asked to advise all Government Departments likely to be interested in these visits that the Interim Council of the University will, subject to its own programme, and to the wishes of the gentlemen concerned, endeavour to make any arrangements of which the various Departments give adequate notice.

It was left to the Chairman and the Secretary to make all arrangements for the visits as soon as definite news was received regarding dates of arrival and the length of the visits.

(ii) Administrative Staff.

The Chairman reported that applications had been invited for the appointments of Registrar, Assistant Accountant, Secretary to the Registrar and two typists. The position of Registrar had been advertised in the United Kingdom as well as throughout Australia.

Applications for appointments of typists would close on 25th October, 1946, and for the other appointments on 8th November, 1946.

The Chairman suggested that Committees might be appointed to make recommendations to the Interim Council regarding these appointments.

After discussion it was agreed that the appointment of two typists be left to a Committee consisting of Mr. H.J. Goodes, Mr. A.S. Brown and the Secretary.

For the position of Registrar it was agreed that the Chairman and Dr. H.C. Coombs report by cable or airmail on applications received in London and that in Australia, applications for the position of Registrar, Assistant Accountant and Secretary to the Registrar be referred to a committee consisting of:-

The Deputy Chairman (Mr. J.D.G. Medley)
Professor Eric Ashby
Sir Robert Garran
Mr. H.J. Goodes,

and Sir Frederic Eggleston if he should be available in Canberra.

It was agreed further that this Committee should meet in Canberra on Saturday, 9th November, 1946, at 10 a.m. To enable the Committee to arrange any interviews and if necessary to meet a second time, it was agreed that the next meeting of the Interim Council be postponed from Friday, 15th November, 1946, to Friday, 22nd November, 1946, at 9.30 a.m.

(iii) Accommodation.

The Chairman reported that three and possibly four rooms could be made available by the Director-General in the Department of Post-War Reconstruction.

The Registrar of Canberra University College could, if his Council concurred, make two rooms available in the College; but to get more than this would involve extensive rebuilding or repartitioning. It would hardly be reasonable to ask the College Council to go to those lengths. He was certain however, that members would wish the Registrar of the College to know that they appreciated his co-operation in this matter.

All other accommodation in Canberra was either fully occupied or promised to various Departments.

It was resolved that pending other arrangements being made, the Secretary be instructed to establish the office of the University in the Department of Post-War Reconstruction.

The Chairman pointed out that the report of the Finance Committee contained a recommendation regarding the use of Army huts. This could be accepted or rejected when the report was being considered.

(iv) Documents relating to the establishment of the University.

The Chairman reported that it would be impossible to proceed with this project until the University's own typing staff was appointed.

(v) Financial arrangements.

It was agreed that this item be taken as part of the report of the Finance Committee.

(vi) Letters regarding the School of Pacific Studies.

These had not yet been sent because of lack of typing assistance.

(vii) Meetings of Committees.

(a) Programme Committee. The report of the Committee was available. No other meeting seemed necessary for the time being.

(b) Finance Committee. The report of this Committee was available. No other meeting seemed necessary in the immediate future.

(c) Statutes Committee. It was agreed that a meeting of the Statutes Committee should be held as soon as possible, and the Secretary was instructed accordingly. It was agreed further that the Interim Council suggest to the Statutes Committee that they invite the Registrar of the University of Melbourne (Mr. J.F. Foster) to be present at their meeting.

(d) Library Committee. The Secretary was instructed to prepare a paper for consideration by members of the Library Committee. A meeting of the Committee could then be called after members had made suggestions regarding its scope and any matters of immediate importance.

(e) Buildings and Grounds Committee. It was left to the Chairman and the Secretary to arrange a meeting of this Committee at a time convenient to its members.

(viii) Minute Books.

The Secretary reported that suitable Minute Books were not available and would probably not be available for some months.

It was agreed that for the time being the Minutes and other relevant papers be kept in a loose leaf binder and that they be subsequently bound into volumes.

4. CORRESPONDENCE.

(i) From the Librarian of the Commonwealth National Library regarding the facilities available in the National Library. It was resolved that this letter be received and referred to the Library Committee.

(ii) From the Registrar of the Canberra University College asking that the Interim Council consider the desirability of granting diplomas to Diplomatic Cadets who successfully complete the course.

After considerable discussion it was resolved that the Registrar of the College be informed that this matter was deferred pending negotiations between the Interim Council and the Council of the College regarding the relationship between the College and the National University.

It was further resolved that there be recorded in the Minutes in the strongest terms the unanimous view of the members present that the following principles should govern the granting of diplomas by the National University:-

- (a) That all diplomas granted should be post-graduate diplomas.
 - (b) That diplomas should not in any circumstances be awarded where the University did not have complete control over the courses of study involved.
 - (c) That diplomas should not in any circumstances be awarded where the University did not have complete control over the examinations involved.
- (iii) From Professor K.H. Bailey nominating the Acting Solicitor-General to attend meetings of the Interim Council, and of the Committees of which he was a member, during his absence abroad.

The Chairman pointed out that this was in accordance with the Proclamation establishing the Interim Council, and that he had already welcomed Mr. Bonivell.

5. REPORTS OF COMMITTEES.

(i) Programme Committee.

The recommendation of the Programme Committee that its decisions be approved was adopted.

(ii) Finance Committee.

The recommendation of the Finance Committee that its decisions be approved was adopted.

6. GENERAL.

(i) Monthly Notes.

The Chairman drew attention to the following statement in "Monthly Notes", produced by the Australian School of Pacific Administration:- "As a centre for the study of colonial affairs, the School will be associated in the near future with the National University at Canberra".

After discussion the Secretary was instructed to write to the Secretary of the Department of External Territories pointing out that this statement implied consideration of the matter by the Interim Council whereas, in fact, the matter had not been referred to the Interim Council or considered by it.

/(ii) Next Meeting

(ii) Next Meeting.

It was agreed that the next meeting should be held on Friday, 22nd November, 1946, at 9.30 a.m. in the Council Room of the Canberra University College if this was available.

The Secretary was instructed to write to the Registrar of the Canberra University College asking for permission to use the Council Room for all subsequent meetings until such time as the National University had its own accommodation.

The meeting closed at 1 p.m.

Chairman.
22nd November, 1946.

AUSTRALIAN NATIONAL UNIVERSITY

INTERIM COUNCIL.

Minutes of the third meeting of the Interim Council of the Australian National University held in the Council Room, Canberra University College, on Friday, 22nd November, 1946, at 9.30 a.m.

Present:

The Deputy-Chairman (Mr. J.D.G. Medley)
Mr. A.S. Brown
Mr. C.S. Daley
Sir Robert Garran
Mr. H.J. Goodes
Mr. H.F. Whitlam
Professor R. Douglas Wright.

The Secretary, Dr. R.B. Madgwick was in attendance.

APOLOGIES.

Apologies were received from Professor Ashby, who was preparing to leave for England, Sir Frederic Eggleston, owing to illness, Sir David Rivett, who was attending a meeting of the Council of C.S.I.R., and Dr. T.L. Robertson (representing the Chairman) who was in Tasmania.

The Deputy-Chairman welcomed Mr. A.S. Brown (representing Dr. Coombs) and Mr. Whitlam (representing Professor Bailey).

MINUTES:

The minutes of the meeting of 18th October, 1946, having been distributed, were taken as read, and confirmed, and were signed by the Chairman.

The minutes of the meeting of the Programme Committee of 18th October, 1946, and of the Finance Committee of 18th October, 1946, were signed by the Chairman.

3. BUSINESS ARISING OUT OF THE MINUTES.

(i) Visits by Sir Howard Florey and Professors Oliphant and Hancock.

The Deputy-Chairman reported that cables had been received from Dr. Coombs, stating that Professor Oliphant would visit Australia immediately after Christmas for a period of approximately one month. Sir Howard Florey would not be available until March 1947, but would visit Australia then. Dr. Coombs had also stated that he understood from Sir Howard Florey that Professor Hancock might also be able to visit Australia in March.

Regarding Professor Oliphant's visit, it was agreed that the arrangements as set out in the cable No. 6542 on 20th November, from Dr. Coombs, be approved. A copy of this cable is attached to the minutes.

It was agreed further as follows:-

- (a) That the Deputy-Chairman and the Secretary should confer with Sir David Rivett regarding arrangements for the visit.

- (c) That the question of the physicists to be invited should be left to the Deputy-Chairman and Sir David Rivett in consultation with Professor L.H. Martin of the University of Melbourne.
- (d) That the numbers should, if possible, be restricted to 16, all of whom would be invited at the expense of the National University, but that up to six other junior physicists might attend at their own expense.
- (e) That the physicists invited should be allowed travelling expenses and a daily allowance of 30/-.
- (f) That tentative arrangements should be made for Professor Oliphant to proceed direct to Adelaide on arrival and be then available up to 10th January for discussions with the S.I.R. From 10th January to 15th January he should be in Canberra for the seminar, and for discussions with the Interim Council on 14th and 15th January. The period from 15th January to departure should be left to Professor Oliphant for any discussions he wishes with Universities or other bodies and for any arrangements desired by Commonwealth or State Departments.
- (g) That all arrangements for the seminar and for the meeting of the Council be left to the Secretary.
- (h) That members of the Council should be in Canberra from 10th January to 15th January inclusive, to enable discussions to be held on matters affecting the University.
- (i) That the Secretary should investigate the question of procuring a 16mm. Sound Projector, a 35mm. Strip Projector, a Standard Lantern and an Eridiascope; and that he be authorized to spend up to £150 for this purpose.

The Deputy-Chairman suggested that preliminary arrangements might also be made for Sir Howard Florey's visit in March. On this point Professor Wright raised the question of Medical Research Grants through the National Health and Medical Research Council in relation to Sir Howard Florey's visit. He pointed out that Sir Howard Florey would either be compelled to recruit his junior research staff from overseas or that arrangements would have to be made for an adequate number of Medical Research workers to be trained in Australia. He explained that the National Health and Medical Research Council received a research grant of only £32,000 per annum, the greater proportion of which would need to be used for the training of staff for the School of Medical Research, if proper provision were to be made. This would mean that existing research projects would need to be abandoned if sufficient research workers were to be trained. He, therefore, suggested that the Council might be prepared to sponsor the work of junior research workers who might not receive assistance through the National Health and Medical Research Council.

After full discussion it was resolved that Research Fellowships in Medical Science should be offered in the near future, with the object of providing an opportunity for training and experience in research, so that the pool of competent research workers might be increased from which some of the staff of the John Curtin School of Medical Research might be drawn.

It was also resolved that Sir Howard Florey be informed of this resolution of his arrival in Australia.

(ii) Administrative Staff.

The Deputy-Chairman reported that the Selection Committee appointed to review applications received for appointment to the positions of Registrar, Assistant Accountant, Secretary to the Registrar, and Typists, had met and that their reports would be submitted later in the meeting.

(iii) Accommodation.

The Deputy-Chairman asked Mr. Daley and Mr. Goodes to report.

Mr. Daley explained that he had visited Cootamundra to see what huts were available. He had at a result, lodged a tentative claim for the R.A.A.F. Officer's Mess, consisting of three 80 x 22 huts with all offices. The question of cost was being investigated. The Director of Works had agreed to submit a report to Mr. Daley as soon as possible on whether this accommodation could be made available to the University, and the cost of erecting it in Canberra.

Mr. Goodes explained that he had discussed the matter with Mr. Daley and the Secretary but had left the matter entirely to Mr. Daley, to conduct the negotiations with the appropriate Departments.

After full discussion, Mr. Daley's proposal was approved in principle and the whole question was referred to the Buildings and Grounds Committee.

(iv) Meetings of Committees.

The Deputy-Chairman reported that it had not been necessary to call meetings of any committees of the Interim Council since the last meeting.

(v) Letters to Proposed Visitors from Overseas.

The Deputy-Chairman reported that a draft of the proposed letter had been submitted to all members of the Interim Council for comment. No comments were received and the letters had, therefore, been prepared for his signature.

(vi) Research Fellowships in the Social Sciences.

The Deputy-Chairman suggested that since applications for these fellowships closed on 30th November, 1946, it would be desirable to appoint a Committee immediately to make a preliminary survey of the applications received.

After full discussion it was resolved that this Committee should consist of all members available in Canberra, and should meet on a date to be determined by the Secretary.

(vii) A cable had been sent to Professor Hancock informing him that the invitation to visit Australia still holds, and that the Interim Council does not propose to invite anyone else in his place.

(viii) The Prime Minister's Department has been fully informed regarding the visits to Australia by Sir Howard Florey, Professor Oliphant and Professor Hancock. The Department has also been asked to refer all questions relating to these visits to the Secretary.

(ix) A letter had been sent to the Secretary, Department of External Territories regarding the paragraph in "Monthly Notes". This letter has been referred by the Secretary of the Department to the Minister for External Territories.

(x) Arising out of the discussion regarding the granting of Diplomas to Diplomatic Cadets, a letter has been written to the Registrar of the Canberra University College suggesting that negotiations might be opened between the Interim Council and the Council of the College regarding the relations between the College and the University.

4. CORRESPONDENCE.

- (i) From The Secretary, Department of External Territories dated 29th October, stating that the comments of the Interim Council on the article in "Monthly Notes" would be brought to the notice of the Minister. Received.
- (ii) From The Secretary, Prime Minister's Department, dated 6th November acknowledging a letter regarding the visits by Sir Howard Florey and Professors Oliphant and Hancock and forwarding a copy of a letter sent to the Premier of South Australia on this matter. Received.
- (iii) From The Secretary, Prime Minister's Department, dated 11th November acknowledging letter of 5th November regarding discussions by C.S.I.R. with Professor Oliphant and stating that C.S.I.R. had been informed of the views of the Interim Council. Received.
- (iv) From The Registrar, Canberra University College, dated 11th November, stating that the Council Room will be available whenever required for meetings of the Interim Council. Received.
- (v) From The Registrar, Canberra University College, dated 11th November acknowledging letter of 7th November and stating that he would refer the question of the relationship between the College and the National University to the Council of the College. Received.
- (vi) From The Registrar, Canberra University College, dated 15th November, attaching a memorandum from the Chairman of the Council of the College urging early consideration by the Interim Council of the question of undergraduate teaching in Canberra; and suggesting an early meeting between the Interim Council and the Council of the College.

After full discussion it was resolved as follows:-

- (a) That the memorandum from the Chairman of the Council of the Canberra University College be referred to a Committee consisting of:-

The Chairman
The Deputy-Chairman
Professor K.H. Bailey
Dr. H.C. Coombs
Mr. C.S. Daley

- (b) That this Committee consider the policy of the University in relation to undergraduate teaching in Canberra; and report back to the Interim Council after full discussion with the Council of the Canberra University College.

- (vii) From The Director, Commonwealth Office of Education, dated 7th November, forwarding a resolution of the General Council of the Australian and New Zealand Association for the Advancement of Science, recommending that the State and Federal Governments give early consideration to the extension of geography teaching and research in Universities and Schools.

It was resolved that the Director of the Commonwealth Office of Education be informed that the Interim Council confidently expects that geography teaching and research will be fully developed when the Research School of Social Studies is fully operating.

- (viii) From The Director, Commonwealth Office of Education, dated 7th November, forwarding a resolution of the General Council of the Australian and New Zealand Association for the Advancement of Science urging the establishment of departments of Physical Anthropology and Social Anthropology, each headed by a full professor, at the Australian National University.

It was resolved that the Director of Commonwealth Office of Education be informed that as the Research School of Social Studies develops it is anticipated that departments of Physical Anthropology and Social Anthropology will be established in the National University.

- (ix) From Dr. Coombs, dated 14th October, stating that Professor Oliphant is available to visit Australia in January. Received.

- (x) From Dr. Coombs, dated 24th October, stating that Sir Howard Florey will not be available until March but that he would be glad to visit Australia then for a maximum period of one month. This cable also stated that Professor Hancock may change his mind and visit Australia with Sir Howard Florey, but this is not yet verified. Received.

- (xi) From Sir David Rivett to Professor Mills, dated 25th October, enclosing a personal letter from Professor Oliphant which states that he would like to leave England immediately after Christmas. Received.

- (xii) From Professor R. Douglas Wright, dated 13th November, suggesting that the Solicitor-General be asked to advise on the question of the University site.

On this question Mr. Daley explained the position fully.

The questions requiring answers seemed to be:-

- (a) What is the exact site.
- (b) Whether or not the Interim Council should secure some definite title over the site.
- (c) Whether title should be secured over the whole area or over that part of which is not already occupied, leaving the occupied part for action at a later date.

After full discussion it was agreed that the exact site should be determined as soon as possible, and that appropriate action should be taken to vest the property in the site in the University as soon as convenient for everyone concerned.

It was further decided that the whole question be referred to the Buildings and Grounds Committee.

It was left to Mr. Daley and the Secretary to convene a meeting of the Buildings and Grounds Committee as soon as information had been received regarding the transfer of Army huts from Cootamundra.

5. REPORT OF SELECTION COMMITTEE ON THE APPOINTMENT OF TYPISTS

Mr. Goodes reported that from the applications received two typists had been selected: Miss Helen Lindsay (from the Treasury) and Miss P. Edwards (from the Ministry of Post-War Reconstruction).

The Secretary explained that he had now the opportunity of engaging a third typist, Miss A.F. Hammond, and asked for approval to employ Miss Hammond at £156 per annum. He explained that although he did not consider that there was sufficient work at this stage for a third typist, there would be ample work by the new year.

Following full discussion it was agreed that Miss Lindsay should be engaged if she could produce evidence of being able to take down the proceedings of the Council, and of any conferences, and that Miss Hammond should be engaged on the conditions set out by the Secretary.

It was agreed that Miss Edwards should be employed in the new year at a salary of £182 per annum, rising to £234 per annum on her 21st birthday.

6. REPORT OF SELECTION COMMITTEE ON THE APPOINTMENTS OF REGISTRAR, ASSISTANT ACCOUNTANT AND SECRETARY TO THE REGISTRAR.

Mr. Goodes reported that the membership of the Selection Committee appointed at the meeting of 18th October had been varied by the Chairman.

Sir Robert Garran had asked that he be replaced because his son was a candidate; and Sir Frederic Eggleston had been ill. As a result the Chairman had invited Professor Wright to act on the Committee.

The first meeting was held on Saturday, 9th November, and was attended by Professor Ashby, Mr. Goodes and Professor Wright. The second meeting was held on Friday, 22nd November, and was attended by the Deputy-Chairman, Mr. Goodes and Professor Wright.

Mr. Goodes reported further that forty-two applications had been received in Australia and over fifty in England. The Selection Committee had reduced the Australian applications to eight at its first meeting. Subsequently, referees named by these eight had been asked for their opinion on the candidates concerned, and further enquiries had been made by members of the Committee.

As a result the list had been further reduced to four, namely:-

Mr. Andrew Garran
Dr. R.B. Madgwick
Mr. A.S. Preshaw
Dr. C. Sanders

Professor Mills and Dr. Coombs had been kept fully informed of the Australian position and had carefully considered the British applications in the light of the Australian applications.

They had reported that none of the British applicants considered up to the date of their last cable should be included in the short list.

After full discussion the name of Mr. P.C. Greenland was added to the short list of four because, his application had arrived at the last minute, and had not been referred to Professor Mills and Dr. Coombs.

It was then resolved that unless word was received from London of any late applicants who should be further considered the candidates mentioned above should be interviewed in Melbourne as soon as possible after the return of Professor Mills or Dr. Coombs, and that Mr. P.C. Greenland be also interviewed if Professor Mills and Dr. Coombs wished him included.

Regarding the appointments of Secretary to the Registrar and Assistant Accountant, Mr. Goodes reported that the Selection Committee had considered that these appointments should be held over until a Registrar was appointed.

This recommendation was approved.

7. GENERAL BUSINESS:

(i) It was agreed that the next meeting should be held on Friday, 20th December, 1946, at 9.30 a.m.

(ii) In view of Professor Ashby's impending departure for England it was resolved that he be asked to act as the agent of the Interim Council in England, and that a recommendation should be forwarded to the Governor-General for another member to replace him on the Interim Council.

The Deputy-Chairman asked members to consider who might be nominated for this appointment.

(iii) The Secretary reported that so far he had committed the University's funds for an amount of approximately £350, covering furniture, stationary, typewriters, advertisements in the Press, and other general expenses. All these items would be required in due course to the Finance Committee for approval.

The meeting closed at 1 p.m.

Chairman.
20th December, 1946.

AUSTRALIAN NATIONAL UNIVERSITY.

INTERIM COUNCIL.

Minutes of the fourth meeting of the Interim Council of the Australian National University held in the Council Room, Canberra University College, on Friday, 20th December, 1946 at 9.30 a.m.

Present:

The Deputy-Chairman (Mr. J.D.G. Medley)
Mr. A.S. Brown
Mr. C.S. Daley
Sir Robert Garran
Mr. H.J. Goodes
Professor R. Douglas Wright

The Secretary, Dr. R.B. Madgwick was in attendance.

APOLOGIES:

Apologies were received from Sir Frederic Eggleston, owing to illness; Sir David Rivett, who had a series of meetings in Melbourne; Dr. T.L. Robertson (representing the Chairman), who was at another meeting; and Mr. H.F.E. Whitlam (representing Professor Bailey), who also had another meeting.

MINUTES.

The minutes of the meeting of 22nd November, 1946, having been distributed, were taken as read, confirmed, and signed by the Deputy-Chairman.

3. BUSINESS ARISING OUT OF THE MINUTES.

(i) Visits by Sir Howard Florey and Professor Oliphant.

The Deputy-Chairman reported that Professor Oliphant would arrive in Australia about the 1st January, 1947. He had been informed of the date of the Seminar and also of arrangements made for him to confer with C.S.I.R. in Melbourne.

Regarding the payment of Mrs. Oliphant's fare, the Council was of the opinion, after full discussion, that the fare should be paid or that some financial arrangements should be made whereby Professor Oliphant would be enabled to pay her fare himself.

Mr. Goodes suggested that the Prime Minister might be informed of the Council's decision. This was agreed and Mr. Goodes discussed the whole question with the Prime Minister by telephone. As a result, the Prime Minister suggested that in addition to the conditions already agreed upon an expense account of £600 sterling should be established in London in Professor Oliphant's name.

The Council agreed that this was a satisfactory arrangement and the Deputy-Chairman agreed to ring Professor Oliphant to explain the circumstances to him. At the same time Mr. Goodes promised to cable London to ensure that the necessary arrangements were made.

It was also agreed that the Deputy-Chairman should ask Professor Oliphant to deliver a public lecture in Canberra on the night of the 14th January, and that a cocktail party be arranged at the Hotel Canberra on Friday, 10th January, 1947, to which might be invited members of the Cabinet, members of the

Interim Council, members of the Council of the Canberra University College, and the scientists attending the seminar.

In connection with the public lecture, it was agreed that it would be preferable for this to be arranged by some body other than the Interim Council, and the Secretary was instructed to proceed with arrangements through the University Association in Canberra.

The Deputy-Chairman reported that all members invited had accepted invitations to the seminar and arrangements were being made for their transport and accommodation at the Hotel Canberra.

He explained further that no commitments had been entered into for Professor Oliphant after 15th January, 1947. In this connection it was decided that any other arrangements be left until Professor Oliphant was in Canberra.

The Deputy-Chairman reported further that Sir Howard Florey would leave England on 8th March, 1947, and leave Australia in time to reach England by 6th April. Arrangements had been made for his air travel to and from Australia. Sir Howard had also been asked to lead a seminar in Canberra, and to indicate any other arrangements he wished made.

Finally, the Deputy-Chairman reported that no further word had been received from Professor Hancock.

(ii) Purchase of Projectors.

The Deputy-Chairman reported that the Secretary had visited Melbourne on 29th November and had full discussions with Army Education officers and with Squadron-Leader Rosenthal, regarding the possibility of securing surplus equipment. Both the Director of Army Education and Squadron-Leader Rosenthal advised very strongly against the purchase of surplus equipment in view of its condition. The Secretary was unable to take any action to secure new equipment through normal sources because the limit placed on the funds available was £150.

All the necessary equipment for Professor Oliphant's Seminar could be borrowed in Canberra.

It was agreed that no further action should be taken at this stage.

(iii) Research Fellowships in Medicine.

Professor Wright reported that nothing definite had arisen out of the meeting of the National Health and Medical Research Council and that no further action was necessary at this stage.

(iv) Administrative Staff.

The Chairman reported that Miss A.F. Hammond had commenced duty as a stenographer-typist and that Miss P. Edwards had accepted an offer of employment as from 20th January, 1947. Miss Hammond would be paid £156 per annum, rising to £234 on her twenty-first birthday, and Miss Edwards would be paid £182 per annum, rising to £234 per annum on her twenty-first birthday.

Regarding the appointment of Miss Lindsay as senior typist, the Secretary reported that various matters regarding superannuation and other benefits had still to be discussed, and that no definite decision could yet be given as to when Miss Lindsay would commence duty.

The question of Miss Lindsay's appointment was left to Mr. Goodes to finalise.

(v) Accommodation.

Mr. Daley tabled two sketches of buildings that could be erected in Canberra from the R.A.A.F. Officers Mess at Cootamundra.

After full discussion it was agreed that formal application be made for the larger of the two buildings. Although no definite costs could be given, it was estimated that this building, erected in Canberra and connected to the water supply, power, and sewer, but without any special interior fittings, would cost £4,500.

The Buildings and Grounds Committee was authorised to make the necessary arrangements with the Department of Works to ensure that the building was erected as soon as possible.

(vi) Research Fellowships in the Social Sciences.

The Deputy-Chairman explained that a report on this matter was available and would be taken later in the meeting.

(vii) Discussions with Canberra University College.

In view of the fact that the Chairman (Professor Mills), Professor Bailey, and Dr. Coombs had not been available no meeting of the Committee appointed to deal with this matter had been possible.

(viii) University Site.

The Deputy-Chairman reported that it had not been possible to call a meeting of the Buildings and Grounds Committee because full information regarding the huts from Cootamundra had not been available to Mr. Daley until the morning of the meeting.

(ix) Visitors from Overseas for 1947.

The Deputy-Chairman reported that the only reply so far received had been from the Australian Legation in Moscow, stating that the invitation to Professor Maximov was being considered.

4. CORRESPONDENCE.

- (i) From Sir Howard Florey, dated 29th November, 1946, stating that he would be able to leave England on 8th March. He wished to be back in England just before Easter. Received.
- (ii) From Professor Oliphant, dated 26th November, accepting the invitation to visit Australia, and stating that he wished to bring his wife with him. Received.
- (iii) From Dr. H.C. Coombs, dated 2nd December, stating that Professor Oliphant had asked whether he could bring his wife to Australia. Dr. Coombs suggested that the University might pay her fare, and asked for the opinion of the Interim Council. Received.
- (iv) From The Librarian, Commonwealth National Library, dated 4th December, stating that he would welcome discussions with Sir Howard Florey, Professor Oliphant and Professor Hancock. Received.
- (v) From Secretary, Prime Minister's Department, dated 27th November, enclosing copies of letters sent to Commonwealth Departments and State Premiers regarding Professor Oliphant's visit. Received.

- (vi) From Director, Commonwealth Office of Education, dated 9th December, enclosing a copy of representations from Senator Tangney to the Minister for Post-War Reconstruction regarding art work by Mrs. H. Flynn.

This matter was sympathetically considered but after full discussion the Secretary was instructed to inform the Director of the Commonwealth Office of Education that at present the plans for the National University did not cover matters of this kind.

- (vii) From The Secretary, Department of External Affairs, dated 12th December, stating that the Australian Legation in Moscow had approached one of the Vice-Ministers of Foreign Affairs regarding Professor Maximov's visit to Australia. The Vice-Minister's reply was non-committal, but he promised further advice in due course. Received,

5. APPOINTMENT OF TYPISTS.

This matter having been fully discussed under Business Arising out of the Minutes was not further considered.

6. APPOINTMENT OF REGISTRAR.

The Deputy-Chairman reported that since the last meeting Dr. R.B. Madgwick had withdrawn his application on being appointed Warden of New England University College, Armidale.

He reported that since Dr. Coombs had only reached Canberra on 18th December and Professor Mills would not return until 26th December, it had been impossible to arrange for the candidates to be interviewed.

It was agreed that this question be deferred to the meeting of 10th January, 1947, when Professor Mills and Dr. Coombs would both be present.

7. APPOINTMENT OF ASSISTANT ACCOUNTANT AND SECRETARY TO THE REGISTRAR.

It was agreed that no further action could be taken regarding this appointment until a Registrar was appointed.

8. RESEARCH FELLOWSHIPS IN THE SOCIAL SCIENCES.

The report submitted by the Committee appointed by the Interim Council to make a preliminary investigation of the applications received had been distributed to members and was fully discussed.

The recommendation that further detailed consideration be given to the applications submitted by the following was approved:-

Mr. W.D. Borrie
Dr. J.W. Burton
Mrs. K. Fitzpatrick
Dr. T.P. Fry
Mr. J.A. La Nauze
Mr. A.G. Lowndes
Mr. I.F.G. Milner
Mr. R.S. Parker
Dr. Lloyd Ross
Mr. G. Ruddock

Regarding the applications submitted by Mrs. C. Kelly and Mr. F.G.G. Rose, it was agreed that they be not included in the short list. It was, however, agreed that Dr. A.R. Levy and Dr. K. Singer be included.

After full discussion it was agreed that a further Committee be appointed to place these twelve applicants in order. The Committee was appointed as follows:-

The Chairman
The Deputy-Chairman
Professor K.H. Bailey
Dr. H.C. Coombs
Sir Robert Garran

It was also agreed that this Committee might co-opt not more than three Social Scientists from outside the members of the Council.

Discussion then developed regarding the principles according to which the applicants should be placed in order. It was finally agreed that the Committee should be informed that in the opinion of the Council the paramount consideration should always be the quality of the applicant, but that the following three principles should also apply:-

- (i) that preference should be given to research which had a strong Australian bias.
- (ii) that where the quality of applicants and their research projects made this possible awards should be shared between academic and extra-academic applicants.
- (iii) that other things be equal, an attempt should be made to ensure that the projects approved would cover as wide a range of the Social Sciences as possible.

The Council agreed that any co-opted members should be informed that the work of the Committee was highly confidential, and that the Council reserved the right to vary the order of the applicants in accordance with the principles set out above.

It was finally agreed that the Committee appointed should meet during the period from 9th to 15th January.

9. SECRETARY OF THE INTERIM COUNCIL - EXTENSION OF APPOINTMENT.

The Deputy-Chairman explained that since a Registrar had not been appointed it would be necessary to extend the appointment of the Secretary which expired on 31st December, 1946.

It was agreed that the appointment of the Secretary be extended to 28th February, 1947, on the same conditions regarding salary and allowance.

10. NOMINATION OF MEMBER TO REPLACE PROFESSOR ASHBY.

It was agreed that this matter be left in the hands of the Chairman, the Deputy-Chairman and Dr. Coombs.

11. GENERAL BUSINESS.

(i) A statement of expenditure, totalling £276:1:2, by the Ministry of Post-War Reconstruction in Canberra on behalf of

the University, was presented and formally adopted. The amount did not include the cost of advertising appointments and Social Science Research Fellowships, probably about £300, or an additional amount of £1:17:0 for stationery recently ordered.

(ii) It was agreed that meetings of the Council should be held during Professor Oliphant's visit as follows:-

Seminar: 10th - 13th January, 1947 inclusive.

Council: 10th January, 1947 at 2.30 p.m. to consider general business.

Council: 14th January, 1947 at 10.30 a.m. for discussions with Professor Oliphant. These discussions would be continued during 14th and 15th January.

(iii) The Secretary reported that a personal letter had been received for Professor Mills from the Minister for External Territories regarding the relation between the School of Pacific Administration and the University. It was agreed that the matter be deferred until after Professor Mills returned from overseas.

(iv) The Secretary asked for direction following receipt of a letter from Mr. I.G. McKenzie, Registrar of the University of New Zealand, asking whether he might lodge a late application for the position of Registrar.

The Secretary was instructed to inform Mr. McKenzie that the Council regretted that it was too late for them to receive an application from him.

(v) The Secretary also asked for direction following receipt of a letter from Professor Ross asking that one of his lecturers attend the Seminar in his place.

This was left to the Deputy-Chairman and the Secretary.

The meeting closed at 1 p.m.

Chairman.

10th January, 1947.

AUSTRALIAN NATIONAL UNIVERSITY.

INTERIM COUNCIL.

Minutes of the fifth meeting of the Interim Council of the Australian National University held in the Council Room, Canberra University College, on Friday, 10th January, 1947, at 2.30 p.m.

Present:

The Chairman (Professor R.C. Mills)
The Deputy-Chairman (Mr. J.D.G. Medley)
Dr. H.C. Coombs
Mr. C.S. Daley
Sir Frederic Eggleston
Sir Robert Garran
Mr. H.J. Goodes
Sir David Rivett
Professor R. Douglas Wright

The Secretary, Dr. R.B. Madgwick was in attendance.

1. APOLOGY.

An apology was received from Professor K.H. Bailey.

2. MINUTES.

The minutes of the meeting of 20th December, 1946 were read and confirmed and were signed by the Chairman.

3. BUSINESS ARISING OUT OF THE MINUTES.

(i) Visits by Professor Oliphant and Sir Howard Florey.

The Secretary reported that all necessary action had been taken following decisions at the previous meeting. Professor Oliphant had agreed to deliver a public lecture in Canberra on 14th January, 1947, and all arrangements regarding finance and travel had been completed. The Cocktail Party had been arranged for 10th January, 1947 at 5.30 p.m. and invitations had been issued. Arrangements for the public lecture were in the hands of the University Association.

The Secretary reported that no further information was available regarding Sir Howard Florey and Professor Hancock. It seemed clear, however, that Professor Hancock would definitely not visit Australia before December 1947.

(ii) Accommodation.

It was agreed that a meeting of the Buildings and Grounds Committee should be held in the Director-General's Room, Ministry of Post-War Reconstruction, on Saturday, 11th January, at 9.30 a.m. to discuss the question of accommodation.

(iii) University Site.

This matter was also referred to the Buildings and Grounds Committee.

(iv) The Library.

It was agreed that a meeting of the Library Committee be held in the Director-General's Room, Ministry of Post-War Reconstruction, on Saturday, 11th January, at 10.30 a.m. to discuss matters raised in letters from Mr. Binns; and to consider also the general question of library development.

(v) Visitors from Overseas during 1947.

Dr. Coombs reported that he had discussed the general question of the Research School of Pacific Studies with Professor Raymond Firth in London and also with the Head of the Research Division of the Colonial Office.

Professor Firth had promised to supply notes covering views on the general questions involved.

The Research Division of the Colonial Office had expressed very great interest in the School and promised to discuss at the appropriate time questions relating to possible collaboration in the field of training.

Dr. Coombs further reported that he had raised with Professor Firth the question of the Head of the Research School of Pacific Studies. Professor Firth had been non-committal but had stated that he would be happy to visit Australia to advise the Council on matters relating to the establishment of the School.

The Chairman reported that he had raised tentatively with Sir John Maude, Secretary of the British Ministry of Education, the question of visiting Australia for a period of three or six months. Sir John had expressed his eagerness to come at a convenient time.

Regarding the visitors already invited the Chairman reported that replies had been received from Professor Adam and Professor Gerard. These would be considered later in the meeting.

(vi) Other Business Arising out of the Minutes.

The Chairman stated that all other business arising out of the Minutes would be considered under the appropriate items on the Business Paper.

4. CORRESPONDENCE.

The Chairman stated that all correspondence received would be dealt with under the appropriate items on the Business Paper.

5. APPOINTMENT OF REGISTRAR.

After full discussion it was agreed that the short list consisting of Mr. Andrew Garran, Mr. A.S. Preshaw, and Dr. C. Sanders should be extended.

After further consideration of all applications the following short list was agreed upon:-

Mr. C.R. Forsyth
Mr. Andrew Garran
Mr. P.C. Greenland
Mr. R.C. Osborne
Dr. C. Sanders
Mr. A.W. Welch

11/30
1/20
1/30

The Secretary was instructed to investigate additional sources of information in Australia regarding Mr. Forsyth.

It was finally agreed that the matter be deferred to Tuesday, 14th January, 1947.

6. RESEARCH FELLOWSHIPS IN THE SOCIAL SCIENCES.

It was agreed that subject to confirmation by the Secretary a meeting of the Committee appointed to report on this question should be held in Professor Bailey's house at 10.30 a.m. on Sunday,

12th January, 1947.

7. NOMINATION OF ADDITIONAL MEMBER TO REPLACE PROFESSOR ASHBY.

Discussion developed regarding the desirability of retaining Professor Ashby as a member of the Council in addition to any other member or members appointed.

The question was finally deferred for further consideration.

8. VISITORS FROM OVERSEAS FOR 1947.

The Secretary outlined the contents of a letter from Professor Adam and of one from Professor Gerard.

After some discussion this matter was deferred to allow the Secretary to have copies made of the letters involved.

It was agreed that Professor Firth should be invited to visit Australia but that further discussion should be deferred until Tuesday, 14th January.

9. AUSTRALIAN SCHOOL OF PACIFIC ADMINISTRATION.

The Chairman explained that he had received a letter from the Hon. E.J. Ward, Minister for External Territories, regarding the provision of courses in the University for officers entering the New Guinea-Papua Administration, and for certain other students.

It was agreed that this matter should be referred to the Committee appointed to report on Undergraduate Teaching in Canberra.

It was further agreed subject to confirmation by the Secretary that this Committee should meet at Professor Bailey's house on Sunday, 12th January, at 11.30 a.m.

10. GENERAL.

Next Meeting.

It was agreed that the meeting should be adjourned to 10.30 a.m. on Tuesday, 14th January, 1947, in the Conference Room, Ministry of Post-War Reconstruction.

It was also agreed that a discussion between the Council and Professor Oliphant should be held in the Conference Room, Ministry of Post-War Reconstruction, on Monday, 13th January, at 2.30 p.m.

The meeting was adjourned at 5 p.m.

The fifth meeting of the Interim Council of the Australian National University adjourned from Friday, 10th January, 1947, was resumed in the Conference Room, Ministry of Post-War Reconstruction, Canberra, on Tuesday, 14th January, 1947, at 10.30 a.m.

Present:

The Chairman (Professor R.C. Mills)
The Deputy-Chairman (Mr. J.D.G. Medley)
Professor K.H. Bailey
Dr. H.C. Coombs
Mr. C.S. Daley
Sir Frederic Eggleston
Sir Robert Garran
Mr. H.J. Goodes
Professor R. Douglas Wright

The Secretary, Dr. R.B. Madgwick, was in attendance.

1. APOLOGIES.

An apology was received from Sir David Rivett.

2. AUSTRALIAN SCHOOL OF PACIFIC ADMINISTRATION.

The Chairman tabled a letter from the Minister for External Territories asking that the Council should give consideration to the possibility of supplying training courses for officers of the New Guinea-Papua Administration and such other students as might be desirous of attending similar courses.

After full consideration the Council agreed as follows:-

- (i) The Council regards the matter raised in the Minister's letter as the proper one for its consideration and hopes to be able, eventually, to provide effective teaching in the required courses.
- (ii) The need to establish the research side of the University on a sound basis before any other commitments are entered into, together with the fact that academic staff of a sufficiently high order are not at present obtainable, and the fact that the questions raised by the Minister's letter must be examined in relation to the other undergraduate requirements in Canberra, make it impossible for the Council to undertake any responsibility at this stage for the training courses envisaged by the Minister's letter.
- (iii) At the same time the Council hopes that in the meantime the teaching in these subjects will be encouraged at the School of Pacific Administration; and the Council will co-operate in any way possible to ensure that the training given at the School will reach a standard which would justify the University in assuming responsibility for it.
- (iv) that the Council feels that it should be consulted on any legislation or any other action which seeks to establish the School on a permanent basis in the period before training in the subjects mentioned can be taken over by the University.

It was left to the Chairman and the Deputy-Chairman to draft a reply to the Minister's letter in terms of the above decisions.

3. VISITORS FROM OVERSEAS FOR 1947.

It was agreed that arrangements for Sir Howard Florey's visit should be left to Professor Wright and the Secretary.

The letter from Professor Adam had been copied and distributed to members.

It was agreed that Professor Adam should be thanked for the frankness of his reply, and that steps should be taken to invite another scientist in his place.

The Secretary was instructed to write to Professor Gerard answering the specific questions raised by him. In the meantime further action was deferred pending the second letter which Professor Gerard had promised.

4. REPORT OF BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS COMMITTEE.

The report of the meeting of the Buildings and Grounds

Committee held on Saturday, 11th January, 1947, was received and its recommendations approved.

5. REPORT OF LIBRARY COMMITTEE.

The report of the meeting of the Library Committee held on Saturday, 11th January, 1947, was received.

The Chairman reported that he and the Deputy-Chairman had discussed the questions involved with the Librarian of the Australian National Library (Mr. Kenneth Binns). No specific conclusions had come out of this discussion.

The recommendation of the Library Committee that a Librarian be appointed immediately was fully discussed and it was finally agreed that the Chairman should discuss the questions involved with the Librarian of the Fisher Library of the University of Sydney (Mr. E.V. Steel). In particular the Chairman was asked to discuss with Mr. Steel the desirability of appointing a Senior Librarian or of borrowing the services of a Senior Librarian for a period, or of appointing a Junior Librarian.

It was agreed further that the Chairman should inform members of the Library Committee by letter of the result of his discussions and should be given authority to take such steps as he considered necessary regarding any advertisements that might need to be issued.

6. RESEARCH FELLOWSHIPS IN THE SOCIAL SCIENCES.

The report of the meeting of the appropriate Committee held on Sunday, 12th January, 1947, was received.

After further discussion it was agreed that the first four applicants should be graded as follows:-

- (i) Mr. J.A. La Nauze
- (ii) Mr. W.D. Borrie
- (iii) Mr. G. Rudduck
- (iv) Dr. J.W. Burton

It was further agreed that two Fellowships be awarded and that an additional two be awarded also, if, in the opinion of the Chairman and Mr. Goodes, sufficient funds were available.

7. APPOINTMENT OF REGISTRAR.

Discussion followed regarding the appointment of a Registrar but this question was still undecided when the meeting adjourned.

The meeting was adjourned at 1 p.m. until 9.30 a.m. on Wednesday, 15th January, 1947, in the Conference Room, Ministry of Post-War Reconstruction.

The fifth meeting of the Interim Council of the Australian National University adjourned from Tuesday, 14th January, 1947, was resumed in the Conference Room, Ministry of Post-War Reconstruction, Canberra, on Wednesday, 15th January, 1947 at 9.30 a.m.

Present:

The Chairman (Professor R.C. Mills)
The Deputy-Chairman (Mr. J.D.G. Medley)
Professor K.H. Bailey
Dr. H.C. Coombs
Mr. C.S. Daley
Sir Frederic Eggleston
Sir Robert Garran
Mr. H.J. Goodes
Professor R. Douglas Wright

The Secretary, Dr. R.B. Madgwick, was in attendance.

1. APOLOGIES.

An apology was received from Sir David Rivett.

2. RESEARCH FELLOWSHIPS.

The Chairman reported that he had discussed with Mr. Goodes the question of the finances available. It was agreed to offer fellowships to the four applicants selected on the previous day.

3. UNDERGRADUATE TEACHING IN CANBERRA.

The report of the Committee appointed to investigate the question of undergraduate teaching in Canberra was received.

After full discussion it was resolved that the Committee be asked to advise further on the nature of the machinery to be established to ensure that the development of the institutions involved should proceed on such lines that incorporation in the University would be facilitated at the appropriate time.

4. PROFESSOR M.L. OLIPHANT.

It was resolved that the Chairman and Deputy-Chairman should inform Professor Oliphant that the Council had resolved to offer him the appointment of Head of the Research School of Physical Sciences on the following conditions, and that a formal letter should be sent to him as soon as the Cabinet decision regarding finance was known.

(i) Salary and Allowance.

That the salary will be £2750 per annum with an entertainment allowance of £350 per annum.

(ii) House.

That the University will provide or secure a house at a rent determined by the Council.

(iii) Laboratories Equipment and Staff.

That the Council will make provision for laboratories equipment and staff to the following financial limits which it is expected will provide for Professor Oliphant's requirements as outlined by him to the Council on 13th January, 1947.

(a) Capital Expenditure : £500,000 over a period of five years.

(b) Annual Running Cost : £65,000.

5. OTHER CONDITIONS.

(i) that the resolutions on page 8 of the Minutes of the Meeting 27th September, 1946, should be reaffirmed as applicable with the exception of resolutions (b) and (c).

(ii) that Professor Oliphant should occupy the Chair of Physics in the Australian National University.

6. PRESS STATEMENT.

It was unanimously agreed that no Press Statement regarding Professor Oliphant's visit should be made other than by the Chairman

and that the Chairman should make a Statement as follows:-

"All aspects of the establishment of the Research School of Physical Sciences have been discussed by the Interim Council of the Australian National University with Professor Oliphant. These discussions will continue after Professor Oliphant returns to England. No further Press Statement is possible at this stage."

7. APPOINTMENT OF REGISTRAR.

(i) Interim Arrangements.

It was resolved that until a Registrar was appointed Professor R. Douglas Wright should act as Honorary Secretary to the Interim Council and that Mr. L.F. Crisp of the Ministry of Post-War Reconstruction should be made available whenever his normal duties permitted, as Acting-Secretary.

It was agreed that Professor Wright should exercise general supervision and Mr. Crisp should be responsible for the executive work associated with the activities of the University.

(ii) Applications for the Position of Registrar.

The short list agreed upon at the meeting of 10th January was further considered at length and was finally reduced to the following:-

Mr. C.R. Forsyth
Mr. Andrew Garran
Mr. P.C. Greenland

It was agreed that further information should be secured regarding Mr. Forsyth, and that Mr. Garran and Mr. Greenland should be interviewed in Melbourne on the evening of 28th January, 1947, by those members of the Interim Council who could be present on that date and time.

(iii) Sir Robert Garran.

Sir Robert Garran withdrew from the meeting during all discussions regarding the appointment of a Registrar.

8. GENERAL.

(1) Next Meeting.

It was agreed that the next meeting should be held in the Conference Room, Ministry of Post-War Reconstruction, at 9.30 a.m. on Friday, 14th February, 1947.

(ii) Reimbursement of Expenses.

The Secretary asked that he be reimbursed for the following out-of-pocket expenses:-

Gratuities to Staff Hotel Canberra - Christmas 1946	£5 : 0 : 0
Gratuities to Staff Hotel Canberra - Cocktail Party	£2 : 0 : 0
Expenses involved in Professor Oliphant's Visit	£3 : 5 : 9
Sundries - telephone calls, telegrams, etc.	£1 : 10 : 0
	<u>£11 : 15 : 9</u>

It was resolved that this statement of expenses be received and that the Secretary be authorised to secure reimbursement of the amount involved.

Chairman.
14th February, 1947.

AUSTRALIAN NATIONAL UNIVERSITY

INTERIM COUNCIL

Minutes of a Special Meeting of the Interim Council of the Australian National University held in the Conference Room, Ministry of Post-War Reconstruction, on Monday, 13th January, 1947, at 2.30 p.m.

Present:

The Chairman (Professor R.C. Mills)
The Deputy Chairman (Mr. J.D.G. Medley)
Professor K.H. Bailey
Dr. H.C. Coombs
Mr. C.S. Daley
Sir Frederic Eggleston
Sir Robert Garrahan
Mr. H.J. Goodes
Sir David Rivett
Professor R. Douglas Wright

The Secretary, Dr. R.B. Madgwick was in attendance.

Introductory:

The purpose of the meeting was to discuss with Professor M.L. Oliphant questions relating to the establishment of the Research School of Physical Sciences. In introducing Professor Oliphant to the Council the Chairman pointed out that the meeting had been called for the purpose of informal discussions with Professor Oliphant, and that arising out of these discussions the Council would give formal consideration to his suggestions at a meeting to be held on the following day.

He assured Professor Oliphant that the members of the Council felt greatly honoured at his acceptance of their invitation and that they hoped it might be possible not only for Professor Oliphant to advise regarding the establishment of the School but that he might be prepared, following discussions with them, to consider accepting the appointment as head of the Research School of Physical Sciences.

Professor Oliphant, in reply, assured members of the Council that he personally felt honoured at the invitation that had been given him. He felt certain that the establishment of such a Research School marked a very great step forward in University education in Australia and might very well prove of inestimable benefit to Australia as a whole.

Press Statements.

Before proceeding to a discussion of specific points, the Chairman impressed on members the absolute necessity for the utmost discretion in any press statements that might be issued. He explained that statements which had already appeared in the Australian press had caused considerable embarrassment to himself and the Secretary and must also have been embarrassing to Professor Oliphant. He pointed out that the Council had already agreed that press statements regarding the University should be made only by himself or the Deputy Chairman.

Principles covering the Establishment of Research Schools.

To open the discussion the Chairman drew attention to the twelve principles which had been agreed on by the Council at its meeting of 27th September, 1946, and which appeared on page 8 of the minutes of the meeting.

Professor Oliphant commented that in a Research School entry into any department must be entirely at the discretion of the head of the

department in consultation with the head of the School, and that there must be no other way of entry than this. He agreed that it was of vital importance that the students in the School should be of the highest possible academic attainment and that the numbers admitted should not in any circumstances exceed the facilities available for them.

Regarding the payment of fixed salaries rather than salaries subject to cost of living adjustment or annual increments, Professor Oliphant said that he was in general agreement, although he thought allowance should be made for outstanding merit. The Chairman pointed out that the Council had considered this and thought that such allowance could best be made by promotion to higher grades and not by automatic increments. Professor Oliphant agreed that this would satisfactorily meet his point.

The Australian National University Act.

The Chairman then asked Professor Oliphant whether he had any comments on the Act. Professor Oliphant stated that he had nothing in particular to suggest. He had felt very unhappy about the draft of the Bill which he had seen but felt quite happy now, since all his objections had been met by amendments to the Bill as he had first seen it. He explained that his views on certain aspects of the Act would become clearer as he explained his viewpoint on the establishment of the Research School.

Requirements of a Research School of Physical Sciences.

The Chairman therefore asked Professor Oliphant whether he could make a general statement on the questions involved. Professor Oliphant then proceeded to explain what was necessary in a Research School of Physical Sciences under the following general headings :-

- (1) Finance. He pointed out that a modern School of Physical Research would require for buildings and equipment an amount of £500,000 spread over a period of 5 years. He was quite confident that a smaller sum than this would inevitably result in serious restriction in some fields of research.
- (2) Staff. He considered the staff necessary for the first ten years to be of the following order, although he explained that this might be subject to minor modification, because he was not fully informed on some of the questions involved in determining what staff would be necessary:-
 - (a) The head of the School
 - (b) Professor of Physics
 - (c) Professor of Theoretical Physics
 - (d) 2 or 3 associate Professors or readers
 - (e) A body of research Fellows and a number of research workers totalling probably 8, and rising ultimately to 15.
 - (f) 8 to 15 research students
 - (g) The research workers mentioned should range from senior research Fellows who would be paid a salary in Great Britain of £750 per annum, down to junior research workers at £250 to £400 per annum.
 - (h) A senior laboratory steward who must possess first-class attainments. This officer should be paid approximately £500 per annum and should be treated as a member of the academic staff.
 - (i) 4 or 5 senior laboratory technicians at about £400 to £450.
 - (j) Workshop foreman at £400-450.
 - (k) One draftsman at £400-450.
 - (l) A number of junior staff including 10 mechanics, secretary to the laboratory, 3 stenographers as

personal secretaries to the Professors,
1 stenographer for general duties in the School
and 1 librarian who need not necessarily be
fully trained.

Professor Oliphant thought that the recommendations regarding the engagement of staff should be left fairly completely to the head of the School, although the appointments made would be made by the University. He envisaged a situation in which the head of the School would submit details to the Council for consideration and that appointments would then be made by the Council following further discussion with the head of the School if this should prove necessary.

He pointed out that many of the technicians would need to be secured in Great Britain because of the very high degree of trained skill that was required.

Buildings and Equipment.

Dr. Coombs asked for more detail regarding the capital expenditure of £500,000. Professor Oliphant explained that he could only give approximate figures because he knew only the English prices but he suggested that the sum of £500,000 would be spent as follows :-

- (1) Buildings. 50,000 sq. ft. would be necessary, mainly of factory type buildings, but with the necessary offices and a library of better type construction. This, he thought, would cost approximately £100,000.
- (2) Normal equipment of a physical laboratory, £100,000, which he estimated at sterling prices plus exchange.
- (3) Special equipment for nuclear physics. This would cost between £200,000 and £300,000.

Running Expenses.

Professor Oliphant thought that the annual running expenses to cover salaries, power, materials, etc., would be from £60,000 to £65,000.

General.

Professor Oliphant explained that if, in the opinion of the Council, these costs were too high, consideration might be given to establishing a research school in some other branch of physical science than nuclear physics. He pointed out that at the present time the developing lines of physical research are :-

- (i) nuclear physics,
- (ii) X-ray physics,
- (iii) low temperature physics,
- (iv) high pressure physics.

He explained that he was very strongly of opinion that a Research University should concentrate on one of these branches, all of which, however, are in the forefront of knowledge. He explained that they are all extremely expensive but thought that high pressure physics was probably more costly than nuclear physics and low temperature physics which he thought were about equally costly and that X-ray physics was the cheapest of the four. Even X-ray physics, however, is very expensive, although not to the same extent as the other three.

Regarding the order of importance for Australia at the present time, he suggested that nuclear physics was in his opinion more vital than the other three, which he placed in the following order of importance :-

- (i) low temperature physics,
- (ii) X-ray physics,
- (iii) high pressure physics.

In answer to a question from the Chairman, Professor Oliphant explained that although, for example, nuclear physics might be taken as the core of the School, it would still be necessary to keep fully up to date in the other three, because all four are inextricably interdependent. He felt that X-ray physics was perhaps rather narrower than the other three and might not involve the same necessity for being related to them so closely.

Relation to other Universities and Schools.

In reply to a question from Sir Robert Garran, Professor Oliphant explained that he would regard a Research School established in Canberra as likely to stimulate work in other Universities and research institutions with which it should be very closely integrated. He was strongly of opinion that two-way traffic would be very desirable and would inevitably develop, and he felt that the School at Canberra would secure at least equal benefit from association with the other Universities as they would secure from its establishment.

Relation of the School of Physical Sciences to the University.

Professor Wright asked whether the present plans for the development of the University would permit adequate development in the School of Physical Sciences. In reply Professor Oliphant stated that he regarded the four Research Schools at present planned as only a beginning and that he would like ultimately to see other research schools established if the School of Physical Sciences was to develop fully. At the same time he agreed that it was very much better to start with a few Schools which were obviously necessary and to develop the others as circumstances permitted or required. He said that he felt he should warn members at this stage that it would take 5 years to establish the Research School of Physical Sciences and that it would be at least another 5 years before any significant work came out of it. He felt that this should be stressed very strongly because there might be a feeling in some quarters that the very heavy expense involved was not producing results quickly enough.

Salaries.

Professor Wright asked what range of salaries should be considered for members of the staff. In reply Professor Oliphant expressed the view very strongly that salaries should not be so high that research workers would be attracted by them alone. He felt that the salaries offered must not be too far out of line with those paid by other Universities and that to make them too high might very well attract people who were not fundamentally interested in research work for its own sake. He felt that the Council should aim at a salary structure which would just relieve the staff from any financial worries and so enable them to concentrate the whole of their attention on their research work.

The Deputy Chairman pointed out that in Melbourne in the near future he hoped the minimum salary for Professors would be £1,500 per annum, and that superannuation would be in accordance with the Federated Superannuation Scheme for Universities. According to the nature of the Chair involved, salaries would range from £1,500 to a maximum of £2,000 per annum. He suggested, in these circumstances, that the salary range in the National University should be from £1,750 to £2,250. Professor Oliphant stated that in view of the importance of the Professor of Theoretical Physics in the National University the salary paid him should be closer to the salary of the head of the School and should therefore be of the order of £2,500. He thought that the third Professor should be paid £2,000 per annum and the associate Professors or Readers £1,500.

Provision of Housing.

Professor Wright asked whether the University might not pay lower salaries and provide free houses rather than pay the normal salary and require members of the staff to secure their own accommodation. Professor Oliphant felt that the provision of free houses might unduly

restrict the choice of where to live and after further discussion it was generally agreed that the normal salary should be paid and the onus placed on the member of the staff involved to decide where he would live.

Appointment of Head of the School.

In answer to a question from Sir David Rivett, Professor Oliphant explained that he thought it desirable to appoint the head of the School as soon as possible and defer the date on which he commenced duty. This would give him authority to discuss relevant matters with possible members of the staff and to make other arrangements which might prove necessary in the period before he actually assumed the duties of his appointment. The Council agreed that this practice should be followed.

Relations with Industry.

Professor Oliphant proceeded to explain for the information of the Council certain matters which he considered of particular importance. He explained that in Birmingham there was a School of Physics of very high repute which had established very close and friendly relationships with other institutions, with private individuals and particularly with industry. He pointed out that in a big University other departments can be of extraordinary assistance and that in England the existence of bodies like the Royal Society were also a very great help. He believed that the lack of these affiliations in Canberra would make the Research School of Physical Sciences harder to develop than it would be in England, particularly if the vital contacts with industry could not be made. He explained that, in his opinion, whoever became the head of the Research School would have an up-hill fight, and that the goodwill of industry, of the other Universities and of bodies like C.S.I.R. would need to be carefully fostered.

He also expressed the view that the absence in Canberra, at least in the early years, of a large number of people of similar intellectual capacity and interests would involve a degree of isolation which might have very serious consequences. He therefore stressed the fact that funds should be made available by the University to enable people from other Universities, both in Australia and overseas, to visit Canberra freely. He also strongly supported the idea of conducting seminars and discussions similar to that which had been arranged in Canberra during his visit.

Vice Chancellor.

In reply to a question from the Deputy Chairman, Professor Oliphant said that he was very definitely of opinion that a Vice Chancellor or someone performing the functions of a Vice Chancellor was essential over the next five years. Unless a Vice Chancellor were appointed it would be extremely difficult for the heads of the Research Schools to secure policy decisions quickly and to get the necessary administrative help and advice.

Undergraduate Teaching.

In reply to Sir Robert Garran, Professor Oliphant stated that in his view it would be a fatal mistake to embark on undergraduate teaching until the Research Schools had been fully established. He also felt that when undergraduate teaching was introduced it should be at full University level and the undergraduate schools would need to be of a standard comparable to the research schools. This would involve highly competent staff and adequate buildings and facilities. He concluded that he was fully alive to the importance of having an undergraduate section of the University, not only for its own sake, but because of the benefit such undergraduate facilities could be to the staffs in the research schools. He said, however, that he felt he should warn the Council that the incorporation of any undergraduate institution which was not of the highest standing would react unfavourably against the research schools, whose reputation would inevitably depend to some extent on the reputation of the University as a whole.

Statutes.

In reply to a question from Professor Wright, Professor Oliphant said that he would be happy to advise on the statutes which he thought would be necessary and on what he thought might be included in them.

General.

The Chairman thanked Professor Oliphant for the advice he had given and promised that the Council would consider it very carefully before it reached any final decisions.

Professor Oliphant concluded by thanking the Council for the opportunity they had given him of visiting Australia and of meeting the physicists who had been brought to Canberra for the seminar.

The meeting closed at 5.15 p.m.

Chairman.
14th February, 1947.

AUSTRALIAN NATIONAL UNIVERSITY.

INTERIM COUNCIL.

Minutes of the sixth meeting of the Interim Council of the Australian National University held in the Conference Room, Department of Post-war Reconstruction, Canberra, on Friday, February 14th, at 9.30 a.m.

PRESENT:

The Chairman (Professor R.C. Mills)
The Deputy-Chairman (Mr. J.D.G. Medley)
Dr. H.C. Coombs
Mr. C.S. Daley
Sir Frederic Eggleston
Sir Robert Garran
Mr. H.J. Goodes
Sir David Rivett
Professor R. Douglas Wright.

The Secretary, Mr. L.F. Crisp, was in attendance.

1. APOLOGIES.

An apology was received from Professor K.H. Bailey who was absent from Canberra on official business. (During the morning session of the Council Meeting Mr. Comans of the Attorney-General's Department attended as observer on Professor Bailey's behalf).

2. MINUTES.

The Minutes of the Fifth Meeting of the Interim Council were taken as read. Two verbal amendments were made. With these amendments the Minutes were confirmed and signed by the Chairman.

Minutes of the Special Meeting of January 13th, 1947, at which the Council met Professor Oliphant, were also taken as read, confirmed subject to one minor amendment and signed by the Chairman.

3. BUSINESS ARISING OUT OF THE MINUTES.

(i) Replacement of Professor Ashby on the Council.

The Chairman reported that no further action had been taken on this matter and it was agreed for the time being that no further action should be taken.

(ii) Library.

The Chairman reported that with Dr. Madgwick he had discussed the question of the National University Library with Mr. Steel, Librarian of the Fisher Library, University of Sydney, who was of opinion that the National University should immediately obtain the services of a trained librarian, though this officer need not necessarily be intended as its Chief Librarian. He suggested that a librarian on a £600-750 range should prove satisfactory for the time being, or as an alternative, offered to second Miss Marjorie Thompson of his own staff - a graduate with considerable library experience - to act until a permanent appointment was made.

After full discussion it was resolved:-

- (a) That Mr. Steel's offer to second one of his officers should be accepted and that this officer should take up duties as soon as administratively possible.

- (b) That the position of Librarian of the National University should be advertised at an early date at a figure of £1250 per annum.

(iii) Canberra University College.

The Chairman reported that the Committee set up for the purpose met the Council of the Canberra University College in the Canberra University College Council Room, at 8 o'clock on Thursday, February 13th.

After full and fruitful discussion it was decided at that meeting that the National University should convene a meeting of representatives of the National University, the Canberra University College, the Royal Military College, the School of Pacific Administration, the Public Service Board, the Forestry School and the Diplomatic Cadet Officer of the Department of External Affairs, to arrange for the compilation of information of courses given and required by these institutions at the undergraduate level with a view to subsequent determination by the National University of the scope and role of undergraduate activity to be undertaken.

It was also decided that the Canberra University College should be kept informed at all stages of the National University's consideration of the question of undergraduate studies in Canberra.

The Council endorsed these arrangements.

(iv) University Site.

The Chairman reported that he had written to the Minister for the Interior requesting him to vest the University site in the National University authorities. Mr. Daley reported progress in the matter of temporary accommodation for the University and Professor Wright reported that the Department of the Interior had been approached with a request for a contour model of the University site.

4. RE-PROCLAMATION OF ACT.

The Chairman explained steps taken to issue a further Proclamation of the Australian National University Act 1946, together with an Executive Council Minute again constituting the Interim Council, in order to remove doubts entertained as to the complete validity of the earlier Proclamation.

The following resolution was then moved by Mr. Medley, seconded by Professor Wright and carried by the Council:

"That the Interim Council confirms, ratifies and adopts all resolutions appearing in the minute book of the Interim Council appointed, or purporting to have been appointed, by the Governor-General on the 7th August, 1946, all acts done by any person in pursuance of any such resolution and all acts of that Council".

5. CORRESPONDENCE.

- (i) From Dr. Madgwick recommending certain additions to staff. Received and dealt with later in the meeting.

- (ii) From Sir Howard Florey regarding visit. Three letters to the Secretary and Professor Wright and a cable were received from Sir Howard Florey on this subject. Received and dealt with later in the meeting.
- (iii) From Mr. John Foster welcoming the possibility of inclusion of the National University Academic Staff under the F.S.S.U. Superannuation Scheme. Received.
- (iv) From Professor Gerard explaining that there is still some uncertainty regarding his availability to visit Canberra as invited. Received.
- (v) From Sir S. Radhakrishnan signifying his willingness to come later in the year. Received and dealt with later in the meeting.
- (vi) From L.F. Fitzhardinge offering to make enquiries at Oxford for the National University as well as for University of Sydney on the subject of University press. This matter was considered and it was decided that the Chairman should discuss the offer and explain the National University's attitude personally with Mr. Fitzhardinge.
- (vii) From J.A. La Nauze and Grenfell Rudduck accepting awards of Social Science Fellowships and raising certain questions in connection with acceptance. Received and dealt with later in the meeting.

6. APPOINTMENT OF REGISTRAR.

The Chairman reported that Messrs. Greenland and Garran had been interviewed by the Selection Committee in Melbourne since the last meeting and that Mr R.G. Osborne had been interviewed by the Selection Committee in Canberra. It was the Committee's opinion that Mr. Osborne should be further interviewed by the full Council. This was agreed and Mr. Osborne was interviewed by the Council during the meeting.

After full discussion of all the candidates on the "short list" and consideration of all the relevant issues it was decided on the motion of Mr. Medley, seconded by Dr. Coombs, that the Council should invite Mr. R.G. Osborne to accept appointment as Registrar.

7. APPOINTMENT OF OTHER ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF.

(i) The Chairman reported that candidates whose paper qualifications for positions of Assistant Accountant and Secretary to the Registrar had appeared most suitable, had been interviewed by himself and Professor Wright. They were Miss Lois Dexter and Miss Mary Wilding.

Mr. Medley moved and Professor Wright seconded motions that Miss Dexter and Miss Wilding should be invited to accept the positions of Assistant Accountant and Secretary to the Registrar respectively, the former at the advertised rate of £500 per annum and latter at £380 per annum.

The motions were carried.

(ii) It was agreed that negotiations should continue with the Commonwealth Superannuation Board with a view to an arrangement permitting members of the staff to come, or continue, under the Commonwealth scheme at the discretion of the Council.

It was agreed that Professor Wright should discuss with Professors Oliphant, Florey and Hancock in Oxford the question of National University's taking over existing insurance policies under various schemes held by staff appointed to the National University. This matter had been raised by Professor Oliphant.

(iii) It was agreed that where a Commonwealth public servant joined the National University staff, having Sick Leave due from the Commonwealth, continuity should be granted.

(iv) It was agreed further that if difficulty were experienced in arranging accommodation for new staff members, some form of living allowance might, under certain circumstances, be necessary.

8. VISITS BY SIR HOWARD FLOREY AND PROFESSOR HANCOCK.

The Chairman drew attention to the request by Sir Howard Florey that his visit to Australia should be deferred for the time being. Professor Wright reported on a telephone conversation with Professor Oliphant, from which he understood that a great deal of progress might be made in the Council's efforts to interest leading Australians in England in the National University project if an informed member of the Council were available for discussion with them there, and, in particular, if he were available during a meeting which was projected between Professors Oliphant, Florey and Hancock at Oxford, on Sunday, February 23rd.

It was agreed that Professor Wright should be asked to visit England immediately to discuss with these men and others the plans and aspirations of the Interim Council.

It was also agreed that, after the arrival of Dr. Coombs in England, Dr. Coombs and Professors Ashby and Wright should, if possible, arrange a joint meeting with Professors Oliphant, Hancock and Florey and should do all in their power to arrange definite dates for Professors Hancock and Florey to visit Canberra.

The Council discussed material to be placed before Professor Florey and decided to endorse as a basis for discussion between Professor Wright and Sir Howard Florey the latter's original outline for a Medical Research Institute in Australia together with pages 4 to 8 of a draft statement on policy for medical research prepared for the Interim Council by the Advisory Committee on the Medical Research Establishment.

It was hoped that, starting with these documents, they would work out a statement on policy and planning for the consideration of the Council on Professor Wright's return.

The Chairman reported that he had received a letter from Professor Hancock making certain proposals regarding his projected trip to Canberra. It was decided that no action should for the moment be taken on this until Professor Wright had had an opportunity of discussing the matter directly with Professor Hancock in Oxford.

9. PROFESSOR OLIPHANT'S VISIT.

The Chairman made a short report on Professor Oliphant's visit. Since Professor Oliphant's departure Cabinet had approved the idea of supplementing expenditure on the Research School of Physical Sciences by £380,000 to bring the total to £500,000, dependent upon the School's being devoted to nuclear physics research and to Professor Oliphant's accepting leadership of the School. It was further reported that the Prime Minister had written to Mr. Attlee seeking sympathetic personal help with this project more particularly as it affected Professor Oliphant.

It was agreed that a formal offer should now be made to Professor Oliphant in terms of item 4 of page 6 of the Minutes of the fifth meeting of the Council.

It was further agreed that a suitably worded cable should be sent in advance of the written offer.

A report from Professor L. Martin on the Oliphant Seminar was received and its terms noted.

10. RESEARCH FELLOWSHIPS.

(a) Mr. J.A. La Nauze.

The Chairman reported that he and Dr. Coombs had seen Mr. La Nauze and had received from him a letter accepting the Council's offer of a Social Science Fellowship subject to three queries.

On the first of these, whether the Council would pay superannuation contributions due at Sydney University, the Council ruled that it would not meet this item additionally to the £900 of the Fellowship. As regards the second query, i.e. travelling allowance rate, it was agreed that within Australia this should be fares plus 22/6d. per day away from the centre in which the Fellows are located. As to the third query, it was agreed that reasonable typing and related expenses would be a proper charge against general expenses.

(b) Dr. J.W. Burton.

Certain departmental complications had arisen in the case of Dr. Burton and final discussion of his project had been postponed until the departmental position could be clarified.

(c) Mr. W.D. Borrie.

Consideration of Mr. Borrie's project had been deferred until his return from New Zealand early in March.

(d) Mr. G. Rudduck.

A letter had been received from Mr. Rudduck (who was in hospital) accepting the offer of a Fellowship and setting out proposed itinerary and schedule. After full discussion the Council was of the opinion that the itinerary and schedule as submitted included too much travelling and involved too much expenditure. It was recalled that in instituting the Fellowships it had been envisaged that £A350 a year would be a reasonable annual amount. It was therefore decided that Mr. Rudduck should be asked to revise his project to provide for his attachment to one or other institution and person abroad, to be approved by the Council, and that travel away from the institution of the approved supervisor should be with the approval of that supervisor but subject to the approximate figure of £A350 a year. It was further felt that the most suitable country in which Mr. Rudduck could undertake his overseas work would in all probability be Britain, and that Professor Abercrombie was the type of supervisor Council had in mind.

- (e) It was agreed that no announcement should be made on the subject of Fellowship appointments until all four invitations had been accepted and conditions clarified and approved.

11. VISITS FROM OVERSEAS.

- (a) It was decided that an invitation should be extended to Professor Firth to visit Canberra for purpose of consultation with the Interim Council.
- (b) The Chairman reported on correspondence with Professor Gerard and the Council noted that information was awaited from Professor Gerard as to his actual availability to visit Australia.
- (c) The Chairman reported that Professor Radhakrishnan had signified his willingness to visit Australia for three months from July, subject to possible variation on account of meetings of the Indian Constituent Assembly. It was agreed that his proposal be accepted, that Professor Wright should discuss with him at Oxford the general purposes which the Council had in mind in inviting him, and that Mr. Medley and Sir Frederic Eggleston should submit a draft itinerary to the next meeting of the Council.
- (d) The Chairman reported that he had been advised of the interest of Professor Debenham (Geography, Cambridge) in the National University. It was agreed that, if possible, Professor Wright, Professor Ashby and Dr. Coombs should see him in Cambridge and it was felt that they might also discuss the possibility and usefulness of a visit by him with Mr. Priestly.

12. REPORT OF MEDICAL RESEARCH ADVISORY COMMITTEE.

As noted under 8 above it was agreed that pages 4 to 8 of the Medical Research Advisory Committee's Report would form a partial basis for discussion between Professor Wright and Sir Howard Florey at Oxford. The Council agreed that it should not express any opinion on pages 1 to 4 of the report without further consideration of their contents.

13. ORGANIZATION OF THE SCHOOL OF PACIFIC STUDIES.

Sir Frederic Eggleston raised the question of the organization of the School. After some discussion of the most suitable experts from overseas who might be invited to advise on the subject, it was decided that a Committee of the Council consisting of Sir Frederic Eggleston, Mr. Medley and Mr. A.S. Brown (for Dr. Coombs) should report on the subject.

14. NATIONAL UNIVERSITY FINANCES.

The Secretary explained that the present method of handling the financial affairs of the University through the Department of Post-war Reconstruction could not, for Departmental reasons, be long continued, and was in any case unsatisfactory in many respects.

It was agreed that at the earliest practicable date following the taking up of duties of the Assistant Accountant arrangements should be made with Allard, Way & Hardy, Chartered Accountants of Sydney and Canberra, to open the University's own books.

It was agreed that the Commonwealth Auditor-General should be requested to be University Auditor and Mr. Goodes reported that he had already opened discussions on this point.

15. NEXT AND FUTURE MEETINGS.

It was agreed that in future members of the Council should as far as possible allow two days for meetings of the Council and committees, March 13th and 14th being named as the dates for the next meeting, Committees to meet on the 13th and Council on the 14th.

The meeting closed at 4.30 p.m.

Chairman.
14th March, 1947.

AUSTRALIAN NATIONAL UNIVERSITY.

INTERIM COUNCIL.

Minutes of the seventh meeting of the Interim Council of the Australian National University, held in the Conference Room, Department of Post-war Reconstruction, Canberra, on Friday, March 14th, 1947, at 9.30 a.m.

Present:

The Chairman (Professor R.C. Mills)
Professor K.H. Bailey
Mr. A.S. Brown
Mr. C.S. Daley
Sir Frederic Eggleston
Sir Robert Garran

The Secretary, Mr. L.F. Crisp, was in attendance.

1. APOLOGIES.

Apologies were received from Mr. J.D.G. Medley, Mr. H.J. Goodes and Sir David Rivett. Dr. Coombs and Professor Wright were absent in Britain, but the former was represented by the Acting Director-General of Post-war Reconstruction, Mr. A.S. Brown.

2. MINUTES.

The minutes of the sixth meeting of the Interim Council were taken as read, confirmed and signed by the Chairman.

3. BUSINESS ARISING OUT OF THE MINUTES.

(i) University Site.

Mr. C.S. Daley informed the Council that he would arrange for a meeting between the Buildings and Grounds Committee of the Interim Council and the National Capital and Planning Development Committee for Friday, March 21st, at 10 a.m., and it was agreed that this meeting should take place in the Conference Room at the Department of Post-war Reconstruction.

(ii) Professor Wright's Visit to Britain.

The Chairman reported that he had had no word from Professor Wright but had on the previous evening received a cable from Dr. Coombs stating that interested persons had requested first-hand information on the administrative arrangements and performance of graduate institutions in the United States for a further meeting on March 29th, and that he and Professor Wright strongly recommended that Professor Wright travel to the United States on March 14th to collect such information and return for the meeting on March 29th. The Chairman pointed out that while the cable had apparently been received in Canberra at noon on Wednesday 12th he had not received it until the evening of March 13th and had immediately discussed it at length with the Finance Committee of the Council which was meeting at that time.

The Finance Committee (a majority of the Council present in Canberra) agreed to despatch a reply to Dr. Coombs reading:-

"Council considered request but holds view
no immediate urgency for visit to America
and suggests information desired might be
obtained by other means."

The Interim Council further considered both Dr. Coombs' cable and the reply to it and decided that the Chairman should immediately telephone Dr. Coombs to clear up certain obscurities in the original cable and if it appeared essential in the interest of the National University to do so to modify terms of the Council's reply. In particular it was desired to ascertain whether the interested persons had asked for the survey to be made before March 29th, and whether they had asked that Professor Wright should go to America in order to make it.

4. CORRESPONDENCE.

- (i) From Mr. R.G. Osborne asking various questions on terms and conditions applying to Registrarship.
All points raised by Mr. Osborne were discussed and it was decided that a reply in suitable terms should be sent to him.
- (ii) From Miss Wilding and Miss Dexter accepting appointment as Secretary to the Registrar and Assistant Accountant respectively. Letters were received.
- (iii) From Professor Lewis Mumford. A letter declining the invitation of the National University to visit Canberra was received.
- (iv) From Professor Oliphant. A letter and comments on the National University project from Professor Oliphant following on his visit in January, were received.
- (v) From Mr. Grenfell Rudduck submitting a new itinerary and plan of work in connection with his Fellowship project was received.
- (vi) From Dr. J.W. Burton declining the Council's offer of a Social Science Research Fellowship was received.
- (vii) From Canberra University College drawing attention to Press reports regarding accommodation plans of the School of Pacific Administration in Sydney was received.
- (viii) From Dr. R.B. Madgwick.

The Chairman reported that he had written to Dr. Madgwick expressing the thanks and appreciation of the Interim Council for his work as Secretary, and conveying to him the good wishes of the Council for his success as Warden of New England University College.

He further reported that he had received a reply from Dr. Madgwick conveying most sincere thanks to the Interim Council and assuring it of his continued interest in, and willingness to assist in any way within his power, the development of the National University.

5. FINANCE.

The report of the Finance Committee was received. The proposed budget was discussed and the report adopted.

6. STAFF.

The Secretary reported that arrangements had been made for the insertion of an advertisement (circulated to Council members) in Australian and New Zealand papers and in the "Times" in London. It was decided to re-word slightly the overseas version of the advertisement in so far as it concerned preference to ex-servicemen.

The Secretary also reported that Miss Wilding and Miss Dexter would take up duties in April and that the latter would spend a week in the University of Queensland examining that University's accounting and bookkeeping methods.

7. OVERSEAS VISITS.

(i) Sir Sarvepalli Radhakrishnan.

The Council discussed in a preliminary way the question of itinerary and it was decided that in all probability it would be better to restrict his visits to Canberra and the Universities of Sydney, Melbourne and Adelaide. It was understood that Mr. Medley had raised the question of a visit by Sir Sarvepalli to their Universities with the Vice-Chancellors of Sydney and Adelaide. It was agreed that when a broad draft itinerary had been decided upon it should be communicated to Sir Sarvepalli and he should be asked the nature and subjects of the lectures and seminars he would be prepared to give while in Australia. The question of his visiting all six states would also be referred to.

(ii) Further Invitations.

Sir Frederic Eggleston raised the question of further invitations to Oriental scholars, in particular to Dr. Hu Shih and Dr. Tsiang Ting-Fu of China and Dr. Panakaar of India.

It was decided that an invitation should be extended through the Australian Legation in China to Dr. Tsiang Ting-Fu.

It was also suggested that consideration should be given to the invitation of Professors Schumpeter and Elton Mayo.

No decision was reached on suggestions other than that of Dr. Tsiang Ting-Fu.

8. SOCIAL SCIENCE RESEARCH FELLOWSHIPS.

The report of the Social Science Research Fellowship Committee was received and adopted. The Secretary was instructed to invite Mr. R.S. Parker to accept the Fellowship declined by Dr. Burton. It was decided in addition that the Chairman should discuss with Mr. Medley the question of some form of assistance (e.g. assistance in publication) for Mrs. Kathleen Fitzpatrick in connection with her Franklin project.

9. SCHOOL OF PACIFIC STUDIES.

The report submitted by Sir Frederic Eggleston after discussion with Messrs. Medley and Brown was received.

It was agreed that the Canberra University College would be a more appropriate institution for the teaching of Oriental Languages than the Research School of Pacific Studies. It was re-affirmed that the School of Pacific Administration should not

be affiliated to the National University at least until the Research Schools were fully established.

After further discussion it was agreed that Sir Robert Garran should convey orally to the Canberra University College the views of the Interim Council in response to the letter received from the Registrar of the College.

10. POST-GRADUATE MEDICAL STUDIES.

The Chairman raised an informal request from the Chairman of the Sydney University Post-Graduate Medical Committee (Dr. V.M. Coppleson) that the Council consider providing a single post-Graduate Medical diploma for the whole of Australia in place of the existing provisions of the several State Universities.

After full discussion it was agreed that no such move could be contemplated by the National University.

11. NEXT MEETING.

It was agreed that the Council should meet next on Friday, 11th April at 10 a.m. with any necessary Committee Meetings on the 10th April.

The meeting closed at 12.40 p.m.

Chairman.
11th April, 1947.

AUSTRALIAN NATIONAL UNIVERSITY

INTERIM COUNCIL.

Minutes of the eighth meeting of the Interim Council, held in the Conference Room, Department of Post-War Reconstruction, Canberra, on Friday, April 11th, 1947, at 10 a.m.

Present:

The Chairman (Professor R.C. Mills)
The Deputy-Chairman (Mr. J.D.G. Medley)
Professor K.H. Bailey
Mr. A.S. Brown
Mr. C.S. Daley
Sir Frederic Eggleston
Mr. H.J. Goodes
Professor R. Douglas Wright

The Secretary, Mr. L.F. Crisp, was in attendance.

Mr. R.G. Osborne, who has been invited to accept the position of Registrar, was present by invitation of the Chairman for part of the meeting.

1. APOLOGIES:

Apologies were received from Sir Robert Garran who was in Sydney and Sir David Rivett who was in Brisbane.

2. MINUTES.

The minutes of the seventh meeting of the Interim Council were taken as read, confirmed and signed by the Chairman.

3. MR. R.G. OSBORNE.

At the Chairman's suggestion it was decided first to discuss with Mr. Osborne matters relating to the invitation extended to him to accept the registrarship. Mr. Osborne thanked the Council for its invitation. Matters of superannuation and housing were discussed. Mr. Osborne expressed satisfaction with the arrangements being made regarding superannuation but felt that he would like some assurance of a house in a reasonably short time. It was agreed that Mr. Daley, Mr. Goodes and the Secretary should prepare the necessary material for an approach to the Prime Minister and the Ministers of Post-War Reconstruction, Interior and Works and Housing, asking for permits to build two homes immediately and four more as soon as possible for National University officers. The Chairman expressed the hope that, if he accepted the registrarship, Mr. R.G. Osborne would be in a position to take up duty by August 1, 1947.

4. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES.

(i) Sir Sarvepalli Radhakrishnan:

Mr. Medley reported that his enquiries indicated that Sir Sarvepalli would be a very welcome guest at the Universities of Melbourne, Sydney and Adelaide.

It was agreed that he might stay about three weeks in each of these centres.

(ii) Mrs. Kathleen Fitzpatrick:

It was agreed that developments regarding the Fellowship

offered to Mr. R.S. Parker must be awaited before any decision in Mrs. Fitzpatrick's case could be taken.

(iii) Mr. L.F. Fitzhardinge:

The Chairman reported that he had explained to Mr. Fitzhardinge the Council's position regarding his offer to act for it as well as for the University of Sydney when investigating the set-up and operations of the Oxford University Press.

Mr. Fitzhardinge expressed his willingness to let the University have any worthwhile information derived from his work in Britain.

(iv) Dr. Tsiang-Ting-Fu:

The Chairman reported receipt of a telegram from Professor Copland expressing his willingness to invite Dr. Tsiang-Ting-Fu to Australia on behalf of the Interim Council. Sir Frederic Eggleston reported that he had seen Professor Copland about the same matter.

5. CORRESPONDENCE.

- (i) From R.S. Parker: Thanking the Council for the invitation to accept a Social Science Fellowship and asking time to reply until the outcome of his application for a New Zealand Chair was known. Received and request granted.

- (ii) From W.K. Hancock: Thanking the Council for the terms of its invitation to visit Australia and asking for a preliminary survey of the National Library's resources in the social sciences.

The Chairman reported that he had approached Mr. L.F. Fitzhardinge (formerly of the National Library Staff) and had found him willing to make a general survey and to discuss the whole subject with Professor Hancock on his arrival in Oxford.

It was agreed that this offer should be accepted and the Chairman should discuss a suitable fee with Mr. Fitzhardinge. The Chairman agreed to approach the Parliamentary and National Librarian (Mr. Binns) for permission for the making of this survey.

- (iii) From Coombs to Breen: Contents of Dr. Coombs' letter to Mr. Breen (Secondary Industries Division, Department of Post-War Reconstruction) asking him to seek machine tools and equipment suitable for the National University amongst reparations selected in Germany were noted.
- (iv) From Dr. Ernest Storm: Letter from Dr. Storm of Germany seeking a position in the National University was received.

It was agreed that no position could be offered to Dr. Storm.

6. SUPERANNUATION.

- (i) The Secretary reported that he and Mr. Goodes had discussed with Mr. Rees (Chairman, Commonwealth Superannuation Board), Mr. Ewens

(Attorney-General's Department) and Mr. Dedman (Minister for Post-War Reconstruction) the necessary legislative amendments to allow the employees of the University to come under the Commonwealth Superannuation Scheme or the F.S.S.U. at the discretion of the Council. The proposed amendments had been approved by the Government and the Government Party, had been drafted, and would shortly be introduced in Parliament. The superannuation rights of members of the Commonwealth and State Services joining the University staff would be preserved.

(ii) Professor Wright reported that, while in Britain he had enquired into continuity of F.S.S.U. policies held by men recruited from Britain to the National University. Continuity could easily be arranged where the companies concerned had branches in Australia. Otherwise the University and policy-holder would have to arrange remittance of premiums to Britain or policy holders would have to surrender existing policies and re-invest proceeds in new policies here in Australia. In general the problem did not appear difficult of solution.

7. SOCIAL SCIENCE FELLOWSHIPS : DURATION OF LEAVE FOR PUBLIC SERVANTS.

Mr. Brown referred to the provision in the Public Service Act limiting leave of absence without pay to one year and suggested that it might be desirable to amend the Act to allow a public servant a full two year tenure of a Social Science Fellowship. Professor Bailey was of opinion that amending legislation or the regulations allowed for up to three years leave for purposes of full time study under certain conditions. He agreed to look into the matter and to report to the Council.

8. BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS COMMITTEE REPORTS.

The Council received reports from the Buildings and Grounds Committee on its meeting with the National Capital Planning and Development Committee and on its subsequent discussion of that meeting.

It was agreed that Professors Florey and Oliphant be empowered to consult appropriate architects in Britain in order to be able to give preliminary advice on building and laboratory requirements for the Research Schools of Medicine and Physical Sciences. It was agreed that an appropriate architect from Australia should be sent to Britain for preliminary consultation with these men on these requirements. It was also agreed that the Chairman should consult Mr. Waterhouse in Sydney and the Deputy-Chairman make enquiries in Melbourne regarding the selection of a local architect for this task. The question of a competition for the design of the University was left in abeyance for the moment.

9. PROFESSOR WRIGHT'S VISIT TO BRITAIN : DISCUSSIONS WITH PROFESSORS FLOREY, OLIPHANT, HANCOCK AND FIRTH.

A long written report by Professor Wright on his visit to Britain and North America on behalf of the Council was received and appreciation of his work was expressed.

Professor Wright said that British scientists, including Tizzard, Mellanby and Hill, had expressed good will to the National University and promised active assistance and encouragement when the University commenced operations. He reported the strongest impression that outstanding young scientists and scholars (both British and Australian) now working in Britain were keenly interested in possible work in the National University.

Professor Wright's written report was considered. It was agreed that the question of continuance of the Interim Council arrangement through the development stage (it is at present limited by the Act to 1947) was essential as Professors Florey, Oliphant, Hancock and Firth set great store by continuity of direction in the next five

years. It was agreed that the Chairman should take up with the Minister for Post-War Reconstruction the question of such continuance (by taking the time-limit of December 31, 1947, out of Section 12 (2) of the Act), preferably without substantial change in the make-up of the Council. The possibilities of some parliamentary and greater scientific representation were discussed, in general and in terms of possible appointees.

It was agreed that the Council should invite Professors Florey, Oliphant, Hancock and Firth to constitute themselves an Academic Advisory Committee of the National University with broadly the functions set out in Professor Wright's report (arising from discussions between Messrs. Coombs, Ashby, Wright, Foster and themselves in Britain). It was agreed that each should be offered an honorarium of £250 sterling a year, with an expense fund of £200 sterling a year each. The Council would be happy to know that Professor Ashby as a member of the Council would be available to assist this Committee from time to time. It was agreed that the four members of the Academic Advisory Committee should be invited to Australia in December 1947-January 1948 for consultations with the Council. The Chairman agreed also to seek Professor Carr Saunders' approval for Professor Firth's visit.

It was realised that the University's estimates for the year 1947-48 (£40,000) as adopted at the seventh meeting would now require revision. It was agreed that they should be increased by £25,000, divided as follows:-

Two additional visitors	£4,000
Honoraria	£1,250
Expenses in Britain	£500
Laboratory managers and expenses	£4,000
Architects	£4,000
Staff and other costs	£11,000

The estimates for 1947-48 would consequently stand at £65,000.

The Council passed for payment Professor Wright's net out-of-pocket expenses, amounting to £145-15-7d. His fares and an advance received from Australia House would be charged against the National University through the Department of Post-War Reconstruction.

10. BRITISH EMPIRE UNIVERSITIES' BUREAU.

It was agreed that the National University should apply for affiliation with the Bureau in London and that applications for positions advertised in London should in future be returnable to Mr. John Foster at the Bureau.

11. NEXT MEETING.

The next meeting of the Council will be held in the Conference Room at the Department of Post-War Reconstruction on Friday, May 9th, 1947, at 10 a.m. Necessary committee meetings will be called for Thursday, May 8th.

The meeting closed at 1 p.m.

Chairman.
9th May, 1947.

AUSTRALIAN NATIONAL UNIVERSITY

INTERIM COUNCIL

Minutes of the special meeting of the Interim Council held in Room 32, Treasury, West Block, Canberra, on Wednesday, April 23rd, 1947, at 5.15 p.m.

Present:

Professor R.C. Mills (Chairman)
Professor K.H. Bailey
Mr. A.S. Brown
Mr. C.S. Daley
Sir Frederic Eggleston
Sir Robert Garran
Mr. H.J. Goodes

The Secretary, Mr. L.F. Crisp, was in attendance.

1. APOLOGIES.

Apologies were received from Mr. J.D.G. Medley, Sir David Rivett and Professor R.D. Wright who were not able to leave Melbourne at short notice.

2. BANK ACCOUNT.

It was agreed that -

- (a) An account in the name of "The Australian National University" be opened with the Commonwealth Bank of Australia.
- (b) Authority be given for any one member of the Interim Council of the University, together with either the Secretary (later the Registrar) or the Acting Accountant.-
 - (i) To operate on the banking account so long as such account shall be in credit, or in their discretion, notwithstanding that such account shall be or shall thereby become overdrawn; and for that purpose to sign cheques on behalf of the University;
 - (ii) To place ~~the~~ money on fixed deposit in the name of the University and receive repayment and interest;
 - (iii) To receive any securities, boxes, deeds, documents and other property belonging to the University and give discharges therefor.
- (c) Authority be given for cheques, bills and promissory notes payable to the order of the University and lodged for collection or for discount or negotiation and credit of proceeds to the Bank Account to be solely endorsed by any one member of such Interim Council or by the Secretary (later Registrar) or the Acting Accountant.

It was further agreed that a satisfactory formula regarding authorization of accounts be submitted to the next regular meeting of the Council, it being understood that the Finance Committee would be the normal authorising authority but that some procedure should be established to meet emergency payments which could not wait for the normal Finance Committee meeting.

3. TEMPORARY BUILDINGS.

Mr. Daley submitted plans of the temporary office block and reported that the following estimates of expenditure had been submitted by the Department of Works:-

Office block (including purchase, transport, erection, interior fittings, sewerage, road etc) -	£11,400
Large hut, converted into two dwellings -	£3,000
	£14,400

It was resolved that this expenditure be incurred, the Commonwealth Treasurer to be approached for cover.

The Secretary reported that the University could meet the likely costs arising in this connection before June 30th, 1947, from the balance of its current grant.

Chairman.
9th May, 1947.

AUSTRALIAN NATIONAL UNIVERSITY.

Interim Council.

Minutes of the ninth meeting of the Interim Council, held in the Conference Room, Department of Post-war Reconstruction, Canberra, on Friday, May 9th, 1947, at 10 a.m.

Present :

The Chairman (Professor R.C. Mills).
The Deputy Chairman (Mr. J.D.G. Medley).
Professor K.H. Bailey.
Mr. A.S. Brown.
Mr. C.S. Daley.
Sir Frederic Eggleston.
Sir Robert Garran.
Professor R.D. Wright.
Dr. A.E.V. Richardson (for Sir David Rivett).

The Secretary (Mr. L.F. Crisp) was in attendance.

1. Apologies :

Apologies were received from Sir David Rivett and Mr. H.J. Goodes.

2. Minutes :

The minutes of the eighth meeting and the special meeting of April 23rd of the Interim Council were taken as read. Subject to an amendment to the reference to expense accounts for members of the proposed Academic Advisory Council (minutes of the eighth meeting, page 4), both sets of minutes were confirmed and signed by the Chairman.

3. Business arising from the Minutes :

- (i) R.S. Parker : The Secretary reported that Mr. Parker had not yet received word from New Zealand regarding an appointment in which he is interested and upon which his decision regarding the Social Science Fellowship is contingent.
- (ii) Commonwealth Public Service Act : Professor Bailey reported that by an amendment of 1936 the Act provided (Section 71) for up to three years' leave of absence for study and research.
- (iii) Social Science Fellowship Awards : The Chairman explained that, to meet the growing pressure of applicants, press, etc., he had decided to release news of three awards recently without waiting for finality in Parker's case and that the members of the Council attending the Special Meeting of April 23rd had been informed of his intention.

/(iv) L.F. Fitzhardinge:

- (iv) L.F. Fitzhardinge : The Chairman reported that with the approval of the Parliamentary Librarian Mr. Fitzhardinge has been compiling the report on National and Parliamentary Library facilities requested by Professor Hancock.
- (v) British Empire Universities' Bureau : It was agreed to seek membership of the Bureau. It was further decided to ask the Bureau for a report on Schools and Institutes of Oriental or Pacific Studies in various centres throughout the world.
- (vi) Architect : The Chairman and Deputy Chairman reported on their enquiries regarding a suitable man to advise initially on architectural and planning problems of the University. They promised further information for the next meeting, both as regards names and reasonable fees.
- (vii) Building Permanent Houses for University : Mr. Daley reported progress in his approaches to Messrs. Johnson and Lemmon regarding permits. It was agreed on his suggestion that he should follow up with a written submission prepared in consultation with the Chairman.
- (viii) Vesting of the Site : The Chairman reported that he had written again to the Minister for the Interior asking for an answer to his unacknowledged request of February for the vesting of the site in the University authorities.

4. Correspondence :

- (i) Professor R. Firth : It was agreed that the same allowance should be made in respect of Mrs. Firth as in the cases of Lady Florey, Mrs. Oliphant and Mrs. Hancock. Professor Firth was to be informed that the Council concurred in his coming via San Francisco and Honolulu but felt he should also call on men in his field at Toronto, New York and at Yale University.
- (ii) Mr. K. Binns : His letter regarding the Fitzhardinge Report was received.
- (iii) Professor W.K. Hancock : His letter was received and it was agreed that the Chairman should reply in the light of discussion of the Wright Report (below).
- (iv) Professor Gerard : It was agreed that his decision to come to Australia from September to December should be welcomed and that Professor Wright should arrange his itinerary, etc., in consultation with Professor Cotton (Sydney) and Professor Hicks (Adelaide). It was agreed he should visit Melbourne, Sydney, Adelaide and Brisbane.
- (v) Dr. Coppleson : It was agreed that the earlier decision of the Council not to entertain his proposal for a diploma in medicine of the National University should be re-affirmed and that Dr. Coppleson be informed that the University would, on the medical as on other sides, be concerned with research and that the State Universities and the Australian Colleges of surgeons and physicians must be looked to for the higher professional qualifications.

5. Reports : Finance Committee :

The report of the meeting of May 8th of the Finance Committee was received and adopted.

6. Overseas Visitors :(i) Sir Sarvepalli Radhakrishnan :

It was agreed that he should visit the Universities of Melbourne, Sydney and Adelaide (all of which had now signified their willingness to be included in his itinerary) and that Sir Frederic Eggleston should arrange his itinerary and programme in consultation with Professors McKellar Stewart, Stout and Gibson.

(ii) Professor Gerard :

See correspondence (iv) above.

(iii) Messrs. Debenham, Bullard and Griffith Taylor :

It was agreed to write immediately inviting Griffith Taylor to visit Australia in February-March 1948. Should he accept, Bullard should then also be invited for the same time and Debenham for the English long vacation 1948. Should Taylor refuse for February-March then Bullard and Debenham should both be invited for February-March.

(iv) Panikar :

Sir Frederic Eggleston raised the question of sponsorship of Dr. Panikar, who was prepared to finance his own trip, but it was felt by the Council that he could be more appropriately sponsored by the A.I.I.A.

7. Staff Matters :

(i) It was agreed that the Chairman should write to Mr. Osborne asking him whether he was yet in a position to give a firm decision on the Council's invitation.

(ii) The Secretary reported the resignation of Miss Edwards as from May 9th, and was empowered by the Council to arrange for her replacement.

8. The Wright Report : Further Consideration :

The Chairman reported that, in conformity with the resolution passed by the Council at its eighth meeting, he had sought the approval of the Minister for Post-war Reconstruction for the extension of the Interim Council's term to cover the full interim period. The Minister expressed his willingness to put this proposal to Cabinet and Parliament, but he wished to provide for places on the Interim Council for four Parliamentarians, as the Act already provided for them on the Council as it is ultimately to be constituted.

There was a further extensive discussion of Professor Wright's report and of notes upon it submitted by the Secretary for the Council's consideration. Dr. Richardson read to the Council notes submitted by Sir David Rivett.

It was agreed that, in order to provide the most fruitful foundation possible for the December-January meeting with members of the Academic Advisory Committee, and to push ahead the University project generally, the following should be done :

- (1) A tentative allocation of the annual income of £325,000 to be approved and forwarded to the members of the Academic Advisory Committee so that they in turn can submit tentative establishments for approval by the Council as a basis of planning for building, engagement of staff, etc. It was agreed that Professor Wright should submit for circulation to and consideration by the Council in advance of its next meeting a suggested allocation based on Mr. Goodes' and his own calculations.
- (2) A set of statutes to be prepared by the Statutes Committee. These should be based on those drafted tentatively by the conference of Councillors and Advisers in Britain in March-April 1947 but not yet received from Dr. Coombs.
- (3) Architectural preliminaries to be undertaken so that after the December-January conference all possible data should be in hand for further development.
- (4) Appointment of a Vice-Chancellor now being a major consideration (on this point the Chairman drew attention to the last paragraph of Professor Hancock's letter), a paper to be prepared for circulation to the Council on this appointment by the Deputy Chairman (Mr. Medley).

It was agreed that Professor Wright's report was a Council document and that making it available to wider circles would defeat the whole aim of Professor Wright's trip and report.

9. Next Meeting.

The next meeting of the Council will be held in Canberra on Friday, June 13th, 1947, at 10 a.m. The Finance Committee will meet on Thursday, June 12th, at 7.30 p.m., and other committees as convened.

Chairman.
June 13th, 1947.

AUSTRALIAN NATIONAL UNIVERSITY.

Interim Council.

Minutes of the Tenth Meeting of the Interim Council held in the Conference Room, Department of Post-War Reconstruction, Canberra, on Friday, June 13th, 1947, at 10.0 a.m.

Present : The Chairman (Professor R.C. Mills).
Mr. C.S. Daley.
Sir Frederic Eggleston.
Sir Robert Garran.
Sir David Rivett.
Professor R.D. Wright.

The Secretary (Mr. L.F. Crisp) was in attendance.

1. Apologies :

Apologies were received from Mr. J.D.G. Medley on account of his illness, from Mr. Goodes absent in Britain, Professor Bailey in Sydney and Mr. A.S. Brown in Melbourne, all on official business. The Council granted Mr. Medley six months' leave of absence to cover the period of his forthcoming visit to Britain on University business.

2. Minutes of the Previous Meeting :

The Minutes of the 9th Meeting had been circulated and were taken as read. They were adopted and signed by the Chairman.

3. Business Arising from the Minutes :

(a) Resources of National Library :

The Chairman reported that Mr. L.F. Fitzhardinge's Survey of the resources of the National Library in the social sciences fields had been received, a copy sent to Professor Hancock and copies circulated to the Council. Mr. Fitzhardinge would call on Professor Hancock in Oxford and Mr. Burmester of the National Library would shortly be posted to the Australian Information Library, Australia House, where he would be available for consultation with Professor Hancock if necessary. A fee of twenty-five guineas has been passed for payment to Mr. Fitzhardinge by the Finance Committee.

(b) Universities Bureau of the British Empire :

The current affiliation fee has been forwarded to the Bureau and it has been noted that there is shortly to be an upward revision of this figure.

(c) Appointment of a University Architect :

The Chairman reported that Mr. Medley had been unable to send any further report and he himself had not yet received a reply from Mr. Waterhouse. He read portion of a letter from Dr. Coombs stressing the urgency of the architect and building questions in the minds of members of the Academic Advisory Committee.

/(d) Permanent Houses

✓ (d) Permanent Houses for University Staff :

Mr. Daley reported on his discussion with the Secretary, Department of the Interior, on the question of permits, and presented a draft formal application for the Chairman's signature.

✓ (e) Vesting the Site :

The Chairman reported that an invitation had been received from the Secretary, Department of the Interior, to the Council to discuss this subject as raised by the Chairman in two letters to his Minister. A committee consisting of Sir Robert Garran, Mr. C.S. Daley and Professor Bailey was appointed for this purpose. Sir David Rivett, speaking in a personal capacity, felt that both institutions might have much to gain if the C.S.I.R. site at Canberra, which adjoins and even perhaps overlaps the originally intended National University site, were merged with the latter.

✓ (f) Messrs. Debenham, Bullard and Griffith Taylor :

The Chairman reported that Professor Griffith Taylor had accepted the Council's invitation to visit Australia and had named April-June 1948 as the period which he would be free to spend in Australia, spending a week on Oahu on the way out. The Council decided to issue invitations to Professor Debenham and to Dr. Bullard for a period of up to three months at any time suitable to them after June 1948.

4. Correspondence :

- (a) From Professor Oliphant : Accepting membership of the Academic Advisory Committee and saying that he would be prepared to commence work in Canberra early in 1951 if office block, workshop and special block were complete, if the main laboratory were begun and if living accommodation were available for himself and staff. He would provide outline plan of buildings very soon and discuss provision of steel with B.H.P. when here in December. He wishes to place necessary orders in England and elsewhere for essential equipment. He desires to bring his chief technician, Mr. Cornick, with him in December, since he and the laboratory manager to be appointed would supervise building and installation and would collect mechanical and technical staff. The Council was informed that Professor Oliphant had already made preliminary approaches to B.H.P. regarding steel supplies (some 20,000-30,000 tons of steel slabs would be essential at a cost of some £150,000). Council agreed that Mr. Cornick should accompany Professor Oliphant in December. Sir David Rivett raised the suggestion that the steel men might be more directly interested in the National University and that the assistance of the Prime Minister in facilitating supplies of steel might be desirable and necessary. It was agreed that Professor Oliphant should be consulted as to whether he desired to conduct another seminar while in Canberra in December-January next.

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- ✓(b) From Sir Howard Florey : Accepting membership of the Academic Advisory Committee and saying that he would come to Australia next December for consultations if a Vice-Chancellor had been appointed, a fairly advanced draft outline of the University and its internal government were ready, he were not required to give lectures or seminars, and an architect were available in Australia for consultations at that time. He would also desire to have a list of potential staff who might be met during his December-January meeting. The Council decided that Sir Howard should be sent a clarification of the relative functions of the architect whom the Chairman had suggested he might consult in England in formulating a picture of his requirements and the architect who should be chosen in Australia to push ahead with general planning. Professor Wright mentioned the possible value of Sir Howard's bringing with him in December an assistant in whom he has confidence and who could help him assess personnel and facilities available in Australia. Other points arising were discussed under other items on the agenda.
- ✓(c) From Professor W.K. Hancock : Accepting membership of the Academic Advisory Committee and undertaking that if the Interim Council submits a definite proposal during his December-January visit he will give a definite answer by April or May 1948 as to his availability to head the Social Sciences School. By December he wants to see the Vice-Chancellor appointed and the Statutes drafted. If he accepts appointment he wants to be able to commence work before the end of 1950 in Australia with his team, but this will require houses to be ready, the nucleus of a library to be ready and a faculty club and offices ready for occupation. He wishes to meet a limited and selected group of Australian colleagues during his December-January visit. It was agreed that the Chairman, after suitable consultation, should arrange details of Professor Hancock's visit.
- ✓(d) From Professor R. Firth : Accepting membership of Academic Advisory Committee and invitation for December-January (with Sir Alexander Carr-Saunders' blessing), setting out details of his personal and travel arrangements and seeking official assistance in making them. It was decided that Sir Frederic Eggleston, in consultation with Professors G.L. Wood and Wadham, should plan details of Professor Firth's programme in Australia.
- ✓(e) From Professor E. Ashby : Offering his services in connection with the work of the Academic Advisory Committee. Received.
- (f) From Sir Sarvapalli Radhakrishnan : Informing the Council that he has not yet been able to fix precise dates for his journey to Australia. Received. Sir Frederic Eggleston outlined the broad programme he was working on for Sir Sarvapalli's visits to Canberra, Sydney, Melbourne and Adelaide. He had been in consultation with Professor Boyce Gibson on this matter but was still awaiting the responses of Professors Stout and McKellar Stewart. The Council decided that, in reply to an enquiry made by him,

/Sir Sarvapalli

Sir Sarvapalli should be informed that the period October 1st to about March 1st was unsuitable for his visit - if it could not be arranged for before the end of September a postponement until after March 1st was advisable.

- ✓(g) From Professor Gerard : Outlining his tentative arrangements for a visit to Australia over the period September-December. Received. Professor Wright outlined the programme he is working on for Professor Gerard. It was agreed that Professor Eccles should be invited from New Zealand at the Council's expense for the Gerard Seminar to be held in Canberra if possible before the opening of the Parliamentary Session in September. The Chairman to write to the Australian Ambassador, Washington, to ask assistance with bookings, advance, passport, etc., for Gerard.
- ✓(h) From Professor Griffith Taylor : Accepting invitation for April-June 1948. The Council appointed Sir Frederic Eggleston to consult Professors G.L. Wood and S.M. Wadham on a programme for Professor Taylor's visit.
- (i) From Mr. John Foster : Regarding the National University's affiliation with the British Empire Universities Bureau. Received. See 3(b) above.
- (j) From Dr. R.B. Madgwick : (1) Asking financial assistance for Miss I.M. Cumpston who has an overseas scholarship insufficient to cover the full expenses involved, and (2) suggesting that the National University bring Sir R.G. Stapledon to Australia to lecture, etc., on pasture improvement. The Council felt that it must refuse the first request since it is properly a Sydney University matter and if met by the National University could only create a dangerous precedent. The second matter the Council felt should be raised with the Sydney Vice-Chancellor with a view to its being referred to more appropriate authorities. The Chairman undertook to convey these decisions to Dr. Madgwick.
- (k) From Mr. R.G. Osborne : Accepting the position of Registrar. Received. The Chairman and members of the Council expressed their pleasure at Mr. Osborne's acceptance and agreed that he should have opportunities to make short visits to Tasmania in the coming months to install and aid his successor. The Council noted the contents of Mr. Osborne's letter to the Secretary regarding various matters of administrative detail.

5. Reports :

- (a) The Report of the Finance Committee was received and adopted.
- (b) The Secretary reported that the meeting of the Statutes Committee called for June 12th at 8 p.m. had been postponed to a date to be fixed, owing to the sudden illness of Mr. Medley and the sudden calling of Professor Bailey to Sydney on urgent official business. He mentioned that Professor Bailey had undertaken to circulate notes and comments on the existing drafts.

6. Superannuation :

In reply to a question asked by Sir David Rivett the Chairman reported that the amendment to the Act concerned with superannuation requested by the Council had now passed through Parliament, enabling both F.S.S.U. and the Commonwealth Superannuation Scheme to operate within the University. The amendment regarding the life of the Interim Council will be prepared for the next Parliamentary session.

7. Appointment of the Vice-Chancellor :

A considerable discussion took place on this subject, now rendered very urgent by the unanimous opinion of the Academic Advisory Committee as well as of the Council that the very early appointment of the right man is vital to the development of the university. The Chairman was authorised to write to Mr. Charles Morris informing him that the Council is at present unlikely to be extending any invitation. The Chairman will ask Mr. Medley to make certain enquiries and soundings while in Britain, and will himself make further enquiries.

8. Mechanical Equipment and Machine Tools.

Arising out of certain suggestions from Professor Oliphant while in Australia in January and from a request made by Dr. Coombs of Messrs. Breen and Jensen, Professor Wright submitted a list of items being held by the Directorate of Machine Tools and Gauges (Department of Munitions) for inspection and possible purchase by the Council for the Research School of Physical Sciences. The Chairman explained that one item on which a very short option was available had been purchased, while his officers had inspected two others. It was agreed that Professor Wright should pursue certain additional enquiries with Mr. McHattie and then approach Professor Martin of the University of Melbourne with the request that a qualified member of his Department undertake inspection of the items held and make a recommendation on each to the University.

9. Furnishing and Equipping Temporary Premises :

The Secretary reported that he and his staff have drawn up a tentative list of furniture, furnishings and equipment necessary for the temporary premises now being brought from Cootamundra. It was decided that Mr. C.S. Daley, the Secretary and the Acting Accountant be empowered further to investigate this matter (including the possibility of purchases from the Disposals Commission) and to lodge orders as early as possible in order to have the premises suitably furnished as soon as they can be occupied.

10. Vice-Chancellors of the State Universities :

The Chairman said that he had found goodwill amongst the Vice-Chancellors and other senior members of State Universities towards the National University but also lack of knowledge of its plans and activities. He had therefore asked the Secretary to prepare a memorandum which might be circulated to them for their information and that of their staffs and students. This memorandum, which was before the meeting, was slightly amended and then approved for circulation under a covering letter from the Chairman.

11. Proposed Allocation of Full Post-1951 Budget :

As requested at the 9th Meeting of the Council, Professor Wright submitted a proposal for allocation of the annual grant of £325,000 provided for under the Act. The Council accepted his memorandum as a broad basis for discussion with the Academic Advisory Committee to which it is to be communicated with the advice that the Council can see its way clear to meet commitments up to the figures set out in the memorandum's conclusions (though it does not anticipate the Schools will immediately incur annual expenditure to these limits). The conclusions of the memorandum read as follows :

"That it will as soon as it can, ensure adequate staffing arrangements for each section, and set up the following schools :-

- (1) The John Curtin School of Medical Research with an annual allocation of £110,000.
- (2) The Research School of Physical Sciences with an annual allocation of £60,000.
- (3) The Research School of Pacific Studies with an annual allocation of £40,000.
- (4) The Research School of Social Sciences with an annual allocation of £40,000.
- (5) The residential establishment to be known as 'University House' and with residential facilities for members of the University staff, and social amenities for University purposes."

12. School of Pacific Administration :

The Chairman informed the Council that the School of Pacific Administration had now been reconstituted with a Council (of which he and Professor Wright were members) and had moved to more spacious and suitable quarters at Mosman, N.S.W. The Council of the School would look forward to co-operation with the Interim Council of the National University and he felt that it might be able in the near future to offer space to men like Messrs. Borrie and La Nauze (who were working in Sydney on National University Fellowships) or to other staff members of the National University.

13. Scale Model of the University Site and Environs :

The Council had before it in the Conference Room an extensive scale-model of the National University site and environs constructed at the Department of the Interior under the direction of Mr. Sheaffe by Mr. L. Edwards and Mr. Lilliman. On the motion of Sir Robert Garran and Sir David Rivett the Chairman was requested to convey to these officers of the Department of the Interior the thanks of the Council for, and its congratulations on, the quality of their work.

14. Academic Advisory Committee :

The Council decided to ask Mr. John Foster to make secretarial arrangements for the Academic Advisory Committee and to offer him a fee for his services in this matter. Expenses would be made available to him for typiste or any other staff and expenditure involved. The Chairman undertook to write to the members of the Academic Advisory Committee to inform them that this approach was being made to Mr. Foster.

The Council approved the following press statement for release by the Chairman :

"In April of this year the Council of the National University invited four distinguished Australasian scientists and scholars in Great Britain to become members of an Academic Advisory Committee of the National University. The four scientists who were invited are : Sir Howard Florey, F.R.S. of the Sir William Dunn School of Pathology, Oxford; Professor Raymond Firth of the London School of Economics; Professor W.K. Hancock, Professor of Economic History at the University of Oxford; and Professor Marcus Oliphant, F.R.S., of the Department of Physics, University of Birmingham. All of these gentlemen have accepted the invitation to serve on this Committee. The functions of the Committee will be to advise the Council on all academic matters including the form of internal government of the University; the structure of the Schools of Medical Research, Pacific Studies, Social Sciences and Physical Sciences; the nature of buildings and equipment it will be necessary to acquire and the recruitment of the staff of the University.

Because it is expected that buildings for the University will not be completed before 1951, these four men have offered to assist the National University in the development of young members of staff in this period of waiting. They will assist in the selection of young graduates with research ambitions and capacity and will advise them on their development as research workers. Young graduates of distinction and promise selected under this scheme may be placed in the appropriate research schools of the world wherever it is considered that the training they will receive will best fit them for the future activities of the National University. Their work will be under the general supervision of the members of the Academic Advisory Committee, and if their development warrants it, they will be considered for the research schools of the National University when these are set up. Further details of this scheme will be made public shortly."

15. Next Meeting :

It was decided that the next meeting of the Council would be held in the usual meeting-place on Friday, July 11th, at 10 a.m. There would be a meeting of the Statutes Committee on Thursday, July 10th, at 8 p.m. in Professor Bailey's room at West Block (if available) and of the Finance Committee in the Conference Room at the Department of Post-War Reconstruction at 9.30 a.m. on Friday, July 11th.

The meeting closed at 3.20 p.m.

Chairman.
11/7/1947.

AUSTRALIAN NATIONAL UNIVERSITY.

Interim Council.

Minutes of the eleventh meeting of the Interim Council held in the Conference Room, Department of Post-War Reconstruction, Canberra, on Friday, July 11th, 1947, at 10 a.m.

Present : Professor R.C. Mills (Chairman).
Mr. A.S. Brown.
Mr. C.S. Daley.
Sir Frederic Eggleston.
Mr. H.J. Goodes.
Professor R.D. Wright.

The Secretary, Mr. L.F. Crisp, was in attendance.

1. Apologies :

Apologies were received from Sir Robert Garran who was in hospital in Sydney and from Sir David Rivett and Professor K.H. Bailey who were detained on official business in Melbourne and Sydney respectively. Mr. J.D.G. Medley, who was absent overseas, had been granted leave of absence at the previous meeting.

2. Minutes :

The minutes of the tenth meeting having been previously circulated were taken as read, adopted and signed by the Chairman.

3. Business Arising From the Minutes :

- (a) Permanent Houses for University Staff : Mr. Daley reported that owing to certain approaches to the Minister by other interested local bodies the whole question of permits for house building was moving more slowly than had been hoped.
- (b) Vesting the University Site : Mr. Daley reported that he was having material prepared with a view to an early meeting of the University-Departmental Joint Committee on this matter.
- (c) Academic Advisory Committee : The Chairman outlined the letters he had written to each member following on consideration of their letters at the tenth meeting of the Council.
- (d) Sir Sarvapalli Radhakrishnan : Sir Frederic Eggleston reported progress at this end in preparing the programme, which cannot be further advanced until word is received regarding Sir Sarvapalli's date of arrival.
- (e) Professor Gerard : Professor Wright reported that Gerard would arrive a week earlier than originally suggested in order to hold a seminar in Canberra before the new Parliamentary session commences. A block booking has been arranged at the Hotel Canberra for the period September 8-12 for this purpose. The Council approved the suggestion of Professor Eccles that Gerard spend a week in New Zealand in November, the University of New Zealand to bear the expense of this visit. It was agreed that Professor Wright should make enquiries about purchase of a "Pyrox" wire-recorder for use at this and other seminars.

- (f) Mechanical Equipment and Machine Tools : Professor Wright reported that he had been in touch with Professor Oliphant who was supplying a list of equipment required and that he had arranged certain purchases from the Department of Munitions. The Secretary reported that he had arranged with Mr. Jensen to clean and store equipment purchased until the University's storage facilities were available. It was agreed that enquiries should be made about insurance to cover such stored equipment.

4. Correspondence :

- (a) From T.T. Paterson, University Museum of Archeology and Ethnology, Cambridge : requesting financial assistance for Peter Lawrence, research student in anthropology, to undertake field work in Australia. It was agreed that he should be requested to lodge details of Lawrence's record and qualifications with Foster and that these, with those of F. Rose, a candidate for the Fellowships recently awarded, should be forwarded to Professor Raymond Firth for advice.
- (b) From Northern Australia Development Committee : suggesting that the National University attend a conference to discuss the establishment of research bearing on climatic and other factors affecting physiology and settlement. Professor Wright mentioned that the National Health and Medical Research Council had always provided Professor Lee with more money than he could use in this field and reminded the Council that Canberra was hardly the place for tropical medical research. It was agreed, however, that the University should express its willingness to be present at the proposed Conference.
- (c) From Mr. R.G. Osborne : raising various matters. It was agreed that he should attend the Registrars' Conference from September 23-26. It was agreed that the Council would meet reasonable storage charges for his furniture until an unfurnished house was available for him.
- (d) From Mr. Foster, Empire Universities' Bureau : raising various points on the University's membership of the Bureau and on secretarial arrangements for the Academic Advisory Committee. It was agreed that the University should be represented at the 1948 Conference to which he made reference and that, failing some concrete direction from the governing body of the Bureau the University would be prepared to subscribe at the same rate as the University of Sydney. Sir Frederic Eggleston undertook to write to Mr. Binns for information on Schools of Colonial Studies and of Pacific or Oriental Studies overseas and if necessary seek further information through Australian diplomatic representatives.
- (e) Dr. Madgwick : acknowledging the document on the progress of the University circulated to Vice-Chancellors and raising further the question of Sir George Stapledon. It was agreed that Dr. Madgwick should be informed that extension activities of the sort he envisaged for Sir George Stapledon were a matter for the State Governments (and possibly for the Commonwealth through

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the Department of Commerce and Agriculture and the C.S.I.R.) but not for the National University which should confine its overseas invitations to men connected with research directly related to the work to be undertaken in the earliest years by the four research schools which would be first set up and hence able to advise the Council on their establishment.

- (f) Mr. R.S. Parker : accepting a social science fellowship and asking for certain terms as to commencing date. It was agreed that his tenure of the Fellowship should date from October 15th and that he should have permission to mark 1947 Diplomatic Cadet exam papers thereafter. It was further agreed that Mrs. K. Fitzpatrick should be informed that the Council would consider a request from her for assistance in publishing her work on Governor Franklin.
- (g) Document for Vice-Chancellors : Acknowledgments were received from New England and Canberra University Colleges. It was agreed the Chairman should write to the Vice-Chancellors asking whether more copies were needed for heads of University departments.
- (h) Sir Patrick Abercrombie : Agreeing to supervise Mr. Rudduck's Fellowship work in Britain. Received.
- (i) Professor D.B. Copland : Advising that, as Dr. Tsiang-Ting-Fu is unable to accept, he is inviting Dr. Hu Shih to visit Australia on the National University's behalf.
- (j) Professor W.K. Hancock : Acknowledging the Chairman's letter regarding arrangements for his December-January trip. It was agreed that the Chairman should ask Professor Crawford and Mr. La Nauze to prepare reports of Australian research as requested by Professor Hancock.
- (k) Professor Debenham : Acknowledging the invitation to visit Australia. It was agreed that this should be considered, along with the further letter promised, at the next meeting.
- (l) Correspondence with Persons and Bodies in Britain : It was agreed that Mr. Foster is to be the go-between for all indirect contacts as Mr. Nelson is already too heavily burdened with departmental responsibilities.

5. Reports :

(a) Finance :

The report of the Finance Committee was received.

(b) Statutes :

The meeting had again to be postponed as Sir Robert Garran was in hospital and Professor Bailey in Sydney. The Chairman reported, however, that Professors Bailey and Wright would be working on the drafts (and it was hoped they would have preliminary comments by Osborne in front of them) in Melbourne on Thursday, July 17th.

6. Architect :

After discussion of various alternatives it was decided to invite Professor Lewis, who holds the Chair of Architecture in the University of Melbourne, to become consulting architect to the National University.

7. Vice-Chancellor :

After considerable discussion it was agreed that the Chairman should ask Mr. Medley to send the earliest possible advice of the conclusions of his enquiries and discussions with members of the Academic Advisory Committee on this subject, and, if such action appeared warranted, also to write to Dr. Coombs in this regard.

8. Temporary University Buildings :

Mr. Daley informed the Council that components of the Cootamundra R.A.A.F. buildings had started to arrive and submitted the revised plans for the main building.

9. Librarian :

The Secretary submitted a schedule of applicants, with outlines of their qualifications. It was agreed that members of the Library Committee, with the addition of Mr. A.S. Brown (to act in Professor Ashby's place), should present a "short list", with recommendations, to the next meeting of the Council.

10. Salary-ranges on the Permanent Establishment :

The Secretary raised this question, pointing out that members of the Academic Advisory Committee had been given over-all tentative allocations for each School and asked to work out a tentative establishment without (except in the case of Professor Oliphant) being given a set of approximate salary-ranges on which to work. It was agreed that this should be dealt with at an early date and data sent forward to the Committee.

11. Next Meeting :

The next meeting of the Council will be held on Friday, August 8th, at 10 a.m. There will be a Finance Committee meeting at 9.30 a.m. on the same date. Times for the Statutes and Library Committee meetings will be advised, as will that for the University-Departmental Committee on the Site.

The meeting closed at 12.40.

R.C. MILLS

Chairman.

August 8th, 1947.

AUSTRALIAN NATIONAL UNIVERSITY.

Interim Council.

Minutes of the Twelfth Meeting of the Interim Council
held at the Conference Room, Department of Post-War
Reconstruction, Canberra, on Friday, August 8th, 1947,
at 10 a.m.

Present : Professor R.C. Mills (Chairman),
Professor K.H. Bailey,
Mr. A.S. Brown,
Mr. C.S. Daley,
Sir Frederic Eggleston,
Mr. H.J. Goodes,
Sir David Rivett,
Professor R.D. Wright.

The Registrar, Mr. R.G. Osborne, was in attendance,
and was welcomed by the Chairman.

1. Apologies.

An apology was received from Sir Robert Garran who
was still in hospital in Sydney.

2. Minutes.

The minutes of the 11th meeting, having previously
been circulated, were taken as read and were confirmed.

3. Business arising from the Minutes.

(a) Vesting the University Site.

Mr. Daley reported that because of the illness of
Sir Robert Garran and the absence from Canberra
of Professor Bailey, it had not been possible to
hold a meeting of the Site Committee. A
preliminary meeting had been held, at which Mr.
Sheaffe of the Department of the Interior and the
Registrar were present in addition to himself, and
there had been a general discussion of the questions
involved. It had been arranged that Mr. Daley
would prepare a memorandum on the question for the
information of members of the Council, and it was
expected that a report would be available, with
recommendations, for the next meeting of the Council.

(b) Visit of Sir Sarvapalli Radhakrishnan.

Sir Frederic Eggleston reported that he had notified
the Universities that Sir Sarvapalli Radhakrishnan
was unlikely to be in Australia this year.

(c) Mechanical Equipment and Machine Tools.

Professor Wright reported that he had not yet
received the list of equipment promised by
Professor Oliphant.

(d) Appointment of Vice-Chancellor.

The Chairman reported that Mr. Medley, because of
his illness, had been unable to carry this matter
any further. A general discussion followed on this

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question, in which the urgency of an early decision was stressed by several members. It was resolved that a communication should be sent to the Academic Advisory Committee, setting out the names of certain gentlemen who had been considered by the Council, and asking for the comments of the Committee on the names which had been suggested. It was also resolved that a copy of the letter to the Academic Advisory Committee should be sent by the Chairman to Mr. Medley, and that it should be explained that the communication was sent directly to the Academic Advisory Committee in view of Mr. Medley's letter to the Chairman. If, however, Mr. Medley could take the matter up with the Committee, the Council was anxious that he should do so.

4. Correspondence.

- (a) From Professor Debenham and Dr. Bullard.

It was resolved that action should be deferred until the further letters referred to by these gentlemen were received.

- (b) From Professor Oliphant, in reply to the Chairman's letter of 18th June on various matters.

It was resolved that an appropriate reply should be sent in connection with the provision of houses for the staff of the University.

- (c) From Sir David Rivett, suggesting that an invitation be extended to Professor Homi J. Bhabha to visit Australia.

It was resolved that Sir David Rivett's suggestion should be referred to Professor Oliphant for advice.

- (d) From Mr. Foster on various matters.

It was resolved that Mr. Foster should be authorised to appoint to the staff of the Universities Bureau an Australian woman graduate approved by Mr. Medley at a salary of approximately £350 per annum, for the purpose of assisting him in connection with the secretarial and other work of the Academic Advisory Committee.

It was also resolved that a request should be made to the High Commissioner's office for sponsorship or other assistance in connection with the provision of office equipment for the purposes of the Academic Advisory Committee.

The Council noted that the Executive Council of the Bureau had admitted the National University to membership and had classified it for the purposes of annual subscription as a major University with a subscription of £50 per annum.

5. Reports.

- (a) Statutes Committee.

The report of the Statutes Committee was received and adopted.

Arising out of paragraph 3 of the Report, it was resolved that the Minister should be informed that, in the opinion of the Council, having regard to the stage which has been reached in the establishment of the University, section 12 of the Australian National University Act 1946 should be amended by omitting the words "or until the 31st day of December, 1947, whichever is the earlier", in subsection (2).

(b) Finance Committee.

The report of the Finance Committee was received and adopted.

Mr. Goodes reported that arrangements had been made for the audit of the accounts of the University by the Auditor-General.

(c) Library Committee.

The report of the Library Committee was received.

It was resolved that a copy of the report should be sent to Professor Hancock, and that in cases where applicants on the short list had submitted names of referees the referees should be asked for a report, and that applicants who had not submitted the names of referees should be asked whether they wished to do so. It was understood that members of the Council would make such enquiries as they could in respect of the applicants on the short list, and that the Council would be in a position to make an appointment at its next meeting.

6. University Buildings and Architecture.

Professor Brian Lewis, the consulting architect to the University, attended the meeting at this stage, and there was a general discussion as to the suitability and utilisation of the University site. Professor Lewis expressed the view that the site was a good one and could be utilised effectively. In particular he pointed out that the site on which the old Community Hospital buildings were erected seemed to be a very useful nucleus for the central block of the University, and that future development of the site should not be prejudiced by considerations arising from the necessity for retaining the existing buildings. He thought, however, that several of the dwelling houses on the site were suitably located and could be used for University purposes. Professor Lewis then stated that it would be necessary to determine as soon as possible the extent of the University's building requirements with a view to taking suitable action as soon as possible for securing appropriate priorities.

After a full discussion of the building and housing requirements of the University, it was resolved that Professor Wright and Professor Lewis be asked to prepare estimates of the building requirements of the University, including domestic as well as other buildings. It was also resolved that as soon as possible after the preparation of this estimate, a thorough examination should be made of the position (including the priority position) regarding - (a) the supply of essential building materials; and (b) the supply of the necessary labour, for the erection and equipment of laboratories and other buildings, including houses, required to meet the expected demands of the staff at the end of 1950.

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It was agreed that, when the estimates to be prepared by Professor Wright and Professor Lewis were available, the Registrar would consult with Mr. Daley in the preparation of a report on the building position generally.

It was also resolved that the travelling allowance to Professor Lewis as consulting architect should be fixed at £2.2.0 per day.

7. Visit of Professor Gerard.

Professor Wright reported on the arrangements in connection with Professor Gerard's visit and the seminar to be held in Canberra. It was resolved that authority be given to Professor Wright to arrange for transport by car for Professor Gerard and party from Sydney to Canberra, if this were necessary.

8. Research School of Social Sciences.

Professor Hancock's letter to the Chairman dated 16th July, 1947, was discussed. The Council noted Professor Hancock's proposals with respect to the general plan of the Research School and the staff required, and his views on the nature of the work of the School. It was thought that these and other matters, including in particular the question of the relations between the School of Social Sciences and the School of Pacific Studies, might be discussed at the December meeting.

It was resolved that in response to the requests (both explicit and implicit) in his letter, the following assurances should be given to Professor Hancock :-

- (a) that only in times of great emergency or in quite exceptional cases will requests be entertained from governmental or other organisations for ad hoc work from the research schools of the University;
- (b) that members of the research staff will be neither expected nor encouraged to engage in press or radio publicity where, in the opinion of the Director, this may be to the detriment of the work of the School or of the prestige of the University;
- (c) that the Interim Council recognises the distinction between a graduate research school and a graduate vocational school and is opposed to any attempt to commit the National University to vocational training on a large scale : in other words, it recognises the gulf between honours work and research on the one side and pass work and vocational training on the other, and will strive to restrict the responsibilities of the University to the former side;
- (d) that it will be the aim of the Council to secure to all research workers that measure of freedom from routine duties which is essential to success in original investigation.

It was also resolved that the Registrar should enquire into certain other matters raised by Professor Hancock with a view to consideration at the next meeting.

9. Professor Wright's Memorandum on Salaries and Buildings.

Professor Wright's letter to the Chairman dated 25th July, 1947, was considered.

It was resolved that the scale of salaries in all research schools should be on the following basis, in accordance with the scale already approved for the School of Physical Sciences :-

<u>Appointment</u>	<u>Salary</u>	<u>Tenure</u>
(a) Director	£2750 + £350 allowances	60-65
(b) Professor	£2000 - 2500	60-65
(c) Assoc. Professor	£1500	60-65
(d) Reader	£1250	60-65
(e) Fellows -		
Senior	£1000	5 year
Junior	£ 750 - 950	5 year
(f) Scholars	£ 400 - 650	Annual with a limit of 5 years.

It was also resolved that the proposal for a combined building for the Schools of Social Sciences and Pacific Studies, and for the residential hostel, library and administrative block, should be referred to Professor Wright and Professor Lewis for further investigation and report in connection with the general question of the building requirements of the University.

It was further resolved that applications should be invited by advertisement for training scholarships from persons who wish to be considered for appointment to the various Research Schools.

10. Professor Wright's Services as Honorary Secretary to the Council.

The Chairman pointed out that in the terms of the Council's minute of 10th January, 1947, the appointment of Professor Wright as Honorary Secretary to the Council was terminated on the appointment of the Registrar. He expressed to Professor Wright the thanks of the Council for his services as Honorary Secretary. He referred also to the valuable services rendered to the University by Mr. L.F. Crisp as Acting-Secretary to the Council.

11. Next Meeting.

The next meeting of the Council will be held on Friday, September 12th.

There will be a Finance Committee meeting at 9.30 a.m. on the same day.

The meeting closed at 4 p.m.

R.C. MILLS,

Chairman.

12th September, 1947.

THE AUSTRALIAN NATIONAL UNIVERSITY.

Interim Council.

Minutes of the Thirteenth Meeting of the Interim Council held at the Conference Room, Department of Post-War Reconstruction, Canberra, on Friday, September 12th, 1947, at 10 a.m.

Present : Professor R.C. Mills (Chairman),
Professor K.H. Bailey,
Mr. A.S. Brown,
Mr. C.S. Daley,
Sir Robert Garrahan,
Professor R.D. Wright.

The Registrar was in attendance.

1. Apologies.

Apologies were received from Sir Frederic Eggleston, Mr. H.J. Goodes and Sir David Rivett.

2. Minutes.

The minutes of the 12th meeting, having previously been circulated, were taken as read, and confirmed.

3. Business arising from the Minutes.

(a) Mechanical Equipment and Machine Tools.

Professor Wright reported that, with the Registrar, he had called on the Controller of Machine Tools and Gauges in the Ministry of Munitions and had discussed with the officers of the Directorate of Machine Tools and Gauges the list of machine tools required for the workshop and laboratory of the School of Physical Sciences which had been supplied by Professor Oliphant. The Department would keep the University's requirements in mind and would bring under notice any equipment which became available.

The Registrar stated that since the interview with the Department a message had been received stating that one new Major gas-fired double-chambered treatment furnace was available at the price of £150. It was resolved that Professor Wright should be asked to arrange for the inspection of the furnace and for the preparation of a report for the next meeting as to its suitability for University purposes.

(b) Visit of Professor Bhabha.

The Chairman reported that he had received a letter from Professor Oliphant, who was in complete agreement with the suggestion that Professor Bhabha should be asked to visit Australia to lecture on cosmic rays. It was resolved that Professor Bhabha should be invited to visit Australia in 1948 and that the same financial arrangements would be made as in the case of Professor Gerard, viz., salary from the time of departure from India to return at the rate of £A2,000 per annum, together with a travelling allowance of £A2 per diem. The University would meet the cost of air travel.

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(c) Amendment of Act.

The Chairman reported that he had written to the Minister conveying the resolution passed by the Council at its last meeting (see minutes, Item 5(a)). He had also seen the Minister, with the Registrar, and had discussed with the Minister the Council's proposal. The Minister had stated that he would be prepared to put the proposal before Cabinet. The Chairman stated that he had discussed in a general way with the Minister the question of the composition of the Interim Council on the basis that the Act was to be amended as proposed, and that the desirability of making provision for representation on the Interim Council of Members of Parliament had been discussed. It was thought that this question, and the question of the desirability of strengthening the membership of the Interim Council on the scientific side, might be taken up with the Minister after the amending Act was passed.

4. Correspondence.

Under this item Professor Bailey was given leave to mention a matter which would have been the subject of correspondence if time had permitted. Professor Bailey stated that, at the request of the Prime Minister, he sought the approval of the Council to an arrangement under which the Registrar might be permitted to give some assistance to the Attorney-General's Department during the period of the Parliamentary session. Professor Bailey explained that his Department was faced with some serious problems in connection with the drafting of Bills for Parliament and that it was not possible for the Department to obtain assistance from members of the Bar, who were not usually able to take charge of the drafting of Bills. The Registrar was, however, an experienced Parliamentary draftsman and the Department was anxious to take advantage of his presence in Canberra to obtain some assistance which was urgently required for a short period. The Department would have preferred to ask the Council to grant leave to the Registrar for a period of about two months for this purpose but, being aware of the nature of the Registrar's duties and their importance in relation to the establishment of the University at the present time, the Department asked that the Council should permit the Registrar to give such assistance to the Department as his University duties allowed during the Parliamentary session. The Department put forward this proposal on the same basis as applications by Governments to Universities for special assistance from members of University staffs during the war period.

There was a general discussion of this proposal, in which members stressed the importance of the Registrar's duties, especially at the present period. It was acknowledged, however, that the needs of the Attorney-General's Department were very great at this particular time.

It was resolved that approval be granted to the proposed arrangement, under which the Registrar's services might be made available to the Attorney-General's Department in a part-time capacity on such terms as might be arranged between the Chairman and the Solicitor-General. *and the Registrar.*

5. Reports.(a) Finance Committee.

The report of the Finance Committee was received and adopted.

(b) Vesting the University Site.

The report of the Committee appointed to consider this question was received and adopted, and it was resolved that the Chairman should write to the Minister asking that effect should be given to the proposals contained in the report.

Professor Wright mentioned that Professor Oliphant had indicated that it was likely that the work of the School of Physical Sciences would involve the provision of a considerable amount of earth cover, which might conveniently be obtained by tunnelling into Black Mountain. It was thought that any action required to make provision of this kind might be the subject of a separate communication to the Minister and that in the meantime the necessary steps for the vesting of the site should not be delayed.

(c) Application for Building Permits.

Mr. Daley reported that he had had a further consultation with the Minister for the Interior regarding building permits and that the Minister stated that the question was still under consideration. The Minister was informed of the difficult position of the Council in relation to securing staff if reasonable assurances could not be given regarding the provision of living accommodation. At the moment the Government was considering the whole position in relation to building priorities and the Minister stated that he hoped to be able to deal with the Council's application very shortly.

The Chairman stated that the matter was becoming very urgent and that consideration might be given to an alternative method of providing houses for the staff to be appointed before the building plans of the University as a whole were completed. The Registrar had submitted a proposal to him along the following lines :-

- (i) Applications for the necessary building permits to be made in the name of the individual officers.
- (ii) The lease of the building allotments to be in the name of the officers concerned.
- (iii) Finance to be provided by the University and appropriate legal documents prepared.
- (iv) The houses to be built on available allotments in existing residential areas and not on the University site (because of delay involved in deciding eventual location of houses on the site).

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(v) When houses were available on the University site, the houses built under this proposal to be exchanged for existing houses on the site which will be retained permanently as University residences, or to be sold.

(vi) The arrangements for the employment of architect, contract for erection of building, etc., to be made by the University in the name of the officer concerned.

It was resolved that approval be given to the Registrar's proposal and that the Registrar be authorised to proceed accordingly. It was further resolved that the cost of the erection of the houses under this proposal should be met by the University.

(d) Temporary Administrative Block.

Mr. Daley reported that the Director of Works had advised that all building units had now been delivered on the site. Working drawings and details for the finished structures had been completed and a contractor had been obtained for the work of erection of the buildings which would be commenced as soon as possible.

Some of the resources which it was intended to use for this work had been diverted by direction of the Government to other special works, and this had caused some delay in the preparations to proceed with the construction.

The Director of Works was aware of the urgent necessity for providing this accommodation for the Council's activities and he would use his best endeavours to speed up the remaining stages of the work.

The report was received and adopted.

(e) Statutes.

Professor Bailey reported that he had written to Sir Howard Florey and Professor Hancock in connection with some general questions arising from the consideration by the Statutes Committee of the draft Statutes.

(f) Professor Hancock's Visit.

The Chairman reported that a committee consisting of Professors Bailey, Crawford and Butlin and Mr. La Nauze and himself had met on 11th September to consider the arrangements for Professor Hancock's visit.

It was tentatively proposed that a conference on the organisation of research and studies in the social sciences in Australia, with special reference to the functions of the National University, should be held at Canberra during Professor Hancock's visit. It was also thought that Professor Hancock might visit the Universities of Sydney and Melbourne

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for discussions with small selected groups of scholars who were not invited to the conference in Canberra. Professor Butlin had agreed to make the necessary arrangements at Sydney and Professor Crawford at Melbourne. Representatives from the Universities of Queensland and the New England College might be invited to the Sydney discussions and representatives from the Universities of Adelaide, Western Australia and Tasmania to the Melbourne discussions. It was also thought that when in Canberra Professor Hancock might have discussions with the staff of the Canberra University College. The Committee had also considered the names of scholars in various branches of social sciences who might be invited to the conference at Canberra and the possible subjects for discussion at the conference, for submission to Professor Hancock.

The report was received and adopted.

6. Appointment of Librarian.

The report of the Library Committee was further considered. After a full discussion of all applicants on the short list, the list was reduced to the following three names :-

C.W. Collins,
J.J. Graneek,
A.L.G. McDonald.

It was resolved that all members of the Council should be advised of the list of names now under consideration and that it was proposed to consider making the appointment at the next meeting.

7. Conference on Undergraduate Studies.

The Chairman referred to the resolution of the Council at the 6th meeting in connection with this matter, at which it was decided that a conference should be convened by the National University of representatives of the University, the College, the Royal Military College, the School of Pacific Administration, the Public Service Board, the Forestry School, and the Department of External Affairs (Diplomatic Studies), to arrange for the compilation of information on undergraduate courses given and required by these institutions, with a view to subsequent determination by the University of the scope and role of undergraduate activity to be taken by it.

It had not been possible to arrange for the holding of the conference until the Registrar was in office.

It was resolved that it was desirable that the conference should be held and that it might be convenient to hold it early in December. It was thought that there should be two representatives of each body concerned at the conference and that the University's representatives should be the Chairman and Mr. Goodes.

8. Circulation of Memorandum on Australian National University to Members of University Staffs.

The Chairman stated that it was evident that the memorandum which had been supplied to Vice-Chancellors of the Universities had not had a sufficiently wide circulation among members of the Universities' staffs. After discussion it was resolved that the memorandum should be printed with any necessary revision, and circulated to all members of University staffs in Australia.

9. Training Scholarships.

A draft advertisement prepared in accordance with the decision of the 12th meeting was circulated and was approved. It was resolved that the advertisement should be published in Australia, New Zealand and the United Kingdom.

10. Appointment of Vice-Chancellor.

As the views of the Academic Advisory Committee had not been received on the names submitted in accordance with the resolution of the Council at the 12th meeting, this matter was postponed to the next meeting.

11. Universities Bureau of the British Empire.

It was resolved that the formal application for membership of the Bureau should be completed and signed by the Chairman and that the representative of the University on the Bureau should be Professor E. Ashby.

The Council also considered the letter from the Secretary of the Bureau dated 13th August conveying an invitation for the University to be present at the Congress of the Universities of the Empire to be held in June, 1948, and the letter from the Vice-Chairman dated 14th August, 1947, in connection with a proposed conference of heads of Universities to be held immediately before the Congress. It was resolved that the Secretary of the Bureau should be informed that the University would take part in the Congress and that the delegation would consist of the members of the Academic Advisory Committee.

12. Buildings.

The Council considered the letter from the consulting architect dated 1st September in connection with the preparation of drawings. It was resolved that an advance of £1,000 be made to Professor Lewis to enable him to engage professional assistance for this purpose and that this amount be deducted from the architect's fee to be paid to him.

The Council noted the preliminary sketch plan which Professor Lewis had discussed with the Registrar.

13. Arrangements for Visit of Academic Advisory Committee to Australia in December-January.

The Council noted the contents of Mr. Foster's letter to the Registrar dated 2nd September in connection with this matter, including the reference to a possible postponement of the visit. It was resolved that, until further advice was received from the Committee, the arrangements for the visit should be made on the basis of the dates suggested by Mr. Foster, viz., meetings of the Advisory Committee with the Interim Council in Canberra on December 10th to 12th and January 13th and 14th.

14. Visit of Dr. Hu Shih.

The Council noted the terms of Sir Frederic Eggleston's letter to the Registrar dated 9th September enclosing a letter from Professor Copland. It was decided that the matter should be left in abeyance until further information was available.

15. Fellowships in Social Sciences.

It was resolved that the question of further Fellowships should be considered at the next meeting, including the application of Professor F.W. Robinson of the University of Queensland, which would be circulated.

16. Professor Gerard's Seminar.

Professor Gerard attended the meeting and discussed with members in a general way the seminar which had just been concluded. He stated that he considered that the seminar had been very successful and in particular expressed satisfaction with the work of the younger men from the Universities who were present at the seminar. Professor Gerard said that he was convinced that the undoubted success of the seminar would produce much goodwill for the National University in the other Universities.

Professor Gerard discussed in a general way with the Council the objectives of the University and it was arranged that he would attend the November meeting of the Council after his visits to other Universities, for further discussions on this subject.

Next Meeting.

The next meeting of the Council will be held on Friday, 10th October. There will be a Finance Committee meeting at 9.30 a.m. on the same day.

The meeting closed at 3.30 p.m.

(R.C. MILLS)

Chairman.

10th October, 1947.

THE AUSTRALIAN NATIONAL UNIVERSITY.

INTERIM COUNCIL.

Minutes of the fourteenth meeting of the Interim Council held at the Conference Room, Department of Post-war Reconstruction, Canberra, on Friday, October 10th, 1947, at 10 a.m.

Present : Professor R.C. Mills (Chairman),
Mr. A.S. Brown,
Mr. C.S. Daley,
Sir Robert Garran,
Mr. H.J. Goodes,
Sir David Rivett,
Professor R.D. Wright.

The Registrar was in attendance.

1. APOLOGIES.

Apologies were received from Sir Frederic Eggleston and Professor K.H. Bailey.

2. MINUTES.

The minutes of the 13th meeting, having previously been circulated, were taken as read, and confirmed, with an amendment on page 2, paragraph 4, by striking out "and" in the last line of the paragraph and adding at the end the words "and the Registrar".

3. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES.

(a) Mechanical Equipment and Machine Tools.

Professor Wright reported that he had arranged for the inspection of the treatment furnace offered by the Department of Munitions by Mr. Waters, of the Physics Department, University of Melbourne, who had reported that the furnace would be required by the Physics laboratory. The Registrar reported that steps had been taken to purchase and store the furnace. The reports were received and the action of the Registrar confirmed.

It was resolved that a fee of £1.1.0 should be paid to Mr. Waters for each inspection of equipment offered to the University. (Mr. Waters had now carried out two inspections).

(b) Amendment of Act.

The Chairman reported that the Bill to amend the Act had been introduced and that the Minister had delivered the second reading speech, copies of which were circulated.

(c) Visit of Professor Bhabha.

It was resolved that Sir David Rivett, Professor L.H. Martin and Dr. F.W.G. White should be asked to make arrangements for Professor Bhabha's visit, and that the High Commissioner for India should be advised of the invitation to Professor Bhabha.

(d) Temporary Administrative Block.

Mr. Daley reported that the Director of Works, Department of Works and Housing, had advised that the revised estimate

of the cost of the temporary buildings (based on completed working drawings) was £19,657, an increase of £5,257 on the previous estimate. The increased cost was due to the rise in costs since the last estimate, and to certain additions to the building.

It was resolved that the estimate should be accepted and that the necessary authority should be sought for the additional expenditure involved.

4. APPOINTMENT OF LIBRARIAN.

This question was deferred to the next meeting, as inquiries being made by certain members had not been completed. Sir David Rivett was to arrange for a report upon Mr. McDonald's qualifications by Dr. F.W.G. White.

5. APPOINTMENT OF VICE-CHANCELLOR.

After a full discussion, it was decided to hold a special meeting of the Council on Friday, 24th October, at 11 a.m. to consider this question, so that Dr. Coombs could be present.

6. TRAINING SCHOLARSHIPS.

Terms and conditions of scholarships. It was resolved that these would be determined by the Council in the case of each scholarship, but would, in general, be on the following basis:-

(a) Remuneration.-

Allowances to scholars to be in accordance with the following table:-

Scholar	In Australia, per annum.	In U.K., per annum	In U.S.A. per annum
Married	£A550	£Stg.550	\$2,400
Unmarried	£A450	£Stg.450	\$2,100

No additional living allowance to be paid to scholars.

In the case of applicants of higher academic standing or greater experience, the Council would consider whether an additional allowance should be paid.

(b) Travelling Expenses.-

An allowance towards the fares of scholars travelling to the United Kingdom or U.S.A. to be paid not exceeding £Stg.75 each way.

(c) Fees, etc.-

Allowances for the fees, etc., of scholars to be paid as follows:-

In Australia and United Kingdom, maximum £A50 or £Stg.50 per annum, respectively.

In U.S.A., maximum of \$200.

(d) Tenure -

The term of scholarships to be two years. At the end of that period the remuneration of the scholar and the tenure of the scholarship to be reviewed in the light of the qualifications of the scholar and the work done by him under the scholarship.

Scholarships to be subject to satisfactory reports as to the work of scholars.

(e) Location of Scholarships -

The place where scholars would be required to work to be determined by the Council on the advice of the appropriate member of the Academic Advisory Committee. Scholars to be under the control of the University or other institution where they are working.

(f) General -

Applicants to be informed that, while the purpose of the scholarships is to enable the University to staff the research schools to be established, scholars will not necessarily be appointed to the staff of the University. It would be expected, however, that at the end of the term of their scholarships, scholars who have gone overseas would return to posts in Australia.

Method of Selection of Scholars.

It was resolved that the Academic Advisory Committee should be informed that it was likely that a considerable number of applications for scholarships would be received, and should be asked for its views on the method of selection to be adopted.

7. REPORTS.

(a) Finance Committee -

The report of the Finance Committee was received and adopted.

(b) Statutes Committee -

The Chairman reported that Professor Bailey had received a reply to his letter to Professor Hancock on certain questions arising out of the deliberations of the Statutes Committee and that this would be considered when the Committee met again.

8. FELLOWSHIPS IN SOCIAL SCIENCES.

It was resolved that applications should be invited for two additional Research Fellowships in the Social Sciences, and that Professor Robinson's application should be considered when the further applications were received.

9. ACADEMIC ADVISORY COMMITTEE.

The recommendations of the Committee contained in the Minutes of Meeting No. 1 were considered.

(a) Professor Hancock's position -

The Council noted the contents of Professor Hancock's letter to the Registrar dated 10th September, 1947, in which Professor Hancock invited attention to the Minutes of the 10th meeting of the Interim Council (paragraph 4(c)) recording his acceptance of membership of the Academic Advisory Committee, and pointed out that no reference was made in the Minutes to the fact that his University and Government commitments limited the service which he would be able to give as a member of the Committee.

(b) Arrangements for visit of the Committee to Australia -

It was resolved that, in view of the position as to the appointment of the Vice-Chancellor, and the recommendation of the Committee (paragraph 4 of the Minutes), it was desirable that the visit of the Committee should be postponed to Easter, 1948. Mr. Foster was to be informed accordingly by cable.

(c) Matters for discussion at Canberra -

It was resolved that the Australian National Research Council should be asked to assist the Council in the preparation of the list of Australian scientists referred to in paragraph 5(C) of the Minutes. Consideration of other matters mentioned in the Minutes was deferred.

10. VISITING SCHOLARS.

(a) Mr. John Wisdom - The Chairman referred to the correspondence from Professor R.M. Crawford (which had been circulated), conveying a suggestion by Professor A. Boyce Gibson that Mr. Wisdom should be invited to visit Australia. It was resolved that the correspondence should be referred to Professor Hancock for his views.

(b) Dr. Hu Shih - The Chairman reported that he had received a cable and a letter from the Australian Minister in China (Professor Copland), who stated that Dr. Hu Shih would be willing to visit Australia in March, 1948, but would be able to stay in Australia for one month only. It was resolved that the correspondence should be referred to Sir Frederic Eggleston for his opinion as to whether the visit should not be postponed until Dr. Hu Shih would be able to spend several months in Australia. It was agreed that if Sir Frederic Eggleston thought that it was desirable that Dr. Hu Shih should in any case come in 1948, an invitation should be extended accordingly.

(c) Air Commodore Whittle - The Chairman stated that the British Council representative (Mr. Charles Wilmot) had suggested to him that Air Commodore Whittle should be invited to visit Australia. It was resolved that Mr. Wilmot should be informed that the Council did not consider that any invitation to Air Commodore Whittle should come from the National University.

NEXT MEETING.

The next ordinary meeting of the Council will be held on Friday, 7th November, at 11 a.m. There will be a Finance Committee meeting at 10.45 a.m. on the same day.

The meeting closed at 4.15 p.m.

(R.C. MILLS)

Chairman.

7th November 1947

THE AUSTRALIAN NATIONAL UNIVERSITY.

INTERIM COUNCIL.

Minutes of a special meeting of the Interim Council
held at the Conference Room, Department of Post-War
Reconstruction, at 11 a.m. on Friday, 24th October, 1947.

Present:

Professor R.C. Mills (Chairman),
Professor K.H. Bailey,
Dr. H.C. Coombs,
Mr. C.S. Daley,
Sir Frederic Eggleston,
Sir Robert Garran,
Mr. H.J. Goodes,
Sir David Rivett,
Professor R.D. Wright.

The Registrar was in attendance.

1. APPOINTMENT OF VICE-CHANCELLOR.

There was a general discussion on this question and of the names which had been mentioned in connection with this appointment. It was resolved that the question should be further considered at the next meeting of the Council, which would be on Friday, 7th November, at 11 a.m.

2. TRAINING SCHOLARSHIPS.

The draft statement which had been circulated, containing information for applicants, was considered and approved with some verbal amendments.

3. VISIT OF ACADEMIC ADVISORY COMMITTEE.

It was resolved that the following provisional time-table for the visit of the Committee at Easter, 1948, which was submitted by the Registrar, should be adopted and forwarded to the Committee for approval :-

Arrive in Australia about March 10.

Meeting with Interim Council	-	March 19-20.
Social Sciences Seminar	-	March 22-23.
Easter recess	-	March 25-31.
Professor Hancock's visit		
to Melbourne	-	April 1.
Further meeting with Council	-	April 8-9.
Professor Hancock's visit		
to Sydney	-	April 12.

4. RESEARCH FELLOWS - TRAVELLING ALLOWANCE WHEN OVERSEAS.

It was resolved that the daily travelling allowance to be paid to Research Fellows who had gone overseas should be :-

On voyage	...	...	10/- Stg.
In the United Kingdom and on the Continent			25/- Stg.

(R.C. MILLS)

Chairman

7th November, 1947.

THE AUSTRALIAN NATIONAL UNIVERSITY.

Interim Council.

Minutes of the Fifteenth Meeting of the Interim Council held at the Conference Room, Department of Post-War Reconstruction, Canberra, on Friday, November 7th, 1947, at 11 a.m.

Present : Professor R.C. Mills (Chairman),
Professor K.H. Bailey,
Dr. H.C. Coombs,
Mr. C.S. Daley,
Sir Frederic Eggleston,
Sir Robert Garran,
Mr. H.J. Goodes,
Professor R.D. Wright.

The Registrar was in attendance.

1. APOLOGIES:

Apologies were received from Sir David Rivett and Mr. Medley.

2. MINUTES:

The Minutes of the 14th Meeting, having previously been circulated, were taken as read, and confirmed.

3. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES:

(a) Temporary Administrative Block.

The Chairman reported that authority for the increased expenditure involved in the re-erection of the temporary offices had been sought from the Treasurer, whose reply to the Council's representations was awaited.

(b) Visit of Dr. Hu Shih.

It was resolved that the invitation to Dr. Hu Shih to visit Australia should be deferred until he could spend a longer period in the Universities. The Australian Minister for China was to be informed accordingly.

(c) Visit of Professor T. Griffith Taylor.

It was resolved that the Chairman and the Registrar should confer with the Vice-Chancellors and appropriate members of the staffs of the Universities with a view to making suitable arrangements for Professor Griffith Taylor's visit.

(d) Visiting Scholars.

A general discussion took place on the future programme of the University with respect to visiting scholars. It was resolved that the

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programme for 1948-49 would be determined as far as possible at the February meeting of the Council. It was also resolved that Dr. Coombs, while in the United States, should hold informal discussions with Mrs. Alva Myrdal (an authority on population policy) and Professor Clair Wilcox (Economics, Swarthmore College) with a view to ascertaining whether they would be prepared to visit Australia at the invitation of the University. It was thought that it would be desirable if possible for Dr. Gunnar Myrdal to accompany his wife.

4. APPOINTMENT OF VICE-CHANCELLOR:

It was resolved that this question should be further considered at the next meeting to be held on 5th December and that members who were not able to be present would convey their opinion to the Chairman by letter.

5. APPOINTMENT OF LIBRARIAN:

Professor Wright reported that he had had an interview with Dr. F.W.G. White, who had had an opportunity of investigating Mr. McDonald's qualifications for the position, in comparison with those of Mr. Collins. Dr. White was of the opinion that Mr. McDonald was equal to Mr. Collins in ability and had had the advantage of considerable experience in a larger University library. The Chairman pointed out that Mr. McDonald was entitled to preference under the Re-establishment and Employment Act 1945. The Chairman also referred to the recommendation of the Academic Advisory Committee that the appointment of librarian might be postponed pending the appointment of the Vice-Chancellor. It was thought, however, that appointment of a librarian was exceedingly urgent and that it was desirable to make a decision at this meeting.

After full discussion of all names on the short list it was resolved that Mr. A.L.G. McDonald should be invited to accept the position of librarian at the advertised salary. The Registrar was authorised to discuss with Mr. McDonald questions arising with respect to superannuation, housing, etc., on which it was thought that, in general, the conditions agreed to in the case of the appointment of the Registrar might be adopted. It was also thought that for a short period it would be possible for Mr. McDonald to carry out his duties partly in Melbourne.

6. REPORT OF FINANCE COMMITTEE:

The report of the Finance Committee was received and adopted.

7. BUILDING PROGRAMME:

The report of the informal committee on buildings which met on 29th October was considered, and Professor Lewis attended the meeting at the request of the Council. Professor Lewis reported that he had already met the National Capital Planning and Development Committee, with whom he had discussed the preliminary plans which had been put before the informal committee. The National Capital Planning and Development Committee had not raised any objections in principle to the preliminary plans but had suggested minor variations. Professor Lewis also reported that he had interviewed the Director-General of Works and Housing (Mr. L.F. Loder), who had indicated that

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he thought that the University building programme should be carried out as part of the Canberra building programme. Professor Lewis thought that this would be desirable.

Mr. Daley stated that the National Capital Planning and Development Committee had regarded the discussions with Professor Lewis as unofficial and would like the proposed plans of the University buildings formally submitted to it when approved by the Council. The Committee would wish to consider a number of matters arising out of the preliminary plans, including the desirability of providing for the housing of the University staff on the University site. After full discussion it was resolved -

(a) That approval be given to an immediate building programme consisting of -

- (i) One building comprising (for the time being) University House (Residential College and Faculty Club), the accommodation for the Schools of Social Sciences and Pacific Studies, the library, and administration offices;
- (ii) One building for School of Physical Sciences;
- (iii) One building for School of Medical Research;
- (iv) Housing (including flats).

The Council also noted that accommodation would be required for the Canberra University College and that this should be taken into account in the preparation of the final building programme.

- (b) That Dr. Coombs, Mr. Daley and Mr. Goodes, together with Professor Lewis, should make arrangements as soon as possible to consult with the appropriate Ministers and Departments with a view to determining whether it would be practicable to carry out the building programme referred to in (a) as part of the Canberra building programme, commencing in 1948. If the results of these discussions were satisfactory, Professor Lewis should proceed immediately with the preparation of plans and specifications for the buildings referred to in paragraph (a).
- (c) Subject to the discussions to be held by the committee referred to in paragraph (b), Professor Lewis should undertake further discussions with the Department of Works and Housing with respect to the erection of the buildings specified in paragraph (a).
- (d) Subject to the discussions referred to in paragraph (b), Professor Lewis should be asked to visit England as soon as possible with a view to obtaining definite instructions from Sir Howard Florey and Professor Oliphant on the requirements of the buildings for the Research Schools of Medicine and Physical Sciences.

It was further resolved that Professor Lewis should submit a memorandum to the Council at its next meeting setting out his proposals with respect to the terms and conditions of his appointment as architect for the purposes of the immediate building programme. It was further resolved that the details of the plans of the building referred to in paragraph (a) should be referred to the Buildings and Grounds Committee.

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In reply to a question by the Chairman, Professor Lewis stated that he would be able to carry out the duties with respect to the University's building programme in conjunction with his office as Professor of Architecture in the University of Melbourne and that there will be no objection on the part of that University to his undertaking these duties.

8. RESEARCH FELLOWS:

The Chairman reported that Mr. G. Rudduck had arrived in England and had submitted an interim report and proposals on arrangements for carrying out his research project which he had discussed with Sir Patrick Abercrombie; that Mr. R.S. Parker commenced his Fellowship on 19th October; and that Mr. W.D. Borrie was leaving for England on 14th November.

9. ACADEMIC ADVISORY COMMITTEE:

The recommendations of the Committee contained in the minutes of Meetings Nos. 1 and 2 were considered. It was resolved that consideration of the matters proposed for discussion at Canberra should be postponed to a later meeting. The Council approved the dates proposed by the Committee for its meetings with the Council in March and April, 1948.

10. CANBERRA UNIVERSITY COLLEGE:

The report of the Council of the Canberra University College on the re-organisation of the College, which had been forwarded by the Chairman of the College Council, was considered. It was resolved that the plans and recommendations of the Council of the Canberra University College should be noted and that the Interim Council support the representations of the College Council. It was pointed out, however, that the salaries of certain positions specified in the College Council's recommendations appeared to be in excess of similar positions in other Universities.

11. CONFERENCE ON UNDERGRADUATE STUDIES:

The Registrar's report on this question was considered and it was resolved that the proposed conference should be held in February, 1948.

12. UNIVERSITIES BUREAU OF THE BRITISH EMPIRE:

The letter dated 4th November, 1947, from the Secretary of the Australian Vice-Chancellors' Committee on the subject of the appointment of representatives of Australian Universities on the Executive Council of the Bureau was considered and it was resolved that the Secretary should be informed that the Interim Council was of opinion that the selection of the Australian representatives should be left to the Vice-Chancellors' Committee.

13. REPORT BY PROFESSOR GERARD:

Professor R.W. Gerard attended the meeting and discussed with the Council his impressions of his visits to the Universities and the part that could be played by the National University in medical research. A summary of Professor Gerard's statement is attached. The Chairman thanked Professor Gerard for his report.

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NEXT MEETING:

In accordance with the decision contained in paragraph 4, the next meeting of the Council will be held on Friday, 5th December, at 10 a.m. There will be a Finance Committee meeting at 9.30 a.m. on the same day.

The meeting closed at 4.15 p.m.

R. C. MILLS

Chairman.
5th December, 1947.

THE AUSTRALIAN NATIONAL UNIVERSITY

Interim Council : Fifteenth Meeting,
November 7th, 1947.

Summary of discussion with Professor R.W. Gerard.

Professor Gerard stated that when he had met the Council on the last occasion he was not in a position to make any definite statements about the matters which the Council wished to discuss with him. He had since had the opportunity of visiting the Universities of Adelaide, Melbourne and Queensland, and had started the Sydney visit. He had found that there was considerable appreciation of the value of the Canberra seminar and of his visits to the Universities, and an attitude that was informative and pleasant, with great hospitality.

It was evident that the practice of the National University of inviting visiting Professors to work in the Universities was worth while.

Professor Gerard said that he would like to speak along three lines on the relation of the National University to the State Universities :-

- (1) the needs of the State Universities;
- (2) the opinion of the people in the Universities about the National University;
- (3) very limited recommendations for the National University.

As to the problem of the centralisation or dispersion of the resources at the disposal of the National University, Professor Gerard said that when he first met the Council he had mentioned that he had heard a number of questions raised even in the short time he had been in Australia. At that time he had certainly had an open mind on this question and had thought it might be wiser to use these resources in a decentralised fashion. Now he had no hesitation in saying that he believed that the way that the plans were being prepared was the correct one.

The present picture in the Universities was rather a disheartening one from the point of view of research. The men were simply swamped with teaching and examining, departments were understaffed, even for normal teaching demands, and the first duty felt, naturally, was that of teaching. The whole feeling about research, he rather suspected, was unsatisfactory, and research had not in general been prized in the University communities as it must be. Teaching itself was dangerously moving towards that of a glorified trade-school. The needs of the Universities were not primarily for more money. The limits were, it seemed, primarily those of space and men. Individual men and Departments were doing fine work, but there was insufficient general appreciation of the vital importance of research. The greatest help that could be given to the Universities would be from something like the National University.

As regards the attitude of the men towards the National University, he was pleased to find that the balance of disapproval or serious questioning on the one hand and strong or moderate approval, on the other, was definitely in favour of the latter. In the State Universities he had found that, as a general rule, the older men were not greatly interested in the

National University. The younger men were keen and enthusiastic. The fears that were expressed had been discussed earlier and mainly centred round the fear of diversion of resources from the State Universities. However, there was some appreciation that in the long run the existence of the National University should work out to their advantage.

The danger of political control was frequently mentioned. (On the other hand he had been assured by responsible authorities of research institutes dependent on public funds that they had never had any problem of political pressure.) The things that were wanted most were facilities for travel, in and outside Australia, improvement of the research grant conditions for the younger men so that they do not have to work on a year-to-year basis, and places for the intermediate level men between the commencement of research work and the time they became readers or professors.

Speaking of the work of the National University, Professor Gerard said that there was complete agreement on the importance of research as the primary job of the University. Stress must be laid on the desirability of teams of investigators. There was universal agreement that the National University must work with and through State Universities rather than be set up in opposition to, or competition with, the State Universities.

Professor Gerard said that it would be desirable for the National University to have some research and meeting facilities at a place at which scientists would want to congregate with their families. It would be wise to establish such an outpost near the ocean, at a good vacation spot. He referred to the significance of the Marine Biological Institute which was in some ways the most important scientific institution in America.

Professor Gerard said that the Council could await the future with a feeling of great enthusiasm. The Government had done a wise thing in approaching the problem of Australian higher learning and education in this way. The approach was a correct and approved one. Professor Gerard said "Particularly I bring you the cry of the next generation. The young scientists are looking to you to give them something in the future."

Professor Wright asked if Professor Gerard could give the Council an estimate as to whether the zeal and the intelligence of the younger generation could support what the Council aimed to build. Professor Gerard replied that Australia had just as many able people as there were in any other country. They could do as fine work as those in other countries.

Sir Robert Garran mentioned the fact that there had previously been a Naval College at Jervis Bay (in the Australian Capital Territory), and that this was now a tourist resort, which might be used as an outpost for the National University. Professor Gerard replied that he was glad to find that such a resort existed. The ocean would also be invaluable for biological research.

Professor Gerard also mentioned that he was convinced that the selection of young men for research grants in Australia had been done very well.

Sir Frederic Eggleston asked if Professor Gerard thought that research would be effective if not co-ordinated. Professor Gerard said that each man must follow his own line. Some had to work alone. Less and less would be able to do it alone as time went on. Tremendous facilities were increasingly needed. Collectively more work could be done, provided that the leadership was good.

Sir Frederic Eggleston asked if Professor Gerard thought that research in any particular field should be planned. Professor Gerard said that he thought that one could plan only over short periods. An endeavour might be made to fill up the gaps in knowledge, but it was not always the man who was searching for a particular thing specially who found it. A wise and courageous director would know when it was wise to drop everything and go on to a new project. The really creative work was done by men who saw the whole. A philosophical approach to the problems was essential.

Professor Wright expressed the thanks of the Council to Professor Gerard for his review.

In reply to a question by the Chairman, Professor Gerard said that he considered that a period of three months, or at least two months, would be a satisfactory one for visiting scholars to spend in Australia. A great deal of good was done by informal discussions with research workers in the Universities, apart altogether from the actual lectures.

THE AUSTRALIAN NATIONAL UNIVERSITY.

Interim Council.

Minutes of the 16th Meeting of the Interim Council
held at the Conference Room, Department of Post-War
Reconstruction, Canberra, on Friday, December 5th,
1947, at 10 a.m.

Present : Professor R. C. Mills (Chairman),
Mr. J. D. G. Medley (Deputy Chairman),
Professor K. H. Bailey,
Mr. A. S. Brown,
Mr. C. S. Daley,
Sir Frederic Eggleston,
Sir Robert Garran,
Mr. H. J. Goodes,
Sir David Rivett,
Professor R. D. Wright.

The Registrar was in attendance.

The Chairman welcomed Mr. Medley, who had returned from Europe and the United States, and expressed the Council's pleasure at Mr. Medley's recovery from his recent illness.

1. MINUTES.

The minutes of the 15th meeting, having previously been circulated, were taken as read, and confirmed.

2. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES.

(a) Temporary Administrative Building.

The Chairman reported that authority for the increased expenditure had now been received from the Treasurer and that the Department of Works and Housing had been asked to put the work in hand as soon as possible.

(b) Appointment of Librarian.

The Chairman reported that the position of Librarian had, in accordance with the decision of the Council, been offered to Mr. A. L. G. McDonald, who had visited Canberra and discussed the position with the Registrar and promised an early decision.

(c) Visit of Professor Griffith Taylor.

The Chairman reported that he had written to the Vice-Chancellor of each of the Universities, and that the Registrar had written to Professor Griffith Taylor with respect to the detailed arrangements for his visit.

(d) Visiting Scholars.

The Chairman reported that it appeared from informal conversations at Mexico City that Sir Sarvepalli Radhakrishnan was still considering a visit to Australia, and it was resolved that a communication should be sent to him informing him

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that the Council would be glad to hear from him on the subject of his visit. Sir David Rivett stated that a number of chemists had suggested to him that the University might invite Professor Max von Laue to visit Australia. Mr. Medley referred to the desirability of considering whether invitations should be extended to Professors Roscoe Pound and J.B. Condliffe. It was decided that these proposals should be considered at the February meeting, when the programme for visiting scholars for 1948-49 would be determined.

3. REPORT OF FINANCE COMMITTEE.

The report of the Finance Committee was received and adopted.

4. APPOINTMENT OF VICE-CHANCELLOR.

It was resolved that inquiries should be made as to the availability for appointment of one of the gentlemen whose name had been considered. It was further resolved that the salary of the Vice-Chancellor should be fixed at £3,000 per annum, together with an entertainment allowance of £400 per annum, and that the question of superannuation or retiring allowance and other matters arising in connection with the appointment should be discussed with the person proposed to be appointed.

5. BUILDING PROGRAMME.

The report of the Buildings Committee was received and adopted. There was a general discussion on various aspects of the building programme and it was resolved that the Buildings Committee should be asked to arrange for a submission to be made to the Ministerial Committee on Works Priorities for the purpose of obtaining the necessary priority for materials.

A letter was received from the Executive Member of the National Capital Planning and Development Committee, conveying to the Council the resolutions passed by the Committee at its meeting on 5th December, which were as follows:-

- "(a) That the Committee agrees, in principle, that the existing roads Balmain Crescent and Liversidge Street be retained and incorporated in the final layout;
- (b) That, without prejudice to the main permanent building scheme for the University, the proposal indicated for University House, comprising residential College and, in the first stages, accommodation for the Schools of Social Sciences, Pacific Studies, Library and the Administration Section of the University, in its relation to the roads mentioned, and subject to submission of the complete design, be approved;

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- (c) That the Committee feels that the suggestion indicated in the plan as portion of the site for immediate development (Faculty buildings) and marked Physics should not, at this stage, be adopted, and that a decision in regard to the determination of sites for the School of Physical Sciences and the John Curtin School of Medical Research should be deferred until fuller information as to the area and type of structures required is available.
- (d) That the Committee's concurrence in the adoption of the road scheme and in the provision of University House does not carry with it any approval of the general layout for the future main University development which the Committee feels should be subject to further consideration in the light of the additional information which will later be available.
- (e) That provision in the plan for considerable residential subdivision within the University area has been noted and in the Committee's opinion any substantial concentration of residential accommodation within the University area is to be deprecated;
- (f) That in regard to the requirements for certain essential accommodation on the University site the Committee points out that there exists on the area a number of residences of good type some of which could possibly serve the purposes required for some years if other accommodation were provided for those at present in occupation not connected with the University."

The Chairman expressed the thanks of the Council to Mr. Daley for his assistance in connection with the consideration of the University's plans by the National Capital Planning and Development Committee.

Professor Lewis attended the meeting at this stage, and discussed with the Council the revised sketch plans which he had prepared for submission to the National Capital Planning and Development Committee in accordance with the decision of the Buildings Committee. It was resolved that Professor Lewis should discuss with the Academic Advisory Committee the question of the provision of housing on the University area.

6. TRAINING SCHOLARSHIPS.

It was reported that 91 applications for scholarships had been received in Australia and 33 in England (up to 24th November).

It was resolved that a committee consisting of Professor Bailey, Mr. Goodes and Professor Wright should be asked to review the applications and make recommendations to the Council at the next meeting. The Committee was empowered to obtain advice from appropriate members of the staffs of the Universities, whose travelling expenses would be met where necessary. It was also resolved that Professor L.H. Martin should be asked to assist the committee with respect to the consideration of the applications for scholarships in the Physical Sciences.

It was further resolved that the observations of the Academic Advisory Committee contained in paragraph 4 of the minutes of Meeting No. 3 of the Committee should be referred to the committee for consideration.

7. ACADEMIC ADVISORY COMMITTEE - CONSIDERATION OF RECOMMENDATIONS AND OBSERVATIONS.

(a) Matters For Discussion at Canberra, Easter, 1948.

The recommendations and observations of the Committee contained in paragraph 5 of the minutes of Meeting No. 1 were noted, and it was resolved that they should be further considered at the February meeting.

(b) Arrangements for Visit to Australia.

The Council noted the proposed arrangements for the Committee's visit to Australia contained in paragraph 7 of the minutes of Meeting No. 3 and the cable from Mr. Foster received on 3rd December.

(c) Statutes.

It was resolved that the observations of the Committee contained in paragraph 8 of the minutes of Meeting No. 3 should be referred to the Statutes Committee.

(d) School of Medical Research.

The Council noted the report of Sir Howard Florey with respect to the proposed School of Medical Research contained in paragraph 9 of the minutes of Meeting No. 3.)

(e) Fellowships.

The observations contained in paragraph 12 of the minutes of Meeting No. 3 were considered and it was resolved that the Committee should be informed that the Council would be glad to consider recommendations by the Committee for appointments to Fellowships.

8. AID TO PUBLICATION OF RESEARCH WORK.

The Chairman stated that he had been asked by several scholars whether the Interim Council would be prepared to assist them in the publication of the results of research work carried out by them. It was resolved that the Council could not, at this stage, undertake to assist in the publication of research work, but would be prepared to consider supporting the establishment of a Universities Press of Australia. It was thought that this might be discussed by the Vice-Chancellors' Committee.

9. RECRUITMENT OF JUNIOR STAFF.

The memorandum submitted by the Registrar was considered and it was resolved that authority be given to the Registrar to invite applications for the appointment of one male clerical officer to the University's staff on the salary scale proposed. It was further resolved that the person appointed should, if possible, be required to undertake a degree course in Arts or Commerce at the Canberra University College, and that the Council would refund the fees payable by him on passing the examinations.

10. OTHER BUSINESS.(a) Christmas Vacation for Office Staff.

It was resolved that the University office should be closed from 25th December to 4th January, and would re-open on Monday, 5th January.

(b) Amendment of Act.

It was reported that the Royal Assent had been given to the amendment of the Act.

(c) Research Fellows - Mr. R.S. Parker.

It was resolved that the suggestion by Mr. Parker that a scholar might be assigned to a Research Fellow for part of his scholarship should be referred to the committee on scholarships.

(d) Next Meeting.

It was resolved that the next meeting of the Council would be held on 13th February, and that the Council would not meet in January.

The Chairman conveyed to the members of the Council the season's greetings. The meeting closed at 3 p.m.

R. C. MILLS
Chairman.

13th February, 1947.

THE AUSTRALIAN NATIONAL UNIVERSITY.

Interim Council.

Minutes of the 17th Meeting of the Interim Council
held at the Conference Room, Department of Post-War
Reconstruction, Canberra, on Friday, February 13th,
1948, at 10 a.m.

Present : Professor R.C. Mills (Chairman),
Mr. J.D.G. Medley (Deputy Chairman),
Mr. C.S. Daley,
Sir Frederic Eggleston,
Sir Robert Garrahan,
Mr. H.J. Goodes,
Sir David Rivett,
Professor R.D. Wright.

The Registrar was in attendance.

1. APOLOGIES.

Apologies were received from Professor K.H. Bailey
and Mr. A.S. Brown.

2. REFERENCE TO THE DEATH OF MR. CHARLES DALEY.

The Chairman referred to the death of the late
Mr. Charles Daley, father of Mr. C.S. Daley, and informed the
Council that he had written to Mr. Daley conveying to him the
sympathy of the Council on the death of his father.

3. MINUTES.

The Minutes of the 16th Meeting, having previously
been circulated, were taken as read and confirmed.

4. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES.

Appointment of Librarian.

The Chairman reported that Mr. A.L.G. McDonald had
accepted the position of Librarian subject to being admitted
as a contributor to the Superannuation Fund, and that he had
passed the necessary medical examination. Mr. Medley stated
that Mr. McDonald would be released from his duties at the
University of Melbourne as soon as possible.

5. REPORT OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE.

(a) The report of the Finance Committee contained in the
Minutes of the meeting held on 12th February was received and
adopted.

(b) It was resolved that Mr. Goodes (representing the
Finance Committee) and Mr. Daley (representing the Buildings
and Grounds Committee) should form a committee with power to
implement the Council's decision at the 13th Meeting with respect
to the provision of houses off the University site and should
report to the relevant committees. It was further resolved that
Mr. Goodes and Mr. Daley should be authorised to approve of
contracts for the erection of houses.

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(c) It was resolved that in addition to existing arrangements, the Registrar, together with the Assistant Accountant, should be authorised to sign salary cheques to any amount and all other cheques not exceeding £100 in value.

(d) In connection with the account for Lady Florey's return fare from England, it was resolved that payment of the amount due to Qantas Empire Airways be approved, but that a message should be sent by cable to England indicating that the Council had anticipated that the stay in Australia of the wives of the members of the Advisory Committee would overlap with that of their husbands and would prefer it in Lady Florey's case if this were at all possible. Mr. Foster was to be asked to investigate this possibility.

(e) After consideration of an application for provision of funds for Professor Firth's return fares via U.S.A., it was resolved that Mr. Foster should be informed that the Council would prefer that the decision as to Professor Firth's return via U.S.A. should be deferred until after the Easter discussions.

6. APPOINTMENT OF VICE-CHANCELLOR.

It was resolved that the Council recommend to the Minister administering the University Act the appointment of Professor Douglas Berry Copland as the first Vice-Chancellor of the University in accordance with the provisions of section 18, to hold office, subject to good behaviour, for five years from the date on which he takes up his duties and to receive a salary of £3,000 per annum together with an entertainment allowance of £400 to be paid out of funds provided under section 30 of the Act for the purposes of the University.

It was further resolved that the Registrar should communicate with Professor Copland immediately after his appointment by the Executive Council and should ask him to make every effort to be present for the conference with the Advisory Committee at Easter.

7. ACADEMIC ADVISORY COMMITTEE.

(a) Consideration of the draft agenda for the Easter conference prepared by the Registrar was postponed to the next meeting.

(b) After consideration of the recommendations of the Advisory Committee with respect to Fellowships (Minutes, 4th Meeting, paragraph 7; 5th Meeting, paragraph 2(c)) and Professor Oliphant's memorandum dated 8.12.1947, it was resolved that the Council would be prepared to make appointments to Fellowships on the recommendation of the Academic Committee, but that the Committee should be informed that the Council would prefer to defer actual appointments until after the Easter conference.

(c) The Council noted a report by the Registrar with respect to the arrangements for the Easter conference. It was resolved that the Council would meet on Friday, 12th March, at 10 a.m., to consider the agenda for the conference.

(d) After consideration of the recommendations of the Advisory Committee (Minutes, 5th Meeting, paragraph 8) and a cable from Professor Oliphant, it was resolved that the Committee should be informed that, while appreciating the valuable work done by Mr. Foster and Miss Clemenger, the Council regretted that it did not feel justified in acceding to the Committee's request that one of them should accompany the Committee on its visit to Australia.

8. ARRANGEMENTS FOR CONFERENCES ON RESEARCH TO BE HELD AT EASTER.

The Council noted the arrangements which had been made by the Registrar with respect to the conferences on research in Medicine, Social Sciences and Pacific Studies to be held at Easter.

9. BUILDING PROGRAMME.

(a) It was reported that, pursuant to the decision of the Council at the 16th Meeting, a submission had been made to the Ministerial Committee on Works Priorities for the purpose of obtaining the necessary priority for materials required in connection with the immediate building programme. It was understood that there would not be a formal meeting of the Ministerial Committee until after Easter, but that, on representations to the Standing Committee that a decision should be made as soon as possible, the Standing Committee had agreed that the University's application for priority should be referred to the individual Ministers who are members of the Ministerial Committee. The Director-General of Works (Chairman of the Standing Committee) was to express to Ministers his views on the effect of the University's building programme on the general construction programme for Canberra. The report was received.

(b) Professor Lewis attended the meeting and submitted a short report on his visit to England and the Continent. After Professor Lewis had discussed with the Council the views of the Advisory Committee on the building programme, it was resolved that Mr. Medley and Professor Wright should be asked to form a committee with Professor Lewis to consider Professor Lewis' report with a view to further discussion at the next meeting.

10. VISITING SCHOLARS.

(a) As the observations of the Academic Advisory Committee had not been received, it was resolved that consideration of the programme of visiting scholars for 1948-49 should be deferred until after the Easter conferences. Mr. Medley stated that Professor Roscoe Pound would be visiting Australia for the Carnegie Corporation and at the request of the Australian Universities Law Schools Association. It was resolved that Mr. Medley should be authorised to inform that Association that the Council would be glad to arrange a conference of law teachers at Canberra during Professor Pound's visit to Australia.

(b) It was reported that arrangements for the visit of Professor Griffith Taylor to Australia were in hand and that he would visit all the Australian Universities and confer with the Council in June. The report was received.

(c) It was reported that Professor Frank Debenham was unable to accept the Council's invitation to visit Australia. The report was received.

11. TRAINING SCHOLARSHIPS.

(a) The report of the Committee on Scholarships was received and it was resolved that the Committee should meet again for the purpose of further considering the applications received and making recommendations to the Academic Advisory Committee.

(b) It was resolved that the recommendations of the Academic Advisory Committee with respect to the conditions of the scholarships awarded to G.R. Storry, K.E. Read and P. Lawrence should be adopted.

12. RESEARCH FELLOWSHIPS IN THE SOCIAL SCIENCES.

The Council considered the applications received for Research Fellowships in the Social Sciences and the memorandum by the Registrar which had been circulated. After full consideration of the applications it was resolved that -

- (a) One Fellowship should be offered to Dr. H.I. Hogbin for research in anthropology.
- (b) A Committee consisting of Sir Frederic Eggleston and the members of the Council resident in Canberra should be authorised, after further consideration of the applications of Mr. Q.B. Gibson and Associate Professor F.W. Robinson, to award the remaining Fellowship to one of these gentlemen. Sir Frederic Eggleston would interview Mr. Gibson.
- (c) Professor J. Stone should be informed that the Council regretted that it would not be in a position to provide funds to enable him to visit Harvard University as proposed in his application, but would support an application to the Carnegie Corporation for a special travelling grant for the purposes mentioned in his application.

13. OTHER BUSINESS.

- (a) Research Fellows. - The Council noted reports by the Registrar of correspondence received from Mr. G. Rudduck and Mr. W.D. Borrie in connection with their research work in England.

The Council considered a request by Mr. R.S. Parker for permission to give one course at the Canberra University College in Political Institutions. It was resolved that Mr. Parker should be permitted to give this course on the understanding that no additional remuneration would be payable to him by the College.

- (b) The Council considered a request from the National Union of Australian University Students that it should be granted a non-voting representative on the Interim Council. It was resolved that the Union should be informed that the Council considered that it was not desirable or practicable at the present time to make any provision for student representation on the Interim Council.
- (c) The Council considered an enquiry from Dr. R.v.d.R. Woolley whether the Commonwealth Observatory at Mount Stromlo might be recognised as an institution at which work might be done for the degree of Ph.D. in the National University, and whether he would be recognised as an approved supervisor of studies for this degree. It was resolved that Dr. Woolley should be informed that it would not be practicable for the Council to consider this request until the development of the University is further advanced.
- (d) It was reported that the Chairman had approved of the postponement of the proposed conference on undergraduate studies until after the Easter conference. The report was received.

- (e) The Registrar was authorised to make enquiries as to whether it would be possible to obtain assistance on the administrative side in connection with the Easter conference and to make any temporary appointment which might be required for this purpose.
- (f) It was resolved that a short press statement should be issued by the Chairman with respect to the Easter conference.

The meeting closed at 4 p.m.

(R. C. MILLS)
Chairman.

12th March, 1948.

THE AUSTRALIAN NATIONAL UNIVERSITY.

Interim Council.

Minutes of the 18th Meeting of the Interim Council
held at the Conference Room, Department of Post-War
Reconstruction, Canberra, on Friday, 12th March,
1948, at 10 a.m.

Present : Professor R.C. Mills (Chairman)
Mr. J.D.G. Medley (Deputy Chairman),
Mr. A.S. Brown,
Mr. C.S. Daley,
Sir Frederic Eggleston,
Sir Robert Garran,
Mr. H.J. Goodes,
Sir David Rivett.

The Registrar was in attendance.

1. APOLOGIES.

Apologies were received from Professor K.H. Bailey
and Professor R. Douglas Wright.

2. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES.

The Minutes of the 17th Meeting, having previously
been circulated, were taken as read and confirmed.

3. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES.

(a) Appointment of Librarian.

The Chairman reported that Mr. A.L.G. McDonald would
take up his duties on 1st May and for some time would work partly
in Melbourne and partly in Canberra. The report was received.

(b) Temporary Assistance for Easter Conference.

The Registrar reported that, in accordance with the
decision at the last meeting, he had arranged for Mr. E.H. Clark
of the University of Tasmania to assist him during the Easter
conferences. The Vice-Chancellor of the University of Tasmania
had made Mr. Clark's services available. The report was received
and it was resolved that Mr. Clark's travelling expenses should
be met by the University and that the question of any honorarium
to be paid to him be considered at a later date.

4. REPORT OF FINANCE COMMITTEE.

The report of the Finance Committee was received and
adopted.

5. APPOINTMENT OF VICE-CHANCELLOR.

It was reported that the appointment of Professor
Copland as the first Vice-Chancellor of the University had been
made by the Governor-General in Council in accordance with the
recommendation of the Interim Council made at the last meeting.
It was also reported that Professor Copland would fly from
China to Australia and would arrive on 31st March. The question
whether he would take up his duties immediately or at some later
date would be discussed with the Department of External Affairs
and with Professor Copland. The report was received.

/6. ARRANGEMENTS

6. ARRANGEMENTS FOR EASTER CONFERENCES.

The Registrar reported that the arrangements for these conferences had been completed and particulars were circulated to members. The report was received.

7. AGENDA FOR EASTER CONFERENCE.

The draft agenda for the Conference with the Academic Advisory Committee and the Registrar's notes thereon were considered. The draft agenda was approved and the Registrar was directed to supply members with copies of the notes on the agenda after certain alterations in detail had been made.

8. ACADEMIC ADVISORY COMMITTEE - CONSIDERATION OF RECOMMENDATIONS AT MEETING No. 6.

(a) Scholarships.

The Council noted the observations of the Advisory Committee and resolved that they should be discussed with the Committee at the Easter conference. The suggestion of the Advisory Committee that there should not be a formal meeting with the Scholarships Committee of the Council to discuss applications, but that individual members of the Advisory Committee should discuss individually with the Council's Committee short final lists of candidates in their respective fields was approved.

(b) Fellowships.

It was resolved that the recommendations of the Advisory Committee with respect to Staff Fellowships and Research Fellowships and the proposed appointments to these positions of Messrs. J.S. Gooden, J.L. Symonds and Professor R.M. Chaudhri should be discussed with the Advisory Committee at the Easter conference.

(c) Visiting Scholars.

It was decided that the list of names submitted by the Advisory Committee, together with the lists already under consideration by the Council, with any additions which members thought desirable, should be considered at the Easter conference.

9. BUILDING PROGRAMME.

(a) Professor Lewis' Report.

It was reported that the committee consisting of Mr. Medley and Professors Wright and Lewis, which had been asked to consider certain aspects of Professor Lewis' report on his discussions with the Academic Advisory Committee, had been unable to meet owing to the illness of Professor Wright. The Council felt that, so far as the views of the Advisory Committee as set out in Professor Lewis' report and in the minutes of Meeting No. 5 involved any serious departure from, or addition to, the Council's immediate building programme, in respect of which a priority had been sought, it would not be possible for the Council to agree to the Committee's recommendations.

(b) Application for Priority.

It was reported that the Cabinet Sub-Committee on Works had approved of the inclusion of the Council's immediate building programme in the three-year works programme for the Australian Capital Territory.

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Mr. Daley referred to previous discussions on this subject and to correspondence with the Minister for the Interior, and stated that the Minister had approved in principle of the Council's request for the vesting of the University site in the University.

10. TRAINING SCHOLARSHIPS.

It was reported that because of Professor Wright's illness and Professor Bailey's engagements the Committee on Scholarships had not met. The report was received.

11. RESEARCH FELLOWSHIPS IN THE SOCIAL SCIENCES.(a) Offer of Fellowship to Dr. I. Hogbin.

It was reported that in accordance with the decision at the last meeting a Fellowship had been offered to Dr. Hogbin, who had asked if the Council would be prepared to postpone the commencement of the Fellowship until the end of the second term. It was resolved that this application should be approved.

(b) Report of Committee on Fellowships.

The Committee appointed at the last meeting consisting of the members of the Council resident in Canberra together with Sir Frederic Eggleston reported that, in accordance with the authority given to it by the Council, it had decided that a Fellowship should be offered to Mr. Q.B. Gibson. It was reported that Mr. Gibson had applied for leave from the Council of the Canberra University College and that he would inform the Council as soon as possible whether he would be in a position to accept the Fellowship. The report was received.

(c) Mr. H.P. Brown's Application.

It was decided to adopt the recommendation of the Committee on Fellowships that if either Dr. Hogbin or Mr. Gibson was unable to accept a Fellowship it should be awarded to Mr. H.P. Brown.

(d) Mr. R.S. Parker's Fellowship.

It was resolved that the application of Mr. R.S. Parker that his Fellowship should be reduced from 2 years to about 16 months in order to enable him to take up the Chair of Political Science at Victoria University College, Wellington, in March, 1949, be granted. Mr. Parker's proposals for the revision of his research project in order to enable him to complete it in the time available were approved.

(e) Mr. J.A. La Nauze's Fellowship.

It was resolved that approval be given to the application of Mr. J.A. La Nauze that he should be permitted to receive travelling allowance after the expiration of the term of his Fellowship in order to enable him to complete the research project. The same conditions would apply in relation to the payment of travelling expenses after the termination of the Fellowship as were approved for the purposes of the Fellowship.

12. CANBERRA UNIVERSITY COLLEGE.(a) Reorganisation of College.

The letter from the Registrar of the College, reporting that the College's proposals for the appointment of a Principal and additional lecturers had been approved, was received.

(b) Provision of Playing Fields.

The request of the Council of the College that the Interim Council should consider making provision on the University site for outdoor sporting facilities for undergraduates of the College was referred to the Buildings and Grounds Committee.

13. EMPIRE UNIVERSITIES CONGRESS.

A letter from the Secretary of the Universities Bureau of the British Empire advising that the Bureau would assist in meeting the travelling expenses of delegates to the Congress was received. It was resolved that the Bureau should be informed that it was not practicable for this University to send a delegation to the Congress. Mr. Medley was asked to represent the University in addition to the members of the Academic Advisory Committee (if available).

The meeting closed at 1 p.m.

(R.C. MILLS)
Chairman.

THE AUSTRALIAN NATIONAL UNIVERSITY.

INTERIM COUNCIL.

Minutes of the 19th Meeting of the Interim Council held at the Conference Room, Department of Post-War Reconstruction, Canberra, on Friday, 14th May, 1948, at 10 a.m.

Present:

Professor R.C. Mills (Chairman)
Mr. J.D.G. Medley (Deputy Chairman)
The Vice-Chancellor
Professor K.H. Bailey
Dr. H.C. Coombs
Mr. C.S. Daley
Sir Frederic Eggleston
Sir Robert Garrahan
Mr. H.J. Goodes
Sir David Rivett
Professor R. Douglas Wright.

The Registrar was in attendance.

1. APPOINTMENT OF VICE-CHANCELLOR AS A MEMBER OF THE INTERIM COUNCIL.

The Registrar reported that on 4th May, 1948, the Governor-General had appointed the Vice-Chancellor to be a member of the Interim Council.

2. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES.

The Minutes of the 18th Meeting, having previously been circulated, were taken as read and confirmed.

3. REPORT OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE.

The report of the Finance Committee was received and adopted.

4. RESEARCH FELLOWSHIPS IN THE SOCIAL SCIENCES.

(a) Dr. H.I. Hogbin.

It was reported that Dr. Hogbin had now been granted one year's leave by the University of Sydney, to commence in August. It was resolved that a Fellowship be granted to Dr. Hogbin for one year at the rate of £A900 per annum; that the proposals for travel set out in his letter of 8th April be approved; and that he be granted a travelling allowance not exceeding £A350 for approved travel for the purposes of the Fellowship, together with field expenses in New Guinea not exceeding £50.

(b) Mr. Q.B. Gibson.

It was reported that the Council of the Canberra University College had now granted Mr. Gibson two years' leave from 1st January, 1949, to enable him to take up the Fellowship. It was resolved that Mr. Gibson should be asked to approach the College Council with a view to obtaining permission to commence his leave from the conclusion of lectures in 1948, and that the Vice-Chancellor be authorised to determine the date of the commencement of the Fellowship. It was also resolved that Mr. Gibson's request for approval to visit England for a period of one year or eighteen months be granted, and that he be granted a travelling allowance for approved travel not exceeding £A350 in each year of the Fellowship.

(c) Mr. W.D. Borrie.

It was reported that Mr. Borrie's leave from the University of Sydney had been extended to March, 1949. It was resolved that Mr. Borrie's Fellowship be extended until the date of the expiration of his leave, on the same terms as were previously approved.

5. SCHOLARSHIPS.

A report by the Registrar was received.

(a) Selection of Scholars.

It was resolved that scholarships be offered to the following applicants:-

J.A. Allen
I.R.C. Bick
S.T. Butler
J.O. Cope
S.F. Cox
F.K. Crowley
D.F. Crozier
C. Culvenor
M.H. Draper
R.A. Gollan
C.P. Haddon-Cave
R.M. Hartwell
M. Holmes
P.G. Klemens
C.C. Kratzing
J.D. Legge
J.F. McGrea
G.B. Mackaness
D.B. Morell
W.L. Morison
R.V. Sellwood
L.N. Short
C.J. Stratmann
P.B. Treacey.

(b) Location of Scholars.

It was resolved that the University or research institute where scholars would be required to work, and any matters incidental thereto, should be determined in each individual case by Vice-Chancellor after consultation with the appropriate member of the Academic Advisory Committee.

(c) Allowances to scholars.

It was resolved that the amount of the allowance which would, in general, be paid to a married scholar in the United Kingdom in accordance with the conditions of scholarships approved at the 14th Meeting; Minutes, paragraph 6, should be increased from £stg.550 to £stg.600 per annum.

It was further resolved that the allowances to be paid to scholars, with this variation, should be as set out in the conditions previously approved, but that the Vice-Chancellor should be authorised to increase the allowance to a scholar by an amount not exceeding £stg.50 per annum if he were satisfied that this was justified by the special circumstances of the scholar.

(d) Travelling expenses.

It was resolved that the maximum amount of allowance for fares for scholars travelling to the United Kingdom should be £stg.75 as previously approved. It was thought that passages for scholars could shortly be obtained at relatively low rates on immigrant ships returning to Europe.

(e) Fees, etc.

It was resolved that the maximum amount of allowance for fees, etc., should be £stg.50 as previously approved, but that where a scholar is required to undertake a particular course of study under his scholarship he should be reimbursed the actual amount of the fees paid by him in respect of that course.

6. APPOINTMENT OF RESEARCH FELLOWS AND STAFF FELLOWS.

(a) It was resolved that the recommendations of the Academic Advisory Committee (Meeting No.6; Minutes, paragraph 9) with respect to Research Fellowships and Staff Fellowships should be adopted and the proposed conditions of appointment be approved.

It was also resolved that, with respect to the suggestion of the Advisory Committee that the members might have authority to offer such Fellowships, from time to time, to selected persons, the Committee should be informed that the Council considered that it was of great importance to ensure that, as far as possible, opportunities for appointments in the University (other than senior staff appointments which might properly be made by invitation) should be brought under the notice (by advertisement or otherwise) of suitable persons in Australia and the United Kingdom who might wish to be considered for appointment. It might be practicable to devise a procedure under which, when a suitable man for a Research or Staff Fellowship became available, the Fellowship would be advertised, or notified in such a way as to bring it under the notice of other persons who might be entitled to consideration. The advice of the Advisory Committee on the procedure to be adopted in such cases was to be sought.

(b) Appointment of Fellows.

It was resolved that the recommendations of the Advisory Committee with respect to the appointment of Messrs. J.S. Gooden, J.L. Symonds and Professor R.M. Chaudhri, should be adopted and appointments should be offered to them accordingly, subject to the concurrence, in the case of Mr. Symonds, of the Council for Scientific and Industrial Research, and in the case of Professor Chaudhri, of Professor L.H. Martin. In the case of Professor Chaudhri's Staff Fellowship, it was resolved to suggest to the Advisory Committee that, in accordance with the conditions approved by the Council (12th Meeting; Minutes, paragraph 9) the tenure should be for five years.

7. VISITING SCHOLARS 1948-49.

The Council considered the list of visiting scholars suggested by the Academic Advisory Committee and the list discussed at the Easter Conference with the Committee. It was resolved that the following should be invited in 1948-49:-

Professor N.D. Kamen
Mrs. Alva Myrdal
Professor C.N. Hinshelwood
Professor R.H. Tawney.

The Council noted that it was expected that Professor Roscoe Pound's seminar in Canberra would probably be held in August 1948. It was reported that an offer had been made to Professor K.C. Wheare in the terms of the discussion at the Easter Conference, and that he had replied stating that he would be visiting U.S.A. and not Australia this year.

8. LIBRARY.

A report on the progress which had been made in establishing the Library in Melbourne was received.

9. APPOINTMENT OF DIRECTORS OF RESEARCH SCHOOLS.

A report by the Vice-Chancellor on his discussions with members of the Academic Advisory Committee was received and discussed. A further memorandum which had been received from Professor Oliphant on the aims, organisation, and finance of the Research School of Physical Sciences was also discussed and approved in principle. The Vice-Chancellor was requested to continue his discussions with the members of the Committee and to make a suitable proposal to each member, which would be as precise as possible and contain such assurances as the Vice-Chancellor felt able to give in relation to the establishment of the University within the period which had been mentioned. A memorandum on this subject by the Vice-Chancellor was approved, with some variations in detail, and was incorporated, with those variations, in the Minutes (see copy attached).

10. REPORT OF THE BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS COMMITTEE.

The following Report of the Buildings and Grounds Committee was received and adopted with the substitution of "two blocks of 12 flats" for "one block of 12 flats" in paragraph (e):-

"The Buildings and Grounds Committee met on Thursday, 13th May, at 8 p.m. There were present the Chairman, the Deputy-Chairman, the Vice-Chancellor, Dr. Coombs, Mr. Daley and Mr. Goodes. The Registrar and Professor Lewis were in attendance.

The Committee makes the following report and recommendations to the Council -

(a) It recommends that the immediate building programme approved at the 15th Meeting be varied as follows:-

- (i) The proposal that accommodation for the Library, Administration, and the Schools of Social Sciences and Pacific Studies should be provided temporarily in University House should be abandoned.
 - (ii) Accommodation required for the Library, Administration, and the Schools of Social Sciences and Pacific Studies should be provided, until permanent buildings were erected, in temporary buildings. It was thought that the Old Hospital Buildings on the University site would be quite suitable and that an early approach should be made to the Government to secure that these buildings would be available by the end of 1950.
 - (iii) Accommodation should not be provided for married staff in University House (which should be restricted to unmarried staff and scholars) and some flats for married staff should be included in the housing side of the immediate programme.
- (b) Arising out of sub-paragraph (ii) of the preceding paragraph, it recommends that a request be made to the Government immediately for possession of the Old Hospital Buildings before the end of 1950 and that, as soon as convenient, a survey of these buildings should be made to determine the extent to which they could be used for University purposes. The Committee also suggests that the occupiers of the other buildings on the University site should, as soon as possible, be asked to make arrangements to obtain alternative accommodation.
- (c) It recommends that the statement of the functions of University House and the Faculty Club as set out in the Advisory Committee's memorandum attached to the Minutes of Meeting No.6 of that Committee should be adopted.
- (d) The Committee considered in detail the revised plans of University House prepared by the architect and recommends that they be now approved.
- (e) It recommends that the essential housing included in the immediate building programme should consist, in the first stage, of 8 houses and one block of 12 flats. * It is suggested that the architect should take up immediately with the National Capital Planning and Development Committee the question of the location of these buildings and should prepare plans accordingly. It is recommended that application be made by the University for building permits for these buildings. The Committee has asked a sub-committee consisting of the Vice-Chancellor, Mr. Daley and Mr. Goodes

* See above for variation.

to give further consideration to this aspect of the building programme.

- (f) A report by the Registrar on discussions with the Department of Works and Housing was received and considered, and it is recommended that -
 - (i) Professor Lewis should now be appointed architect for the immediate building programme on the basis set out in the Registrar's report;
 - (ii) The Department of Works and Housing should be informed that -
 - (1) The Council approves of the tentative conclusions of the conference with the Department set out in the Registrar's report;
 - (2) The Council feels that Professor Lewis should be responsible for the preparation of all detailed drawings during construction and should also receive instructions for all variations desired in the plans and specifications and should transmit them to the Department.
- (g) The Committee considered the request by the Council of the Canberra University College that playing fields for undergraduates of the College should be provided on the University site, and asked the architect and the Registrar to examine the proposal and to discuss it with the National Capital Planning and Development Committee.
- (h) Mr. Daley informed the Committee that the Council of the Canberra University College was considering plans for the provision of residential and other accommodation required for the College, and would ask the Interim Council to assist the College Council in this direction, and, in particular, to make available areas on the University site for the erection of College buildings."

11. JOHN CURTIN SCHOOL OF MEDICAL RESEARCH.

- (a) The Council considered the memorandum dated 2nd April, 1948, by Sir Howard Florey. It was resolved that the proposals and recommendations contained therein should be adopted and that the Vice-Chancellor should request Sir Howard Florey to proceed as suggested in his memorandum.

The establishment of the committee to advise on the building and equipment of the laboratories for the **Division** of Microbiology was approved and it was resolved that Professor Ward, Professor Burnet and Dr. Keogh should be asked to act.

- (b) The Council considered the recommendations of the Conference on Medical Research held on 3rd and 4th April.
 - (i) The recommendation that the Vice-Chancellor be authorised to consult with the Chairman of the National Health and Medical Research Council upon the setting up of a joint committee to advise upon the co-ordination of the activities of the University and the Council in relation to research was adopted and the Vice-Chancellor was asked to proceed accordingly.

- (ii) The recommendation that a committee, the members of which should be representative of the major fields of medical research, should be set up by the Council to advise it on the recruitment of scholars for training in medical research was adopted.

It was resolved that, in accordance with Sir Howard Florey's recommendation, the Committee should consist of:-

The Vice-Chancellor
 Professor H.K. Ward
 Professor V.M. Trikojus
 Professor H.R. Dew
 Professor R.D. Wright
 Sir Alan Newton
 Professor M. Mitchell
 Dr. E.V. Keogh

and that Sir Howard Florey should be asked if Professor Burnet should also be included.

12. RESEARCH SCHOOL OF PACIFIC STUDIES.

The report of the Committee which was asked during the Conference with the Academic Advisory Committee at Easter to confer with Professor Firth on the scope of the Research School of Pacific Studies was received and adopted.

13. RESEARCH SCHOOL OF SOCIAL SCIENCES.

- (a) The memorandum by Professor Hancock dated 5th April, 1948, on the cost of the Research School of Social Sciences, was noted. The Council felt that the tentative provision already made for this School was inadequate, but that it would be possible for some years at least to provide the funds required for the purposes of this School.
- (b) The Council considered a memorandum by Professor Hancock on the appointment of a Reader in the Sources of Australian History. It was resolved that the Vice-Chancellor should be asked to discuss this proposal with Professor Hancock and the National Librarian (Mr. H.L. White). It was felt that it would be desirable for such a post to be advertised.

14. INCORPORATION OF CANBERRA UNIVERSITY COLLEGE.

It was resolved that no action should be taken for the incorporation in the University of Canberra University College except after consultation with and advice from the Board of Graduate Studies.

15. MEMBERSHIP OF INTERIM COUNCIL.

A memorandum by the Vice-Chancellor on the membership of the Council was discussed and it was resolved that the matter be further considered at the next meeting.

16. PRESS STATEMENTS.

It was resolved that the decision of the Council at the 1st Meeting (Amendment at 2nd Meeting) that all press statements should be made by the Chairman be rescinded and that in future press statements should be made by the Vice-Chancellor.

THE AUSTRALIAN NATIONAL UNIVERSITY.

Memorandum for Members of the Academic Advisory
Committee.

I attach a memorandum on Basic Policy for Academic Development in the Australian National University. The memorandum was approved by the Interim Council at its meeting on May 14th with some variations which have been incorporated. The specific resolutions are in substantial agreement with the advice tendered from time to time by the Academic Advisory Committee, and in particular with the conclusions reached at the recent discussions in Canberra between the Committee and the Council.

In amplification and explanation of the resolutions I should like to refer to the following points in particular. I add some notes on other decisions of Council that are relevant to the basic conditions enunciated in the series of resolutions contained in the memorandum.

(a) Resolution (2) varies from the specific terms of the resolution suggested at the conference, though not from the general nature of the discussion. The resolution suggested at the conference contained the words "except on the recommendation of the Board of Graduate Studies". In discussion at the Interim Council it was felt that this might cause some misunderstanding as to the position of the Council, and particularly of the Council when fully constituted in the terms of the Act. The Council is required to consider the views of Parliament as embodied in the Act and must at some time decide whether and on what terms the Canberra University College will be embodied in the Australian National University. The Interim Council is fully aware of the views of the Academic Advisory Committee, and in particular of the necessity for avoiding any action that will detract from or impair the basic academic conditions required for the establishment of the National University on the lines agreed upon. It will be recalled that in speaking to the question at the Easter Conference Professor Oliphant suggested that no action be taken "until the academic board is prepared to consider it". The Interim Council is in agreement with this but it felt that a resolution in terms that might be held to leave the initiative in the hands of the Board of Graduate Studies would be misunderstood. It was for this reason that in discussion of the question at the meeting of the Council a variation in the wording of the resolution was thought desirable. Members of the Academic Advisory Committee may be assured that no action will be taken without the fullest consideration being given to the views of the Board of Graduate Studies or that is inconsistent with the Council's first objective of promoting research in the four Schools now contemplated.

(b) With regard to the appointment envisaged in resolutions (4) and (6) the Interim Council took the view that appointments to scholarships, fellowships and similar positions should be made only after advertisement, but that this procedure would not in any way limit the authority given to members of the Academic Advisory Committee in the terms of the resolutions.

In many cases, especially in Australia, advertisement would involve public notices in leading newspapers, but in other cases it might be sufficient to inform universities and research institutes of the positions offered. This procedure is normal in Australia and the Council felt that unnecessary criticism could be avoided if it were followed by the Australian National University. Though every precaution might be taken to survey the whole field of possible appointees, a general practice of proceeding without advertisement could create an impression of patronage, or at least that sufficient care was not being taken to keep the field open to all qualified persons. The procedure suggested would apply normally to the lower staff appointments such as scholars, fellows and readers. It would not apply normally to the appointments proposed in resolution (9), or to the highly specialised and the more senior appointments proposed in resolution (6).

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(c) On resolution (7) the Interim Council has now approved plans for University House and immediate steps are being taken to prepare working drawings and to push on with the actual construction. The Council is satisfied that University House will provide the type of College on which the Academic Advisory Committee has tendered valuable advice. The Council has also listed as essential needs 8 houses and 2 blocks of apartments each containing 12 flats to be erected on the site. This decision on housing does not imply a commitment to build all university housing on the site, but is made at this stage on the ground that erection of houses on the site will be more expeditious; at the next stage houses off the site will be provided. Immediate steps are being taken to prepare the plans for the houses and apartments. It is not possible to state when these will be ready for occupation, but I am able to advise that this building programme will be given the highest priority, and that with the enlargement of administrative staff noted in (d) below the most vigorous pressure will be maintained from the University. The construction of laboratories for the Schools of Physical Sciences and Medical Research are dealt with separately in letters to Professors Oliphant and Sir Howard Florey respectively. The Council is approaching the Government to secure by the end of 1950 the whole of the administrative buildings now on the University site, and it is anticipated that these will be available for the Library, the Schools of Social Sciences and Pacific Studies and the University Administration.

(d) As regards the immediate administrative needs of the University, action has been taken to secure additional space in temporary buildings to be completed near the Hotel Kurrajong by the end of June. The Council has approved the appointment of an Assistant to the Registrar, an Assistant and Research Officer to the Vice-Chancellor and a Works Superintendent with appropriate clerical and typing staff. Pending these appointments and the occupation of the additional accommodation now to be made available, the administrative staff will be working under great handicaps, but it is hoped that within two months it will be in a position to deal effectively with the rapidly increasing volume of work now being thrust upon it by developments in academic plans which appear, fortunately, to be proceeding at a greater speed than was at first thought possible.

(e) The Interim Council has approved the appointment of 27 research scholars. The recommendations of the members of the Advisory Committee have been adopted. The report on Scholarships submitted to the Council, containing the names of the scholars, comment on a number of applicants not selected this year and other relevant material is being forwarded by the Registrar to Mr. Foster, together with the detailed decisions of the Council.

(f) The Interim Council has also approved the recommendations of the Academic Advisory Committee on Research and Staff Fellowships, subject to one modification. The second part of paragraph 3 suggested that members of the Advisory Committee should be authorised to make offers to any specially well-qualified person for appointment as Fellow. The Council took the view that normally such Fellowships should be advertised, although it thought that a procedure might be devised under which the Fellowship might be advertised, or otherwise notified, when a suitable man, in the opinion of the appropriate member of the Committee, became available.

(g) A report from the Librarian on the immediate steps being taken to secure staff and accommodation and to commence the purchase of periodicals and books was approved by the Interim Council. The Librarian's memorandum which was submitted to the Easter Conference was approved. It is anticipated that sufficient temporary space will be available in Melbourne and immediate steps are being taken to make necessary appointments to a nucleus of staff. The dollar requirements, \$60,000 in 1948-49 as estimated by the Librarian, have been brought to the notice of the appropriate authorities (including the Treasurer) and there are good prospects that a sufficient allotment will be made.

(h) The Council had before it a report by the Registrar on the conditions under which the architect should be appointed and his relations with the Department of Works and Housing. (Copy attached.) Council has approved this report and it is highly satisfactory to note that the active co-operation of the Department of Works and Housing is assured.

For the information of the Academic Advisory Committee I should add that I am keeping the Prime Minister and other Ministers fully informed of the problems associated with the establishment of the University, and that I have had active support from them where I have sought it. I am not unaware of the physical difficulties that are inevitable in launching a project of the magnitude of the Australian National University and I am sure the members of the Committee fully appreciate them. It is much too early for me to say whether we can realise our immediate objectives in the time required. I am, however, able to say that I have been greatly encouraged by developments since I took up my duties only six weeks ago and particularly by the desire of the Interim Council to act with expedition consistent with the physical problems that confront us all and the need for observing certain well established forms of procedure in academic life in Australia. I can also say that I am optimistic about establishing the type of University which the Interim Council and the Academic Advisory Committee have agreed upon after their long and fruitful discussions over the past year.

D.B. COPLAND
Vice-Chancellor.

18th May, 1948.

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THE AUSTRALIAN NATIONAL UNIVERSITY:

Basic Policy for Academic Development in the University.

At a meeting of the Interim Council held on May 14th, 1948, consideration was given to the questions raised in the memoranda and verbal proposals made by members of the Academic Advisory Committee with reference to the plans for the establishment of the Research Schools in the Australian National University. The Council has approved in general the proposals made both individually and collectively by members of the Academic Advisory Committee. In particular I would call attention to the following matters on which the Interim Council has approved the advice tendered by the Academic Advisory Committee:-

- (1) That the statement of the functions of the University (so far as relates to the Research Schools) set out in the summary of the discussions at the Easter Conferences should be adopted. This statement is as follows :-

"(a) The primary function of the Research Schools of the University would be the advancement of knowledge including -

- (i) prosecution of research by members of the staff as their first duty;
- (ii) the training of research workers;

(It was thought that this statement might be crystallised as the granting of the doctor's degree.)

- (b) There would be no undergraduate teaching in the Research Schools, with special exceptions for genuine honours work at high standard.
- (c) There would be no postgraduate vocational training in the Research Schools, with special exceptions for genuine honours work at high standard.
- (d) There would be no public or other extra University work, except where a Director or his staff with his approval, might desire to undertake it on an emergency measure."

It was agreed that the first objective of the University would be the establishment of the four Research Schools named in the Act.

- (2) That no action should be taken to incorporate Canberra University College in the University except after consultation with and advice from the Board of Graduate Studies.
- (3) That in the first instance the Board of Graduate Studies should be composed of the four Directors of the Research Schools and the Vice-Chancellor, but that consideration should be given at an early date to the enlargement of the Board.
- (4) That in the immediate future the Interim Council should give favourable consideration to the appointment of research scholars and fellows on the recommendation of the Academic Advisory Committee.
- (5) That the classification of the staff of the University proposed by the Council should be approved but that the proposed grade of Associate Professor should be eliminated.
- (6) That the Council should give favourable consideration to the recommendations of the members of the Academic Advisory Committee for early appointments of Professors, Readers, Fellows, research staff and technicians to commence work in Universities in Australia or the United Kingdom.

- (7) That immediate steps be taken to commence the construction of University House and of laboratories, etc., for the School of Physical Sciences and the School of Medical Research, and that a limited number of houses and apartments be constructed for members of the staff.
- (8) That the Committee be asked to continue its services and be authorised, collectively or individually, to tender advice on any matters relevant to the establishment and development of the National University.
- (9) That, consistent with the observance of uniform standards of pay and working conditions, Directors of Research Schools when appointed should be delegated authority to make appointments of technicians and other members of staff below the rank of University Fellow and that, in general, the Directors should have the greatest possible amount of authority in relation to their respective schools consistent with the good government of the University as a whole.

D.B. COPLAND
Vice-Chancellor.

10th May, 1948.

THE AUSTRALIAN NATIONAL UNIVERSITY.

BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS COMMITTEE.

Report by Registrar on Conference with Department of
Works and Housing.

1. At the 16th Meeting the Interim Council adopted the Report of the Buildings Committee. That Committee recommended that a statement should be prepared of the respective duties and functions of Professor Lewis, as architect for the immediate building programme, and of the Department of Works and Housing, in respect of supervision, etc., of the building operations and that such a statement should be submitted to the Council before a final decision is made on the appointment of the architect.
2. On 27th April a conference was held at the Department of Works and Housing, Melbourne, at which were present -

Mr. H.W. Phillips, Director of Architecture, Department of Works and Housing;
Mr. R.B. Lewis, Director of Engineering;
Mr. C.V. Howard, Chief Designing Architect;
Professor Lewis;
Mr. Barton (assisting Professor Lewis);
The Registrar.
3. The conference proceeded on the basis that Professor Lewis would be the architect for the immediate building programme, and would, accordingly, take instructions, and prepare designs, working drawings, and specifications sufficient to enable quantities to be prepared and for the purpose of obtaining tenders. (A considerable amount of work has already been done by Professor Lewis.) The Department of Works and Housing would be responsible for the letting of the contracts and the supervision of the erection of the buildings. (This was in accordance with the Report of the Buildings Committee - see paragraphs 12 and 13.)
4. The following tentative conclusions were reached at the conference:-
 - (a) Professor Lewis would complete the plans, specifications, etc., and prepare estimates of the cost of the works;
 - (b) Professor Lewis' fees would be paid directly by the University;
 - (c) Following on the completion of plans and specifications, Professor Lewis would engage a quantity surveyor, who would be paid for his services by the University through the architect (A quantity surveyor has already been retained);
 - (d) On completion of the plans, specifications and bills of quantities, the Department would invite public tenders, and the conditions of the contracts would be those usually included in contracts for Commonwealth Government works (Note:- It was thought that it would probably be necessary to ask a particular contractor or several contractors to undertake the works or different parts of the works on a cost plus fixed fee basis or some similar basis. Professor Lewis was to discuss this with Mr. W.E. Potts, Director of Works for the A.C.T. as soon as possible);
 - (e) The Department would submit the tenders (if any) with recommendations, to the Council (See note to paragraph (d));
 - (f) The Department would be responsible for the supervision of the works and would be paid by the University the appropriate fees proscribed by the Institute of Architects scale, plus the salary of a full-time Clerk of Works;

- (g) Payments to contractors would be made by the Department on the architects certificates, and, for this purpose, a requisition would be given to the Department by the Interim Council in the usual form, indicating that the Department would be recouped by the University out of the funds to be provided for building purposes;
- (h) The Department would provide specialist consultant services in respect of the design of engineering, etc. services and would charge Professor Lewis the usual professional fees (Note:- Professor Lewis thinks that it would be desirable for the University to meet the actual amount of these fees, instead of paying to the architect, in accordance with the Institute scale, an additional 1% of the estimated cost).

5. In addition to the matters specified in the preceding paragraph, there was a general discussion on the proposal of Professor Lewis (see para. 12 of Report of Buildings Committee) that he should be associated with the supervision of the works by the Department. This would involve, in particular, the preparation of detailed drawings, and the handling of proposals for variations in the contracts or in the plans or specifications. These are normally included in supervision, and covered by a fee for supervision which would be paid to the Department. If Professor Lewis undertakes these duties, he would expect to be paid the appropriate fees, which would be met by the Department out of the supervision fees. The Department is prepared to carry out the Council's instructions in this respect. It seems desirable for Professor Lewis to prepare all detailed drawings during the construction period. This would involve having an architect stationed in Canberra. It seems unlikely that the Department will be able to spare an architect, and in this kind of work the detailed drawings will be of considerable importance, both on the aesthetic and the practical sides. It would also be desirable for Professor Lewis to receive instructions for variations and to transmit them to the Department as the supervising authority. It was agreed at the conference that the adjustment of fees as between the Department and Professor Lewis would be discussed between them when the Council had indicated its views.

6. It is expected by the Department that there will be a further conference after the Interim Council has considered this report. It would be desirable for the Council to make decisions on the matters mentioned in the preceding paragraph, namely -

- (a) That Professor Lewis should be responsible for preparation of all detailed drawings during construction;
- (b) That Professor Lewis will receive instructions for all variations in the contracts or in the plans and specifications, and transmit these to the Department.

7. On the question of the remuneration to be paid to Professor Lewis as architect, and the Department of Works and Housing for supervision, the following would appear to be in accord with the Institute's scale of fees -

To the Architect for taking instructions, preparing sketch design, making approximate estimate of cost and preparing drawings and particulars, sufficient to enable quantities to be prepared by quantity surveyor - $2\frac{1}{2}$ per centum of cost (R.A.I.A. Scale, Section 2 (e) (iii) and 2 (a) (iii) - one half full charges where the architect also advises on tenders and supervises, etc.).

/To the Architect

To the Architect for the quantity surveyor's fees - the amount actually charged by the surveyor.

To the Architect for specialist consultant's services in connection with engineering designs, etc. - The scale charge is 1 per cent of the total cost of the works but Professor Lewis suggests that this is excessive and recommends that the fees actually charged by the consultants (which will be the Department) be paid.

To the Department for supervision - $2\frac{1}{2}$ per cent. of cost plus cost of the salary of the Clerk of Works.

The Architect will also be entitled to receive from the University travelling expenses in respect of such visits to Canberra as may be required in his capacity as consultant architect for the complete building programme. It does not appear to be practicable at this stage to fit the fee to be paid to Professor Lewis in this capacity and the question does not arise immediately, but it is assumed that he will continue to receive travelling expenses.

8. The details of the arrangement to be made between Professor Lewis and the Department in respect of the matters referred to in paras. 5 and 6 cannot be settled until the Council's views are known to the Department and the architect, and do not directly concern the University. They will be the subject of a further conference at which the Registrar would be present and will be reported to the Council. It is of great importance that these details should be settled at an early date. The Department and Professor Lewis do not anticipate that any difficulties will arise so long as their respective responsibilities are clearly defined.

9. It is suggested that, in accordance with the previous decision of the Buildings Committee, Professor Lewis now be appointed architect on the basis set out above, and that the Department of Works and Housing be informed accordingly and also that the Council approves of the tentative conclusions of the conference (para. 4 above).

R.G. OSBORNE
Registrar.

5th May, 1948.

THE AUSTRALIAN NATIONAL UNIVERSITY.

INTERIM COUNCIL.

Minutes of the 20th Meeting of the Interim Council held at the Department of Post-War Reconstruction on Friday, 9th July, 1948, at 10 a.m.

Present : Professor R.C. Mills (Chairman),
The Vice-Chancellor,
Professor K.H. Bailey,
Dr. H.C. Coombs,
Mr. C.S. Daley,
Sir Frederic Eggleston,
Mr. H.J. Goodes,
Professor R. Douglas Wright.

The Registrar was in attendance.

1. APOLOGIES.

Apologies were received from Sir Robert Garran, Sir John Medley and Sir David Rivett.

2. LEAVE OF ABSENCE.

It was resolved that leave of absence be granted to Sir John Medley during his absence abroad.

3. SIR JOHN MEDLEY.

The Chairman expressed the great satisfaction of the Council on the conferring of a Knighthood on Sir John Medley and referred to Sir John's distinguished services to University education and development in Australia.

4. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES.

The Minutes of the 19th Meeting, having previously been circulated, were taken as read and confirmed.

5. MEETINGS OF THE COUNCIL.

The question of the frequency of meetings of the Council was considered. It was resolved that the regular meeting day of the Council should continue to be the second Friday in each month, but that the Chairman might, if informed by the Vice-Chancellor that the amount of business was insufficient to justify holding a meeting on one of the regular meeting days, direct the Registrar to inform members that that meeting would not be held.

6. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES.

(a) Appointment of Staff and Research Fellows. -

- (i) Professor R.M. Chaudhri. - It was resolved that, subject to advice from the Academic Advisory Committee, the tenure of Professor Chaudhri's Staff Fellowship should be five years. The Vice-Chancellor was authorised to fix a shorter period if advice to this

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effect was received from the Committee, and to determine the commencing date. The question of Professor Chaudhri's entry to Australia was to be taken up with the Department of Immigration.

- (ii) Messrs. Gooden and Symonds. - It was resolved that the commencing date for the Research Fellowships granted to Messrs. J.S. Gooden and J.L. Symonds should be 1st June, 1948, or, in the case of Mr. Symonds, such later date as might be arranged with C.S.I.R.

(b) Visiting Scholars.

- (i) Professor Griffith Taylor. - A report on Professor Griffith Taylor's visit was received.
- (ii) Professor Roscoe Pound. - It was reported that Professor Roscoe Pound was unable to visit Australia this year and that the seminar for law teachers and others to be held in Canberra had been abandoned. It was resolved that if Professor Pound visited Australia in 1949, the arrangements for the holding of a seminar in co-operation with the Australian Universities Law Schools Association would be the same as for 1948.
- (iii) Professor M.D. Kamen. - It was resolved, on the recommendation of Professor Oliphant, that Professor Kamen be invited to come to Australia as a visiting Professor for a period of from six to twelve months and that his activities in Australia should be, as far as possible, as recommended by Professor Oliphant.

It was also resolved that the invitation should indicate, in a general way, that Professor Kamen might be interested in the possibility of an appointment to the staff of the Research School of Physical Sciences.

(c) Membership of the Interim Council.

The Vice-Chancellor made a report on discussions with the Minister. The report was received and it was resolved that the Vice-Chancellor and Dr. Coombs should discuss with the Minister the desirability of further academic representation on the Council.

7. REPORT OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE.

The report of the Finance Committee (see Minutes of the Meeting held on 8th July, 1948) was received and adopted, with the following additions and variations:-

- (a) It was resolved that expenditure on shelving required for the temporary Library in Melbourne as recommended by the Librarian be authorised, but that the Librarian should be asked to ensure that the expenditure on non-standard shelving, or non-transportable shelving, was reduced to the minimum;

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- (b) The Vice-Chancellor was asked to consider whether a more suitable title could be found for the position on the administrative staff described as Works Superintendent;
- (c) Arising out of the report of the Committee with respect to estimates of expenditure for 1948-49, Mr. Daley referred to a proposal by the Council of the Canberra University College for the erection of a college or hostel for undergraduate students of the College (which was before the Government) and pointed out that provision for the cost of the erection of such a building had been made in the original estimates of capital expenditure for the University which had been approved by the Government. It was resolved that the College Council should be informed that the Interim Council would raise no objection to the application of the sums provided for College buildings included in the estimates of capital expenditure for the University, but that this expenditure should be without prejudice to the consideration of any proposals with respect to location of buildings, etc.;
- (d) The recommendation of the Finance Committee with respect to the retiring allowance of the Vice-Chancellor was referred to a committee consisting of Dr. Coombs and Mr. Goodes for further investigation and report.

8. BUILDING PROGRAMME.

- (a) The Report of the Buildings and Grounds Committee dated 11th June was received and adopted.
- (b) A report by the Registrar dated 28th June on further discussions with the Architect and the Department of Works and Housing was received. It was pointed out that it would be necessary at an early date to revise the immediate building programme in respect of the provision of houses.
- (c) A report by the Architect dated 7th July on the progress made in connection with the preparation of plans, etc., was received.

9. RESEARCH FELLOWSHIPS IN THE SOCIAL SCIENCES. -

Reports by Messrs. J.A. La Nauze, W.D. Borrie and G. Rudduck were received.

10. SCHOLARSHIPS.

A report by the Registrar on scholarships was received. It was resolved that the application by C.C. Kratzing that the commencement of his scholarship should be deferred for twelve months should be granted.

11. APPOINTMENT OF DIRECTORS OF RESEARCH SCHOOLS.

The Vice-Chancellor made a report on correspondence with members of the Academic Advisory Committee. The report was received and the Vice-Chancellor was requested to continue negotiations and to reply to letters from Professor Oliphant and Professor Firth which were circulated. In connection with the question of the incorporation in the University of Canberra University College, to which Professor Oliphant had referred,

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the Council wished to repeat the assurances previously given to the members of the Advisory Committee, and to state that it would act in every way consistently with the Act so as to ensure that the advice of the Board of Graduate Studies on this question is followed.

12. APPOINTMENT OF OFFICER OF ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF
TO BE STATIONED IN LONDON.

It was resolved that approval should be given to the appointment to the administrative staff of an officer who would be stationed in London and who would carry out administrative duties in connection with -

- (a) the proceedings of the Academic Advisory Committee;
- (b) staff and scholars abroad;
- (c) purchase of equipment, library purchases, etc.

The salary for this officer would be the same as for the Assistant to the Registrar, and an appropriate living allowance would be paid while he was stationed in London.

The Vice-Chancellor was asked to make enquiries as to the appointment of a suitable person and to report to a later meeting.

13. JOHN CURTIN SCHOOL OF MEDICAL RESEARCH.

It was resolved that Professor F.M. Burnet be appointed to the Medical Advisory Committee (Minutes, 19th Meeting, paragraph 12(b)(ii)).

The Vice-Chancellor reported that he had, in accordance with the recommendation of the Conference on Medical Research which was adopted at the 19th Meeting (Minutes, paragraph 12(b)(i)), conferred with the Chairman of the National Health and Medical Research Council on the setting up of a joint Committee to advise on the co-ordination of the activities of the University and the N.H.M.R.C. in relation to research. The Chairman had agreed that it was desirable that the proposed Committee should be set up. It was suggested that the Committee should consist of six members, three appointed by the Chairman of the N.H.M.R.C. and three by the Council.

The Vice-Chancellor's report was received and adopted and it was resolved that the representatives of the University should be the Vice-Chancellor, Professor Wright and Professor Ward.

The recommendations contained in a letter from Sir Howard Florey to the Vice-Chancellor dated 8th June, 1948, were considered and it was resolved -

- (a) That Sir Howard Florey be asked to act as Adviser to the School (in addition to acting as member of the Academic Advisory Committee); that the honorarium payable to him be increased to £stg.750 per annum; that an honorarium of £75 per annum be paid to Sir Howard's secretary in respect of duties connected with his position as adviser; and that approval be given to expenditure on necessary office equipment.

- (b) That approval be given to Sir Howard Florey consulting Professor Stephen Welsh as architectural adviser, and to the appointment of Dr. A.G. Sanders as assistant to advise in planning buildings and equipment, with honorarium of £250stg. per annum. Sir Howard was to be asked to advise on the probable charges of Professor Welsh for his services.
- (c) That approval be given to the suggestion of Sir Howard Florey that the position of Professor of Biochemistry be offered to Dr. A.H. Ennor, at salary of £A2,000 per annum plus provision for F.S.S.U. The Vice-Chancellor was authorised to discuss with Dr. Ennor the details of his appointment and arrangements for his research work.
- (d) That approval be given to Sir Howard Florey's suggestion that he be authorised to make enquiries as to the possible appointment of Dr. Albert and Dr. Cornforth as Professors of Chemistry (the former to be in charge of the Division of Chemistry).
- (e) That Sir Howard Florey be authorised to make enquiries as to the possible appointment of Dr. F.C. Courtice as Professor of Physiology.
- (f) That approval be given to Sir Howard Florey's recommendation that Dr. E.C. Slater be offered a Fellowship in Biochemistry; Dr. G.M. Watson a Fellowship in Pathology, and Dr. A. McIntyre a Fellowship in Physiology, but that Sir Howard (and also Professor Oliphant) should be informed that the Council felt that such appointments should only be made after advertisement or notification. It was thought that an advertisement in general terms would be sufficient, and the advice of the Academic Advisory Committee was sought on this point. Sir Howard Florey was, however, to be informed that, if the proposal that these Fellowships should be advertised would embarrass him in his negotiations with Drs. Slater, Watson and McIntyre, or make it probable that any of them would accept another appointment, the Council was prepared to make such appointments without advertising but desired that no further appointments be made except after advertisement. The Vice-Chancellor was authorised to make appointments to these Fellowships, and the following conditions were approved, subject to further advice from the Advisory Committee :-
 - (i) salary, as for Junior Fellow in approved scale, namely £750-950, commencing salary to be determined by Vice-Chancellor after consultation with Sir Howard Florey;
 - (ii) commencing date of Fellowship to be determined by Vice-Chancellor;
 - (iii) tenure, to be for 5 years;
 - (iv) superannuation - F.S.S.U. (or Commonwealth Superannuation Fund, in the case of Dr. Slater, if eligible);
 - (v) reasonable travelling expenses (including expenses of wife and children) to Australia and removal expenses to be paid;
 - (vi) reasonable laboratory and other expenses to be met by University.

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- (g) That the Vice-Chancellor should report to a later meeting on the subject of a further advertisement inviting applications for scholarships.
- (h) That approval be given to the payment of expenses of Fellows and scholars attending meetings and congresses as arranged or approved by Sir Howard Florey, and that Sir Howard be asked to advise as to the basis to be adopted for such expenses.

(At this stage the Chairman was obliged to leave for Sydney, and Professor Bailey took the chair for the remainder of the meeting.)

14. RESEARCH SCHOOL OF PHYSICAL SCIENCES.

It was resolved that Professor Oliphant should be authorised to commence negotiations for the appointment and training of specialised technicians for the School as suggested by him, and should be asked to advise as to the appointments proposed.

It was also resolved that the Vice-Chancellor should discuss with Professor Oliphant the question of a pension scheme for technical staff, and to point out that membership of the Commonwealth Superannuation Fund was open to such employees if the F.S.S.U. scheme were unsuitable. There was no reason, however, why such employees should not receive identical benefits with those obtainable under F.S.S.U.

15. RESEARCH SCHOOL OF SOCIAL SCIENCES.

(a) Readership in the Sources of Australian History. -

It was resolved that an electoral board consisting of the Vice-Chancellor, Professor Hancock, Professor R.M. Crawford and Mr. H.L. White, should be appointed to advise on this appointment, and that the electoral board should be asked to advise on the form of the advertisement, which would not be published before the end of December, 1948.

(b) Professor W.G. Friedmann. -

Consideration of an application by Professor Friedmann for a grant in aid of travelling expenses to enable him to visit London for discussions with Professor Hancock on the work of the School, and to study the working and methods of the Institute of Advanced Legal Studies at the University of London, was deferred to the next meeting.

16. RESEARCH SCHOOL OF PACIFIC STUDIES.

A letter from Professor Firth to the Vice-Chancellor dated 15th June, 1948, was considered and the Vice-Chancellor was asked to reply to Professor Firth.

Arising out of the consideration of this letter, it was resolved that a committee consisting of the Vice-Chancellor, Professor Bailey, Dr. Coombs and Mr. Goodes should be asked to consider the question of the conditions of appointment of Professors and other members of the academic staff.

17. ETHNOLOGICAL COLLECTIONS AT AUSTRALIAN INSTITUTE OF ANATOMY.

A letter from the Director of the Australian Institute of Anatomy suggesting that the University might take over certain ethnological collections was received and the proposal was referred to a committee consisting of the Chairman, the Vice-Chancellor, Professor Bailey and Dr. Coombs.

18. OTHER BUSINESS.(a) Papua-New Guinea Bill.

The Vice-Chancellor reported that a Bill had been introduced in the last session of the Parliament in which reference was made to the University. Neither the Chairman nor himself had been consulted, and he had seen the Minister for External Territories, who had agreed that when the Bill was proceeded with the reference to the University would be omitted.

(b) Fellowships and Scholarships in U.S.A.

The Vice-Chancellor referred to the necessity for a thorough investigation of the question of the provision of dollars by American foundations for Fellowships and Scholarships tenable in U.S.A. and was asked to report at a later meeting.

(c) Professor F. J. Schonell.

The Chairman referred to the visit of Professor Schonell to Australia and suggested that approval might be given to the expenditure of an amount not exceeding £150 as a contribution towards the travelling expenses of Professor Schonell, so as to enable seminars in educational psychology to be arranged in the capital cities. Approval was given to the expenditure of this amount if, on enquiries by the Vice-Chancellor from Professor Oliphant and by the Chairman from Professors Oeser, O'Neil and McRae, it appeared that Professor Schonell was of sufficiently high standing.

The meeting closed at 6.15 p.m.

(R. C. MILLS)
Chairman.

THE AUSTRALIAN NATIONAL UNIVERSITY.

Notes on Some Decisions of Interim Council
at its 20th Meeting.

The following matters are of general interest to members of the Academic Advisory Committee and are to be regarded as amplification of certain decisions made at the 20th meeting of the Interim Council :-

(1) Superannuation.

Previous decision of Council had contemplated that all members of staff would come within the terms of either the F.S.S.U. scheme or the Commonwealth Superannuation Scheme. This has now been confirmed by Council in endorsing the report of the Finance Committee in the following terms :-

"It was resolved that, in general, provision for superannuation in respect of all appointments should be made on the basis of membership either of F.S.S.U. or of the Commonwealth Superannuation Fund and not otherwise; but it was thought that the Council might make special provision in very exceptional cases in respect of the appointments of persons who, because of age or otherwise, cannot obtain adequate retiring allowances from either scheme, if such provision is necessary to secure their services, and it is considered that this is of fundamental importance to the development of the University."

The provision for special cases will normally arise only where the appointees are of an age that would not permit them to get sufficient benefit from either F.S.S.U. or the Commonwealth Superannuation Fund without incurring undue expense. It is a contingency which is not likely to arise in the normal appointment.

Persons appointed to the staff who are members of the F.S.S.U. will be expected to carry on their contributions at the rate of 5% of salary, and the University will assume its responsibilities as an employer under the F.S.S.U. plan. Appointees who are unable to transfer their policies to the F.S.S.U., or who have already no provision for insurance, will have the option of joining either F.S.S.U. or (if eligible) the Commonwealth Superannuation Fund. As the provisions of the latter Fund may not be familiar to possible appointees, I attach a statement (Appendix A) showing the benefits and contributions at different selected ages and for different salaries. It is not easy to determine whether F.S.S.U. or the Commonwealth Superannuation Fund is the more favourable to the appointee but the latter is, of course, only suitable to permanent employees who are not likely to move on to another University. The two schemes are not really comparable but it may be said that in the case of the Commonwealth Superannuation Fund the basis of contribution is approximately 60% employer and 40% employee. The Fund, however, provides for payment of a pension in the case of invalidity which is a valuable benefit. The University is an approved authority under the Commonwealth Superannuation Act and is required to certify that an appointee will continue in employment for at least 10 years in order for that person to be eligible for entry to the Fund. Where an eligible appointee elects to join the Superannuation Fund the University will undertake to do this, but this would not apply in the case of, e.g., scholars and Fellows who are appointed for a limited period.

(2) Housing.

The Council approved the resolution of the Finance Committee that "the basis for the rental of houses provided for members of the staff of the University should be 6 $\frac{1}{8}$ % of capital cost (subject, where applicable, to rebate on the basis set out in the Commonwealth and State Housing Agreement)." The rebate referred to relates to persons who are receiving the basic wage and it is provided that the rental of a house shall not be more than 20% of the gross wage received. This provision would be applicable only to employees of the University who are actually on the basic wage, and not to members of staff whose emoluments are greater. It should be explained that the charge of 6 $\frac{1}{8}$ % for rental of a house covers not only the normal rent, but also ground rent, rates, water supply, sewerage, and maintenance. Thus it is not to be compared with the rent of a private house where the tenant may have to meet some or all of these costs. Capital cost includes the actual cost of the building, footpaths and road on the actual site of the house, but not the cost of land. It is usual in Canberra to assess cost on the basis of the cost per square (100 square feet of space). Perhaps the normal house for a member of the academic staff would be 15 squares. At present costs this would involve an outlay of about £3,500, so that the rent would be a little over £4 per week. As previously indicated, however, this rent covers all charges of maintenance as well as rates. It is the intention of the University to construct a number of houses and apartments on the University site and some free garden services will also be supplied for these houses. Members of the staff will, however, not be required to live on the site, and the University itself may eventually build some houses off the site. These would be let on similar conditions but gardening services would probably not be available free of charge. Where members of the staff wish to own their own houses, financial arrangements would normally be made through ordinary commercial channels. The University would not take any financial responsibility for such houses.

Special provision will be made for the houses of Directors, and the exact form of this provision is now being discussed.

(3) London Representative.

Because of the increasing amount of administrative work which will be required in England as the University develops its scholarship and Fellowship plans, the construction and equipment of its laboratories and the appointment of staff, Council decided to appoint an administrative officer to be stationed in London. It was thought that we could not expect Mr. Foster to undertake all the increasingly heavy burdens which are being placed on his shoulders. Minute 12 of the Minutes of the 20th Meeting sets out the work of this officer as to include administrative duties in connection with (a) the proceedings of the Academic Advisory Committee, (b) staff and scholars abroad, (c) purchase of equipment, library purchases, etc. It is not desired that the officer should work independently of Mr. Foster and the Universities Bureau of the British Empire. On the contrary, he should work in the closest collaboration with Mr. Foster and it may be possible for his office to be established in the Bureau itself. It would be hoped that Mr. Foster would retain a close association with the Academic Advisory Committee and would be available to give advice to the administrative officer. No appointment has yet been made to this office, but consideration will be given to making an appointment within the next 2 or 3 months. It is expected that the officer will work in

Canberra for a short period to become familiar with the problems on the spot and that he would then proceed to London early in the new year. The University had in mind that it would be of great assistance to the members of the Academic Advisory Committee to have a person who would be able to give full time to the increasing administrative work that will arise as the University develops.

(4) Fellowships : Advertising.

Council had before it recommendations from Sir Howard Florey for the appointment of certain Fellows, all of whom were regarded as being of the standing required. In accordance, however, with the resolution passed at the previous meeting, Council thought it desirable that no further appointments to Fellowships should be made until after the issue of a general advertisement announcing that the Australian National University was open to receive applications for Fellowships. The Council approved of the following conditions in respect of the Fellowships recommended by Sir Howard Florey, but this was to be subject to further advice from the Advisory Committee :-

- (i) salary, as for Junior Fellow in approved scale, namely £750-950, commencing salary to be determined by Vice-Chancellor after consultation with Sir Howard Florey;
- (ii) commencing date of Fellowship to be determined by Vice-Chancellor;
- (iii) tenure, to be for 5 years;
- (iv) superannuation - F.S.S.U. (or Commonwealth Superannuation Fund, in the case of Dr. Slater, if eligible);
- (v) reasonable travelling expenses (including expenses of wife and children) to Australia and removal expenses to be paid;
- (vi) reasonable laboratory and other expenses to be met by University.

Unless serious inconvenience would be caused to the Fellows concerned, their appointment might be deferred until after the issue of the advertisement. Council would appreciate the advice of the Academic Advisory Committee on the form of the advertisement. I have already explained in a previous memorandum the circumstances under which Council thought it desirable to follow the procedure suggested, and due allowance will be made for exceptional cases where urgency or other circumstances might necessitate a variation in the procedure.

(5) Scholarships.

In order to avoid any difficulties in selecting and appointing scholars in the future, Council has asked me to submit a memorandum on the procedure to be followed. At this stage I may mention that it would be desired to advertise scholarships in, say, September, and proceed to make appointments on the recommendations of the Scholarship Committee and in consultation with the members of the Academic Advisory Committee. I will, of course, take into account the advice already given by the Committee on this subject and should be glad to have any further advice which the Committee might care to give me. It

should be emphasised that the University is under no obligation to continue a scholarship after the stated period of 2 or 3 years and that at this stage of the development of the University the objective of the scholarship plan is to give suitable research students the opportunity of extending their experience. When the Research Schools are in operation the whole question of provision of scholarships will be reviewed on the advice of the Heads of the Schools and the Board of Graduate Studies. It is not anticipated that so large a number of scholars will be appointed in any one year as was the case this year.

(6) Administrative Staff Appointments.

Appointments have now been made to 3 new offices recently created on the administrative staff. The first of these is Buildings and Equipment Officer (formerly designated Works Superintendent), to which Mr. L. Strudwick has been appointed. Mr. Strudwick came to Australia from England in 1939. He had experience in estate management in England and later in Australia continued this work. In the Air Force during the war he gained very extensive experience in the purchase, etc., of equipment and generally in the type of work which he will do at the University. The second appointment is that of Assistant to the Registrar, and to this position Mr. R.A. Hohnen, at present Registrar of New England University College, Armidale, has been appointed. He will take up his duties about the beginning of September. A less senior appointment is that of Assistant to the Vice-Chancellor, which will combine certain administrative work with research on economic problems in Australia. The administrative staff should shortly be adequate to deal with the increasing amount of work, and it will move into new temporary quarters in Barton about the end of this month.

(7) Library.

Accommodation for the library has now been obtained at Wyselaskie Hall in Ormond College at Melbourne University, and appointments will shortly be made to senior and junior positions in the library. It is anticipated that the headquarters of the library will remain in Melbourne for the next 3 years, during which the nucleus of a book collection will be established. The conditions under which staff appointments are being made are that junior members of staff will be trained for library work and will be expected to pass the recognised library examinations.

(D. B. COPLAND)
Vice-Chancellor.

July 19th, 1948.

SCALE OF UNITS OF PENSION:

<u>Annual Salary</u>		<u>Units</u>	<u>Equivalent to Annual Pension of:-</u>
	£		£ s. d.
Does not exceed	130	2	65. 0. 0
Exceeds £ 130 and does not exceed	156	2½	81. 5. 0
156	208	3	97.10. 0
208	260	4	130. 0. 0
260	312	5	162.10. 0
312	364	6	195. 0. 0
364	416	7	227.10. 0
416	468	8	260. 0. 0
468	520	9	292.10. 0
520	572	10	325. 0. 0
572	624	11	357.10. 0
624	676	12	390. 0. 0
676	728	13	422.10. 0
728	780	14	455. 0. 0
780	832	15	487.10. 0
832	884	16	520. 0. 0
884	936	17	552.10. 0
936	988	18	585. 0. 0
988	1,040	19	617.10. 0
1,040	1,144	20	650. 0. 0
1,144	1,248	21	682.10. 0
1,248	1,352	22	715. 0. 0
1,352	1,456	23	747.10. 0
1,456	1,560	24	780. 0. 0
1,560	1,664	25	812.10. 0
Exceeds 1,664		26	845. 0. 0

These are the normal number of units members joining the Fund are expected to take out at the stated salaries. Provision, however, is made for variations in the case of new appointments made at later ages than normal.

	Age next Birthday	No. of Units	Retiring Age of 60			Retiring Age of 65			Provides Annual Pension of :-
			Fortnightly Contributions			Fortnightly Contributions			
			First 2 Units	Subsequent Increments	Total Contribution	First 2 Units	Subsequent Increments	Total Contribution	
Salary £450	30	8	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	£260. 0. 0
	35	8	5. 9	5. 6	22. 3	4. 6	4. 3	17. 3	£260. 0. 0
	40	8	7. 7	7. 3	29. 4	5. 7	5. 4	21. 7	£260. 0. 0
Salary £900	30	17	10. 3	10. 0	40. 3	7. 3	6. 11	28. 0	£260. 0. 0
	35	17	5. 9	5. 6	47. 0	4. 6	4. 3	36. 5	£552. 10. 0
	40	17	7. 7	7. 3	62. 0	5. 7	5. 4	45. 7	£552. 10. 0
Salary £1,500	30	24	10. 3	10. 0	85. 3	7. 3	6. 11	59. 2	£552. 10. 0
	35	24	5. 9	5. 6	66. 3	4. 6	4. 3	51. 3	£780. 0. 0
	40	24	7. 7	7. 3	87. 4	5. 7	5. 4	64. 3	£780. 0. 0
		24	10. 3	10. 0	120. 3	7. 3	6. 11	83. 4	£780. 0. 0

First 2 Units provide for £65 Pension to Member; £32.10.0 to Widow; £13 to each Child to age 16.

Subsequent Increments, £65 to Member; £32.10.0 to Widow.

In case of invalidity, member receives full Pension.

In case of Resignation before Retiring Age, Member shall receive amount of actual contributions paid.

THE AUSTRALIAN NATIONAL UNIVERSITY.

INTERIM COUNCIL.

Minutes of the 21st Meeting of the Interim Council held at the Department of Post-War Reconstruction, on Friday, 13th August, 1948, at 11.30 a.m.

Present:

Professor R.C. Mills (Chairman)
The Vice-Chancellor
Dr. H.C. Coombs
Mr. C.S. Daley
Sir Frederic Eggleston
Sir Robert Garran
Mr. H.J. Goodes
Sir David Rivett
Professor R. Douglas Wright.

The Registrar was in attendance.

1. APOLOGIES.

An apology was received from Professor K.H. Bailey.

2. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES.

The Minutes of the 20th Meeting, having been previously circulated, were taken as read and confirmed.

3. SIR JOHN MEDLEY.

The Registrar reported that a message had been received from Sir John Medley in which he thanked the Council for its congratulations on the occasion of his Knighthood.

4. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES.

(a) Visiting Scholars -

(i) It was reported that Professor C.H. Hinshelwood regretted that, because of the state of his personal affairs, he was unable to accept the Council's invitation;

(ii) It was reported that Professor R.H. Tawney was unable to visit Australia in 1948 or 1949 because of the pressure of other duties;

(iii) It was reported that Professor M.D. Kamen had accepted the Council's invitation and hoped to arrange to make an extended visit to Australia and that he had asked for assistance in connection with his application for a passport.

The reports were received, and in the case of Professor Kamen the Vice-Chancellor was asked to take up the question of his passport with the Department of External Affairs.

/(b) Membership

(b) Membership of the Interim Council.

The Vice-Chancellor reported that, following on representations to the Minister made by himself and Dr. Coombs, the Governor-General had appointed Professor H.K. Ward, Professor J.G. Wood, and Professor L.H. Martin to be members of the Interim Council. The report was received, and the Council expressed its pleasure on the appointment of these gentlemen.

(c) Ethnological Collections at the Australian Institute of Anatomy.

The Committee appointed at the 20th Meeting was given further time to report.

(d) Visit of Professor F.J. Schonell.

It was reported that very satisfactory reports had been received on the standing of Professor Schonell, and that arrangements for his seminars were in hand.

5. REPORT OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE.

The report of the Finance Committee (see Minutes of the meeting held on 13th August, 1948) was received and adopted.

6. BUILDING PROGRAMME.

- (a) The Report of the Buildings and Grounds Committee dated 23rd July was received. The matters arising from paragraph 3 of the Report were deferred for consideration under a later item (see paragraph 11(c)(i) of these Minutes).

The report (except paragraph 3) was adopted.

- (b) Arising out of paragraph 4(b) of the report, the Vice-Chancellor stated that as a result of discussions with the Director-General of Works, and the Director of Works for the Australian Capital Territory, it was expected that arrangements would be made for the letting of a contract for the erection of University House and other buildings without calling for tenders.

7. RESEARCH FELLOWSHIPS IN THE SOCIAL SCIENCES.

(a) Mr. G. Rudduck -

A report by Mr. Rudduck dated 17th July, 1948, was received. It was resolved that -

- (i) leave (on pay) be granted to Mr. Rudduck to enable him to visit Holland, Denmark, and Sweden at the end of August;
- (ii) Mr. Rudduck's proposal that he should return to Australia via the United States, and his suggested itinerary, be approved, subject to the provision of dollar exchange and that this question should be referred to the Vice-Chancellor for suitable action.

/(b) Mr. W.D. Borrie.

(b) Mr. W.D. Borrie -

A report by Mr. Borrie dated 21st July was received. It was resolved that permission should be granted to Mr. Borrie to devote the last three months of his Fellowship to the proposed Historical Demography of Australia, and the Vice-Chancellor was asked to communicate with Professor Hancock in connection with Mr. Borrie's suggestion that the grant of a Fellowship to enable him to undertake this work might be considered.

8. SCHOLARSHIPS.

- (a) A report by the Registrar on the arrangements made for the work of the scholars was received.
- (b) A report that Mr. P.B. Treacy had declined his scholarship was received.
- (c) It was resolved that Mr. K.E. Read's application that his scholarship should be deferred for one year be granted.
- (d) The Vice-Chancellor submitted recommendations for the award of scholarships in 1949, and it was resolved that, subject to further discussions with the Academic Advisory Committee -
 - (i) a limited number of scholarships, not exceeding ten, should be offered on the same basis as last year;
 - (ii) the scholarships should be advertised in Australia before the end of November, applications to close by 31st March, 1949, and appointments to be made by Council as soon as possible thereafter;
 - (iii) a Scholarships Committee of the Council should be appointed, consisting of the Vice-Chancellor, Professors Wright, Martin and Wood, and Dr. Coombs, and that this Committee be empowered to examine the applications and recommend awards, except in the cases of scholarships in medical research, which would be awarded after consultation with the Medical Advisory Committee;
 - (iv) the conditions of the scholarships should be similar to those approved for scholarships awarded in 1948.

9. APPOINTMENT OF DIRECTORS OF RESEARCH SCHOOLS.

A report by the Vice-Chancellor was received.

10. CONDITIONS OF APPOINTMENT OF PROFESSORS.

The report of the Committee appointed to consider this question was received, and the statement of conditions recommended by the Committee was adopted with some amendments. A copy of the statement of conditions as amended is attached to these Minutes.

11. JOHN CURTIN SCHOOL OF MEDICAL RESEARCH.

(a) Division of Biochemistry -

- (i) A report by the Vice-Chancellor on correspondence and interviews in connection with Dr. A.H. Ennor's appointment was received. It was resolved that Dr. Ennor should be appointed Professor of Biochemistry in accordance with the conditions approved under paragraph 10 of these Minutes, and, subject to the obligations of Dr. Ennor to the Department of Health, the date for the commencement of his duties should be 15th August, 1948;
- (ii) A report by the Registrar on the proposed arrangements for the location of the Division at the Commonwealth Serum Laboratories was received and adopted, and it was also reported that the Director-General of Health had approved of the proposed arrangements;
- (iii) It was resolved that the Vice-Chancellor should consult Sir Howard Florey with respect to Professor Ennor's recommendations for the appointment of a Reader in Biochemistry and an instrument maker, respectively, and, if Sir Howard approved, that these positions should be advertised, in the case of the instrument maker at a salary of £450 per annum together with F.S.S.U. contribution; it was thought that the instrument maker should be attached to the Research School generally and not only to the Division, and on this question Sir Howard's opinion was to be sought;
- (iv) It was resolved that approval be given to the creation of a position of Secretary to the Division and that this should be advertised at a salary range of £312-416 plus cost of living adjustment.

(b) Appointment of Fellows -

The Vice-Chancellor reported that he had received communications from Sir Howard Florey urging that the appointments of Dr. E.C. Slater, Dr. A. McIntyre, and Dr. G.M. Watson should be made without advertisement, and that, in accordance with the authority given to him by the Council at the 20th Meeting (Minutes, paragraph 13(f)), he had informed Sir Howard Florey that he had appointed these gentlemen to Fellowships on the conditions approved at that meeting. The report was received and the Vice-Chancellor's action confirmed.

(c) General -

(i) Position of Professor Stephen Welsh -

The Council under this item considered paragraph 3 of the report of the Buildings and Grounds Committee (see

paragraph 6 of these Minutes), and also the reference to this matter in a letter from Sir Howard Florey dated 26th July, 1948.

Paragraph 3 of the report of the Buildings and Grounds Committee was adopted with the substitution of "a suitable fee" for the fee of £50 recommended by the Committee. The Vice-Chancellor was authorised to discuss further with Sir Howard Florey the terms of Professor Welsh's appointment and to approve of a fee not exceeding 150 guineas.

(ii) Professor of Chemistry -

It was resolved that Sir Howard Florey should be authorised to confirm the tentative offer of appointment as Professor of Chemistry already made by him to Dr. Adrian Albert, and to discuss with Dr. Albert the question of the provision of facilities for the Division of Chemistry at the Wellcome Research Institution.

12. RESEARCH SCHOOL OF PHYSICAL SCIENCES.

The Council considered Professor Oliphant's letter to the Vice-Chancellor dated 26th July, 1948.

- (a) It was resolved that the honorarium to Professor Oliphant should be increased to £stg.750 per annum as from 1st July, 1948.
- (b) It was resolved that the following appointments of technical officers should be made, to take effect from 1st October, 1948:-
 - (i) Mr. S.R. Cornick to be Chief Technical Officer at a salary of £stg.900 while in the United Kingdom and £A.900 when in Australia, together with contribution under the F.S.S.U.
 - (ii) Mr. M.P. Edwards to be Senior Technical Officer at a salary of £stg.700 while in the United Kingdom and £A.700 when in Australia, together with contribution under F.S.S.U.
- (c) It was resolved that Professor Oliphant should be authorised to consult Mr. H. Hughes of Cambridge with respect to the details of the structure and fittings of the buildings for the Research School, and that the question of the fee to be paid to Mr. Hughes should be discussed by the Vice-Chancellor with Professor Oliphant.
- (d) It was resolved that the following honoraria should be paid to Professor Oliphant's staff at Birmingham, to commence on 1st July, 1948:-
 - (i) Mr. W.H. Johnston, Order Clerk and Accountant - £stg.30 per quarter;
 - (ii) Miss K. Hytch, Secretary, £stg.20 per quarter.

/(c) It was

- (e) It was resolved that the Vice-Chancellor should discuss with Professor Oliphant his proposals with respect to advertising academic posts in the Research School and should advise Professor Oliphant that the Council did not consider that Chairs should usually be advertised.
- (f) The Vice-Chancellor was asked to discuss further with Professor Oliphant his proposals for advertising the position of Laboratory Manager, with special reference to the duties and salary of this officer.
- (g) It was resolved on the recommendation of the Academic Advisory Committee that the term of Professor Chaudhri's Staff Fellowship should be five years, and that the Vice-Chancellor should now communicate with him accordingly.
- (h) It was reported that the Buildings and Equipment Officer would now take up with suppliers the question of the purchase of machine tools for the Research School in accordance with recommendations made by Professor Oliphant.

(At this stage the Chairman was obliged to leave for Sydney and Sir Frederic Eggleston took the Chair for the remainder of the meeting.)

13. RESEARCH SCHOOL OF SOCIAL SCIENCES.

- (a) It was resolved that certain questions relating to the procedure to be adopted in the appointment of the academic staff of the School, arising from letters from Professor Hancock, should be referred to a Committee consisting of the Vice-Chancellor, Professor Bailey, Dr. Coombs, and Sir Frederic Eggleston.
- (b) It was resolved that Professor Friedmann should be informed that the Council regrets that it is unable to provide any financial assistance to enable him to travel to the United Kingdom by air.

14. VISITING SCHOLARS.

It was resolved that the Academic Advisory Committee should be asked to advise on proposals that Professor E.N. da C. Andrade should be invited to visit Australia, and that Sir Ian Heilbron should come to Australia at the invitation of the University in connection with his visit to New Zealand. It was also resolved to renew the invitation to Dr. Hu Shih, and to seek the advice of the Advisory Committee on a proposal that Dr. George Yeh should be invited to visit Australia.

16. OTHER BUSINESS.

Lady Florey's visit - The Vice-Chancellor reported that messages of thanks and appreciation to the Council had been received from Lady Florey in respect of her recent visit.

The meeting closed at 5.30 p.m.

(R.C. MILLS)
Chairman.

THE AUSTRALIAN NATIONAL UNIVERSITY.

APPOINTMENT OF PROFESSORS.

The Interim Council has approved of the following conditions of appointment of Professors:-

1. (a) Salary -

The salary of a Professor shall be £A2,000 per annum, but if a Professor is stationed in the United Kingdom pending the establishment of the University in Canberra, his salary will be £2,000 sterling.

(b) Superannuation -

The University will contribute to an endowment insurance scheme for Professors on the principles of the Federated Superannuation System for Universities in the United Kingdom. The University will deduct £100 per annum from the Professor's salary to provide his contribution to this scheme.

(c) Travelling and removal expenses -

Reasonable travelling and removal expenses on taking up appointment or subsequently moving to Canberra (where applicable), or both, if necessary, will be paid.

2. Tenure -

A Professor shall, except where otherwise provided in the conditions of his appointment, hold office until the thirty-first day of December in the year in which he attains the age of 65 years, provided that -

- (a) a Professor may retire at any time after reaching the age of 60 years with superannuation benefits in accordance with the F.S.S.U;
- (b) the Council may terminate the appointment of, and remove from office, any Professor who has become permanently incapacitated from performing the duties of his office, or who is guilty of misconduct or has become inefficient; but in the case of misconduct or inefficiency only after enquiry and report by a committee appointed by the Council, before which the Professor shall be entitled to appear, and, if he desires, to be represented.

Should a Professor desire to resign his office, he shall give six months' notice.

3. Outside Work -

A Professor shall not -

- (a) sit in Parliament; or
- (b) engage in paid outside work of any kind or undertake or conduct any paid occupation or business or engage in the practice of any profession without the permission of the Council. Permission, in general terms, will be given in respect of a reasonable amount of such outside work as examining, lectures, and broadcasting, and for the purposes mentioned in paragraph 5.

4. Duties -

A Professor shall devote the whole of his time to the duties of his office. It shall be the primary duty of a Professor to devote himself to research and the advancement of knowledge in his subject. He will also be responsible for the conduct of research in his Division of the Research School. He will, in general, be responsible to the Director

for the administration of his Division, and may be asked by the Director to take some part in the administration of the Research School as a whole; for this purpose he will have adequate secretarial assistance. It will be expected that a Professor will co-operate with the Director of the School and with his colleagues in the research work of the School as a whole, but, consistently with this principle, a Professor will not be subject to direction by the Director in respect of the research work which he will himself carry out or direct as Professor.

5. Visits to other Universities, etc. -

A Professor may, with the approval of the Vice-Chancellor, on the recommendation of the Director, visit other Universities and educational or research institutes, for the purpose of delivering courses of lectures or assisting in research work, and generally for the purpose of maintaining good relations with other bodies interested in teaching and research in Australia.

6. Study Leave and Travel -

Special provision will be made for study leave and travel. A Professor will be entitled to one year's study leave on full pay in every four years of his term of office. This leave will be available at such times as the Director approves, and the equivalent of this amount of study leave may, by arrangement, be taken in shorter periods. The University will contribute not more than £A1,000 to the travelling and other expenses of a Professor who goes overseas on study leave, but such contribution will not be made more than once in every four years.

Leave for short periods for travel in Australia or for attending meetings will be granted by the Vice-Chancellor on the recommendation of the Director in cases where such travel is for purposes connected with the research or other duties of the Professor. In that case, or where the Director recommends to the Vice-Chancellor that travel by a Professor for any purpose will be in the interests of the University, the Professor will receive travelling expenses, consisting of fares plus £A2 per diem travelling allowance.

7. Patent Rights.

The decision whether a patent should be taken out in respect of a discovery made in the course of research work, which is a patentable invention, will be made by the Council. The University has adopted the general principle that the results of its research work should be published and made generally available. The University will, therefore, not normally agree to vest in private individuals the right to use University discoveries. There may be exceptional cases in which the best use of an invention might be ensured if patent rights were held by the University, and this will be decided by the Council.

Where inventions are made by the members of the University staff as a result of investigations not connected with their University duties, it will be for the officer concerned to decide whether he will apply for a patent, but this must be reported to the Council.

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Notes on Some Decisions of the Interim Council at its
21st Meeting.

The following matters are of general interest to members of the Academic Advisory Committee, and the comments upon them are to be regarded as amplification of certain decisions made at the 21st Meeting of the Interim Council:-

1. SCHOLARSHIPS.

I submitted a memorandum to the Interim Council on procedure regarding scholarships for 1949. The following decisions were taken, subject to further discussions with the Academic Advisory Committee:

- (i) A limited number of scholarships, not exceeding ten, should be offered on the same basis as last year.
- (ii) The scholarships should be advertised in Australia before the end of November, applications to close by 31st March, 1949, and appointments to be made by Council as soon as possible thereafter.
- (iii) A Scholarships Committee of the Council should be appointed, consisting of the Vice-Chancellor, Professors Wright, Martin and Wood, and Dr. Coombs; this Committee was empowered to examine the applications and recommend awards except in the case of scholarships in medical research, which would be awarded after consultation with the Medical Advisory Committee.
- (iv) The conditions of the scholarships should be similar to those approved for scholarships awarded in 1948.

In view of the large numbers of scholars appointed this year, it was thought that a limited number of scholarships only should be offered in 1949. It may be that some members of the Academic Advisory Committee would rather concentrate upon an occasional Fellow than upon even two or three scholars. The views of the Committee on this point would be welcomed.

The advertisement inviting applications for the scholarships will not be issued until late in November, and there will therefore be ample time to have the views of the members of the Committee, either individually or collectively. The closing date of 31st March, 1949 was decided upon by Council in order that students proceeding to the Masters' Degree would know their results prior to making application. The actual appointments should be made before the end of May, and this will permit of consultation with members of the Academic Advisory Committee. It is hoped, further, that a more expeditious and regular procedure will be devised in dealing with the applications on this occasion, and to this end Council appointed a small committee to make recommendations as to appointments. It is understood that in the case of scholarships for medical research the Committee on Medical Scholarships appointed by Council will be consulted.

2. CONDITIONS OF APPOINTMENT OF PROFESSORS.

Council had before it a report from a committee set up to consider the conditions of appointment of Professors. A copy of the conditions of appointment as amended and approved by Council is attached.

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It was not thought desirable at this stage to draft a statute relating to Professors. The conditions are based upon the draft considered at the Easter Conference, and on a survey of statutes of other Universities, mainly Australian, adapted where necessary to meet the special conditions of a Research University. Additional copies of the statement of conditions are being forwarded to Mr. Foster. These may be shown to persons with whom any member of the Academic Advisory Committee may have discussions with reference to prospective appointments to the University.

3. BUILDINGS.

There is only one important matter to report upon in connection with the development of the building programme. As the result of discussions with the Director-General of Works for Australia and the Director of Works for the Australian Capital Territory, it is now anticipated that contracts for buildings may be let without calling for tenders. This should expedite the building programme.

Final plans and specifications for University House are now in the hands of the Director of Works in Canberra and it is anticipated that the contract will shortly be arranged. Plans for houses and the two blocks of apartments are in an advanced stage and will be submitted to the Director of Works as soon as they are completed. It is hoped that building construction will be under way before the end of the year.

4. MEMBERSHIP OF THE INTERIM COUNCIL.

The Minister for Post-War Reconstruction has agreed to the proposals made by the Interim Council at its July meeting to add Professors H.K. Ward of Sydney, J.G. Wood of Adelaide and L.H. Martin of Melbourne to the Interim Council, and appointments have now been made accordingly. These appointments will strengthen considerably the academic membership of the Interim Council. No further steps will be taken for some time regarding membership of the Council.

5. JOHN CURTIN SCHOOL OF MEDICAL RESEARCH.

Appointment of Professor of Biochemistry.

The Council has made its first appointment to a Chair in the University, viz. Dr. A.H. Ennor to the Chair of Biochemistry. Professor Ennor will carry out his research work for the time being in the Biochemical Research Unit of the Commonwealth Serum Laboratories in Melbourne. Satisfactory arrangements have been made with the Health Department under which the research work of the Division of Biochemistry in the John Curtin School of Medical Research can be carried on in the Commonwealth Serum Laboratories until the laboratories of the School are ready for occupation in Canberra. It is the policy of the Council to proceed with similar appointments where research workers of the approved standard are available and facilities can be arranged in existing Universities or Research Institutes. A statement of Professor Ennor's career is attached, together with a Press statement announcing the appointment.

Other Appointments.

The minutes of the meeting will indicate that appointments to Fellowships in the Medical School were also made at the last meeting of the Interim Council, and that Sir Howard Florey was authorised to offer the Chair of Chemistry to Dr. Adrian Albert.

6. RESEARCH SCHOOL OF PHYSICAL SCIENCES.

The Council agreed to the recommendations of Professor Oliphant for the appointment of Messrs. S.R. Cornick and M.P. Edwards as senior technical officers in the School of Physical Sciences. Discussions upon the selection of Professors and other senior academic staff will now proceed more actively between Professor Oliphant and the Vice-Chancellor.

7. SCHOLARS - ALLOWANCE FOR FEES.

The Council reviewed its decision regarding the allowances to Scholars on account of fees, and decided to adopt the following procedure: "Where a scholar is required by the Council on the advice of the appropriate member of the Academic Advisory Committee to undertake a particular course of study, or where a scholar's course of study is approved by the Vice-Chancellor, all compulsory fees for that course, including any compulsory college fees which a scholar is required to meet as a condition of admission to the University or the course of study (but not including degree fees), shall be refunded to the scholar on production of satisfactory evidence of the nature of the fees."

This is an important variation and extension of a previous decision of Council and means in effect that all fees for approved courses will be met by the University.

8. VISITING PROFESSORS.

Council decided to seek the advice of the Academic Advisory Committee on issuing invitations to Sir Ian Heilbron at the time when he is visiting New Zealand at the request of the New Zealand Government; to Professor E.N. da C. Andrade, Professor of Physics at the University of London; and to Dr. George Yeh, now Vice-Minister for Foreign Affairs in the Chinese National Government, but formerly Professor at Peita University.

Invitations had been issued to Professors C.H. Hinshelwood of Oxford and R.H. Tawney of the London School of Economics, but neither was able to accept. Professor M.D. Kamen, of the Washington University, St. Louis has accepted the invitation of the Council to visit Australia.

9. LIBRARY.

The Council has approved the appointment of an Order and Periodicals Officer and seven junior assistants. The premises in Ormond College, Melbourne, are almost ready for occupation.

D.B. COPLAND
Vice-Chancellor.

20/8/48.

THE AUSTRALIAN NATIONAL UNIVERSITY.

INTERIM COUNCIL.

Minutes of the 22nd Meeting of the Interim Council held at the Library of the Australian Institute of Anatomy, on Friday, 10th September, 1948, at 10 a.m.

Present : Sir Frederic Eggleston (Chairman),
The Vice-Chancellor,
Dr. H.C. Coombs,
Mr. C.S. Daley,
Professor H.K. Ward,
Professor J.G. Wood,
Professor R. Douglas Wright.

The Registrar was in attendance.

1. CHAIR.

The Vice-Chancellor announced that the Chairman was absent on leave. It was resolved that Sir Frederic Eggleston should take the chair for the meeting.

2. WELCOME TO PROFESSORS WARD AND WOOD.

The Chairman welcomed Professors Ward and Wood who were present at a Council meeting for the first time.

3. APOLOGIES.

Apologies were received from the Chairman, Professor K.H. Bailey, Sir Robert Garran, Mr. H.J. Goodes, Professor L.H. Martin and Sir David Rivett.

4. MINUTES.

The Minutes of the 21st Meeting, having been previously circulated, were taken as read and confirmed.

5. RESIGNATION OF PROFESSOR ASHBY.

The Vice-Chancellor announced that Professor E. Ashby had resigned his position as a member of the Interim Council and that his resignation had been accepted by the Governor-General in Council.

It was resolved that the Council should record its great appreciation of the services of Professor Ashby as an original member and that Professor Ashby should be asked to continue to act as the representative of the University on the Universities Bureau of the British Empire.

6. REPORT OF FINANCE COMMITTEE.

The report and recommendations of the Finance Committee (see Minutes of Meeting held on 9th September, 1948) were received and adopted.

7. BUILDING PROGRAMME.

The Vice-Chancellor reported that the Department of Works and Housing had now prepared a tentative estimate of the cost of the erection of University House, based on drawings and specifications prepared by the architect. The estimate had

been prepared so as to form the basis of a contract on the "cost plus fixed fee" basis. The estimated cost was £310,500, which was considerably higher than former estimates, arrived at before the plans were completed. The report was received and it was resolved that the Buildings and Grounds Committee should be asked to consider the estimate in consultation with the architect and the Department, with a view to commencing negotiations for the letting of a contract as soon as possible. The Vice-Chancellor was asked to discuss the question of the cost of University House with the Minister.

8. RESEARCH FELLOWSHIPS IN THE SOCIAL SCIENCES.

- (a) A report by Mr. R.S. Parker on his work under the Fellowship was received.
- (b) It was resolved that two Fellowships be awarded in 1949 and that it was desirable that the advertisement in respect of these Fellowships should be published in the near future.

9. SCHOLARSHIPS.

- (a) A letter from Dr. Adrien Albert, which was forwarded by Sir Howard Florey, and which suggested that the scholarship allowance for unmarried scholars in the United Kingdom was inadequate, was considered. It was resolved that Sir Howard Florey should be informed that while, in the light of the information before it, the Council did not think that any adjustment in the allowance was necessary, it would be prepared to consider a fuller statement on this question.
- (b) Consideration of the procedure for the award of scholarships in 1949 was deferred to the next meeting, as the views of the Academic Advisory Committee had not been received.
- (c) Applications for scholarships received (through Dr. Albert and Sir Howard Florey) from Messrs. D.J. Brown and R.P. Royer were referred to the Medical Advisory Committee and the Scholarships Committee for consideration with other applications.

10. RECOMMENDATIONS OF ACADEMIC ADVISORY COMMITTEE (MEETING NO. 7).

The observations and recommendations of the Advisory Committee at its seventh meeting were considered.

(a) Superannuation. -

It was resolved that the Committee should be informed that, while it was expected that the superannuation provision for academic staff would, in general, be on the F.S.S.U. basis, there might be considerable advantages in the Commonwealth Superannuation Fund in some individual cases, especially where the person appointed was already a contributor to that Fund.

(b) Provision of dollars for research work. -

It was resolved that the Committee should be informed that the question of the resources available from the various Foundations in the United States for this purpose was under consideration, and applications for assistance had already been made in individual cases.

(c) Co-option of Mr. J.F. Foster as a member of the Committee.

It was resolved that the Committee should be informed that while the Council would be grateful if Mr. Foster would agree to continue to be associated with the Committee in an advisory capacity (including attendance at meetings of the Committee) it did not think it was desirable that he should be co-opted as a member of the Committee, which the Council regarded as holding the place, at the present stage of the development of the University, of the Board of Graduate Studies when the University was established.

(d) Pamphlet on the University, including provision of domestic service for staff. -

It was resolved that the Committee should be informed that the preparation of the pamphlet had not been overlooked, and it would be prepared as soon as possible. It did not seem possible at this stage to make any reference to the provision of domestic service, but that this would be borne in mind.

11. JOHN CURTIN SCHOOL OF MEDICAL RESEARCH.

- (a) The Vice-Chancellor reported that Sir Howard Florey, after considering Professor Lewis' objections to the proposal that Professor Stephen Welsh should act in England as consulting architect for the buildings for the School, had stated that he would proceed for the present without advice from an architect in England and was now, in consultation with Dr. Sanders and others, preparing preliminary instructions for the architect. The report was received.

(b) Division of Chemistry - appointment of Professor of Chemistry. -

Correspondence from Sir Howard Florey was considered, dealing with the conditions of appointment of Dr. Albert.

(i) Superannuation. -

It was resolved that Dr. Albert should be informed that the Council was unable to agree to his proposal that, in addition to benefits under the F.S.S.U. scheme, a further pension of £400 per annum should be payable to him on retirement. The value of the provision available under the F.S.S.U. scheme was to be indicated to Dr. Albert.

(ii) Cost of living adjustment. -

It was resolved that the question of the payment of a cost of living adjustment to academic staff should be referred to the Finance Committee for report and Dr. Albert should be informed that the question was being considered.

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(iii) Staff of Division. -

The Vice-Chancellor reported that he had consulted Sir Howard Florey on Dr. Albert's proposals with respect to staff, and consideration of this question was deferred to the next meeting.

(iv) Temporary staff in England. -

The Vice-Chancellor stated that he had consulted Sir Howard Florey on this question. It was resolved that Dr. Albert should be informed that, while the Council was prepared to make some provision for temporary staff in England, it desired that permanent staff should be recruited as early as possible.

(v) Arrangements with Wellcome Research Institution. -

The Vice-Chancellor stated that he had consulted Sir Howard Florey on this question. It was resolved that Dr. Albert should be informed that, if he accepted the appointment, the Council wished that he should commence his work in Australia as soon as possible. The Vice-Chancellor was asked to make enquiries as to the possibility of establishing the Division in existing laboratories in Australia.

(vi) Long service leave. -

This question was deferred for consideration together with other questions in connection with the conditions of appointment of staff other than Professors.

(c) Division of Biochemistry. -(i) Appointment of Professor A.H. Ennor. -

The Vice-Chancellor reported that Professor Ennor had expressed his gratitude to the Council for the high honour conferred on him, and had entered on the duties of his Chair on 15th August. The report was received.

(ii) Arrangements with Commonwealth Serum Laboratories. -

The Registrar reported that the arrangements for the work of the Division at the Commonwealth Serum Laboratories and the determination of the procedure to be adopted for the purchase, etc., of stores and equipment had been completed satisfactorily. The report was received.

(iii) Purchase

(iii) Purchase of equipment. -

It was resolved that authority be given for the purchase of certain basic items of laboratory equipment specified by Professor Ennor at a cost of £2,700, and that Professor Ennor be authorised to expend up to £50 at any one time on urgent purchases of equipment, etc., but that the total expenditure under this head up to 30th June, 1949, should not exceed £200.

(iv) Appointment of Reader. -

The Vice-Chancellor reported that this question was still being discussed with Sir Howard Florey and Professor Ennor, and consideration was deferred to the next meeting.

(v) Appointment of Instrument Maker. -

The Vice-Chancellor reported that Sir Howard Florey had agreed with Professor Ennor's recommendation, and it was resolved that the position of Instrument Maker be advertised at a salary of £500 per annum, or appropriate award rate, together with F.S.S.U. or Commonwealth Superannuation Fund benefits, and that the appointment be made by the Vice-Chancellor in consultation with Professor Ennor.

(d) Fellows. -

The Vice-Chancellor reported that -

- (i) Dr. E.C. Slater had accepted the Fellowship offered to him and commenced duty on 1st August;
- (ii) It was understood that Dr. A. McIntyre had returned to England and that Sir Howard Florey had been informed accordingly;
- (iii) Dr. G.M. Watson would arrive in Adelaide shortly and an offer of a Fellowship would be made to him then.

The reports were received.

12. RESEARCH SCHOOL OF PHYSICAL SCIENCES.(a) Purchase of equipment. -

The Vice-Chancellor reported that Professor Oliphant had raised the question of the purchase in the United Kingdom of equipment for the School, and that a further communication was awaited from him. After discussion it was resolved that Professor Oliphant should be informed that -

- (i) Authority would be given to him to place orders immediately in the United Kingdom or elsewhere overseas for the construction of equipment which must be specially manufactured to his design and cannot be manufactured in Australia;
- (ii) It would be desirable for him to supply a list of equipment required so that the Council could ascertain whether any of it could be obtained in Australia;
- (iii) The Council was obliged, for reasons of policy and in view of the requirements as to import licences, customs duty, etc., to obtain in Australia all equipment of satisfactory quality and price which is available in Australia at suitable delivery dates;
- (iv) For similar reasons, an endeavour should be made to secure that, in general, where purchases were made in England, the Australian agents of the firms should be advised and the orders placed with them where practicable.

The Vice-Chancellor was asked to approach the Minister with a view to giving effect to the decision of the Government with respect to the financial provision for the School which was conveyed to the Council in February, 1947, and which was subject to Professor Oliphant accepting the position of Director of the School. Professor Oliphant was to be asked to specify the requirements of the School in this respect so that a reasonably definite submission could be made to the Government.

(b) Appointment of Laboratory Manager. -

The Vice-Chancellor reported that a further communication had been received from Professor Oliphant on this subject, and it was resolved that the position be advertised at a salary of £1,200 per annum plus provision for superannuation.

It was also resolved that Professor Oliphant should be informed that the accounts of the University were kept on the modern business system and detailed information would be available whenever required by the Directors and Laboratory Managers of the Research Schools of Medicine and Physical Sciences as to the financial position of the Schools.

(c) Appointment of Professors. -

It was resolved that appointments should be made to the Chairs of Experimental Physics, Theoretical Physics and Radiochemistry after suitable enquiries and notification to appropriate Universities and scientific institutions.

(d) Appointment of Readers. -

It was resolved that the positions of Readers in Nuclear Physics, Physical Techniques, Theoretical Physics, and Radiochemistry should be advertised, and that consideration should be given to the conditions of appointment of Readers (and of academic staff other than Professors) at the next meeting.

(e) Architectural advice. -

Approval was given to the payment of a fee not exceeding 150 guineas to Mr. H. Hughes.

13. RESEARCH SCHOOL OF SOCIAL SCIENCES.(a) Procedure for appointment of Staff. -

The report of the Committee appointed at the 21st Meeting (Minutes, para. 13(a)), a copy of which is attached to these minutes, was received, and it was resolved that Professor Bailey and Dr. Coombs should be asked to discuss this question further with Professor Hancock when they were in England.

(b) Professor W. Friedmann. -

The Vice-Chancellor reported that he had had a further discussion with Professor Friedmann, who was unable to make any commitment within the next two years.

14. RESEARCH SCHOOL OF PACIFIC STUDIES.

It was resolved that Professor Bailey and Dr. Coombs should discuss questions arising in connection with the establishment of the School with Professor Firth.

15. GEORGE ERNEST MORRISON LECTURESHIP.

It was resolved that the Minister for Health should be informed that the Interim Council was prepared to take over from the Australian Institute of Anatomy the responsibility for the George Ernest Morrison Lectureship together with the capital sum of £403 originally subscribed for this foundation.

16. APPOINTMENT OF TRUSTEES. -

The Registrar stated that it was now necessary to make provision for the appointment of persons who would hold property of various kinds on behalf of the Interim Council until the body corporate of the University was constituted as provided by the Act. It was resolved that the Chairman, the Vice-Chancellor and the Registrar should be appointed trustees for the purpose of taking, holding, and disposing of property of all kinds on behalf of the Interim Council.

17. CANBERRA UNIVERSITY COLLEGE. -

It was resolved that the Council of the Canberra University College should be informed that the Interim Council viewed with satisfaction the proposal for the establishment in the College of Chairs in English or English and Classics, Economics, History, and Political Science.

18. APPOINTMENT OF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER IN ENGLAND. -

It was resolved that Mr. E.H. Clark, Librarian of the University of Tasmania, should be invited to accept the position of administrative officer in London, established in accordance with the decision of the Council at the 20th Meeting (Minutes, paragraph 12), at a commencing salary of £950 plus F.S.S.U. contributions, together with a living allowance of £stg. 325 per annum while in the United Kingdom.

19. OTHER BUSINESS.Professor Wright's Visit to New Zealand. -

Professor Wright stated that he would be visiting New Zealand in November and it was agreed that it would be desirable for him to visit the Constituent Colleges of the University of New Zealand for the purpose of giving information as to opportunities for scholarships and other appointments which would be available in this University. It was agreed that the additional travelling expenses incurred by Professor Wright should be met by the University.

The meeting closed at 4 p.m.

Chairman.

THE AUSTRALIAN NATIONAL UNIVERSITY.

RESEARCH SCHOOL OF SOCIAL SCIENCES.

Committee on procedure to be adopted in the
appointment of academic staff.

The Committee met in Canberra at 2.15 p.m. on Tuesday, 17th August, 1948. There were present :-

The Vice-Chancellor,
Sir Frederic Eggleston,
Professor K.H. Bailey.

The Secretary to the Registrar was in attendance.

An apology was received from Dr. Coombs.

2. The Vice-Chancellor outlined the problems presented in the three most recent letters from Professor Hancock which were written on 24th June, 24th July and 28th July.

After general discussion it was decided that the Vice-Chancellor should write to Professor Hancock advising him that the Council did not feel that it could give him authority to make firm offers to prospective members of the staff of the Research School of Social Sciences until such time as he himself had decided to accept the position of Director of the School. It was suggested that he might approach certain people whose names he had discussed with Sir Henry Clay and Professor J.R. Hicks, with a view to ascertaining whether they would agree to their names being submitted by Professor Hancock to the Council for appointment by invitation to a chair in the School of Social Sciences.

It was also agreed that the Vice-Chancellor should ask Professor Hancock if he had excluded the possibility of finding suitable men in Australia. Names suggested for submission to Professor Hancock were R.I. Downing, A.H. Tange and G. Sawyer. It was agreed that the Committee should meet again to explore fully the Australian field and forward a list of possible Australians together with reasons why they should be considered for selection. The Vice-Chancellor was authorised to act on Professor Hancock's suggestion that tentative discussions should be entered into with Professor Friedmann of Melbourne on his attitude to an appointment to a chair in the National University.

The meeting closed at 3.30 p.m.

THE AUSTRALIAN NATIONAL UNIVERSITY.

Notes on Some Decisions of the Interim Council at its 22nd Meeting.

On account of my absence from Canberra, these comments are delayed. The main points arising out of the decisions of Council at its 22nd Meeting that might require amplification are as follows :-

1. RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE ACADEMIC ADVISORY COMMITTEE.

The Council considered the recommendations of the Academic Advisory Committee at its Seventh Meeting. These deal with the undermentioned matters :-

(a) Superannuation : The position in regard to this matter should now be clear. Normally, members of the academic staff would arrange their superannuation on the F.S.S.U. basis and there will be no direction from the University that will prevent them from making this choice. As already indicated, however, the University is an approved authority for the purposes of the Commonwealth Superannuation Fund, and in some cases it may be advantageous for individuals to join, or continue membership of, this fund rather than to proceed with the F.S.S.U. scheme. Such a choice will be left entirely to the individual concerned, and full information will be available as to the relative advantages of the two schemes.

(b) Provision of Dollars for Research Work : I have been hoping to prepare a general case for an approach to the leading educational foundations in the U.S. for assistance in the provision of dollars for essential purposes. At the moment, the needs of the University are limited to the purchase of books and periodicals and to the provision of dollars for a few Fellows or Scholars who may find it necessary in the course of their research work to visit the U.S. As regards the latter, application will be made to the Carnegie Corporation or the Rockefeller Foundation in individual cases. On the former, it would be comparatively easy for the University to make out a special case. It has to build up a library from the beginning and it can well argue that under present circumstances a heavier expenditure of dollars will be necessary than is likely to be met from Australian resources. I have hesitated to make out a special case pending a discussion of the matter by the Vice-Chancellors' Committee of the Australian Universities. The needs of the Australian Universities for dollar expenditure for their current purchases will doubtless exceed the dollars the Government is likely to make available, and it would be better to wait for the Universities to act together. Otherwise, the claims of the other Universities may be prejudiced by a special grant made available from one of the foundations to the National University. I should add that my impression is that we shall not be stinted. At the moment the needs of the National University are being fully met by approvals already given by the Government to the University's request for dollars for library purposes.

(c) Co-option of Mr. J.F. Foster as a member of the A.A.C. : The Interim Council is fully conscious of the valuable services rendered by Mr. Foster to the Advisory Committee and to the University. The Council has regarded the Academic Advisory Committee as taking the place of the Academic Board of the University, to be known as the Board of Graduate Studies, and it would not be in accordance with academic practice to add to such a Board a member outside the academic staff or prospective

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staff of the University. When this position is considered, it will be seen that no reflection upon Mr. Foster is involved in the Council's decision. I should add that the Council itself is appreciative of the high regard that members of the Academic Advisory Committee have for Mr. Foster. It will be noted that Council expressed the hope that Mr. Foster would agree to continue to be associated with the Advisory Committee in an advisory capacity and that he would attend the meetings of the Committee.

(d) Pamphlet on the University : Two circumstances have held up the preparation of the pamphlet on the University. First, there is the shortage of staff, which would have made the preparation of the pamphlet exceedingly difficult, even if the information had been available. Secondly, many important matters regarding the conditions of appointment of staff and other problems of academic policy had not been settled. During the past six months, however, a good deal of progress has been made, and it should now be possible to prepare a fairly informative pamphlet. Even so, any pamphlet prepared in the immediate future will necessarily be limited to the number of questions of academic policy which it can discuss in the light of decisions of the Interim Council. Nevertheless, the preliminary work in the preparation of the pamphlet is now being undertaken by the Assistant to the Registrar, who has taken up his duties. The pamphlet will deal with living conditions in Canberra and will contain such information about the University as is possible in the light of firm decisions made by the Council.

The Academic Advisory Committee associated its recommendation concerning the pamphlet with further reference to the problem of providing domestic service for members of the staff. It is not possible to deal with this matter with any degree of decision at this stage. It is, however, a problem which the Council will bear in mind and when University House is completed and problems of domestic staff for the House are under examination, consideration will be given to the possibility of providing domestic service for members of the staff who are not residing in University House.

2. CONDITIONS OF APPOINTMENT OF ACADEMIC STAFF OTHER THAN PROFESSORS.

Members of the Committee will have the conditions of appointment Council has approved for Professors. Council is now giving consideration to conditions of appointment for other academic staff, namely Readers and Fellows. This may well come up for discussion at the 23rd Meeting of the Council, but I do not anticipate that final decisions will be made. It is hoped, however, that conditions will be laid down not later than the November meeting of Council. This condition will include provision for sabbatical leave.

3. ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER IN ENGLAND.

Council appointed Mr. E.H. Clark, Librarian of the University of Tasmania, to be administrative officer in London. Members of the Academic Advisory Committee will recall that Mr. Clark took the minutes of the discussions at the Easter conferences. Mr. Clark has now accepted the appointment and will be able to take up duty in Canberra in the middle of November. He will proceed to London by ship towards the end of January and should be able to establish his office in London about the beginning of March. Mr. Clark will act as Secretary of the Advisory Committee and will maintain close association with Mr. Foster.

4. COST OF LIVING ADJUSTMENT.

Another problem to which Council is at present giving consideration is the extent to which salaries should be adjusted according to changes in the cost of living and the methods by which this should be arranged. This matter will come up for discussion at the next meeting of the Council. It should be comparatively easy to make satisfactory arrangements for the administrative staff and for all junior technical and other staff in the several Schools. For the academic staff on higher salary ranges, the problem is more difficult and there does not seem to be any uniform practice in other Universities. There is no special provision in other research institutions in Canberra or elsewhere in Australia for such an adjustment and an important principle will arise, namely whether an automatic adjustment should be made for members of the staff on high salaries or whether the problem should be left for periodical reconsideration of salary levels in the light of changes in living costs.

D. B. COPLAND,

Vice-Chancellor.

October 1st, 1948.

THE AUSTRALIAN NATIONAL UNIVERSITY

INTERIM COUNCIL.

Minutes of the 23rd Meeting of the Interim Council held at the University Offices, Barton, Canberra, on Friday, 8th October, at 10 a.m.

Present : Professor R.C. Mills (Chairman),
The Vice-Chancellor,
Mr. A.S. Brown,
Mr. C.S. Daley,
Sir Frederic Eggleston,
Sir Robert Garran,
Mr. H.J. Goodes,
Professor L.H. Martin,
Professor H.K. Ward,
Professor J.G. Wood,
Professor R. Douglas Wright.

The Registrar was in attendance.

1. MEMBERSHIP OF THE COUNCIL. -

The Registrar reported, in accordance with the terms of the Executive Council Minute establishing the Interim Council, that Mr. H.F.E. Whitlam had been appointed Acting Solicitor-General and that Mr. A.S. Brown was occupying the office and performing the functions of the Director-General of Post-War Reconstruction, during the absence from Australia of Professor Bailey and Dr. Coombs respectively.

2. WELCOME TO PROFESSOR MARTIN AND MR. BROWN. -

The Chairman welcomed Professor Martin, who was present at a Council meeting for the first time, and Mr. Brown.

3. APOLOGIES. -

Mr. Whitlam. Apologies were received from Sir David Rivett and

4. MINUTES. -

The Minutes of the 22nd Meeting, having been previously circulated, were taken as read and confirmed.

5. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES. -

(a) Appointment of Trustees. -

The Registrar reported that the Crown Solicitor had advised that it would be desirable for a formal declaration of trust to be executed by the trustees appointed by the Council (Minutes, 22nd Meeting, paragraph 16), and that the Crown Solicitor had been asked to prepare this instrument accordingly.

(b) Appointment of Administrative Officer in England. -

The Registrar reported that Mr. E.H. Clark had accepted this position, that he expected that he would be able to take up duty in Canberra on 15th November, and that it was hoped he would leave for England about 15th January.

The reports were received.

6. REPORT OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE. -

- (a) The report of the Finance Committee (see Minutes of Meeting held on 7th October, 1948) was received.
- (b) It was resolved that approval be given to the general principle that a car should be made available by the Department of the Interior for the use of the Vice-Chancellor and staff on official business if a suitable arrangement could be made with the Department, and that the Registrar should take this matter up with the Department.
- (c) It was resolved that provision should be made for the payment of a cost of living adjustment to members of the academic staff on the basis already adopted for officers of the administrative, library and technical staffs. It was further resolved that the Council recognises that substantial movements in the cost of living may necessitate a review of salary scales.
- (d) It was resolved that the revised estimates of expenditure for 1948-49 recommended by the Finance Committee should be adopted. A copy of these estimates is attached to these minutes.
- (e) The Council considered the observations of the Finance Committee on the report of the committee appointed (20th Meeting, Minutes, paragraph 7(d)) to report on the question of the Vice-Chancellor's retiring allowance, and, in accordance with that report it was resolved as follows :-
 - (i) The normal practice for superannuation of University staff should be adhered to in relation to the Vice-Chancellor;
 - (ii) The Vice-Chancellor should make application to be covered by the superannuation scheme for such number of units as he determines and the University make the appropriate contributions in accordance with that scheme.

The Vice-Chancellor retired from the meeting during the latter part of the discussion on this item, and was not present when the motion was put by the Chairman.

7. REPORT OF THE BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS COMMITTEE. -

The report of the Buildings and Grounds Committee (meeting held on 7th October, 1948) was received and adopted. (A copy of this report is attached to these Minutes.) Mr. Daley stated that the National Capital Planning and Development Committee would consider the plans referred to in this report if they could be presented before its meeting on 20th October.

8. RESEARCH FELLOWSHIPS IN THE SOCIAL SCIENCES. -

- (a) The Registrar reported that Mr. Q.B. Gibson would enter on his Fellowship on 16th October, and that he would give four tutorials at the Canberra University College after that date, but without remuneration.

/(b) The Council

- (b) The Council noted the terms of the advertisement inviting applications for Fellowships to be awarded in 1949, and it was agreed that a selection committee would be appointed at the next meeting.

9. SCHOLARSHIPS. -

The Vice-Chancellor reported that the advice of the Academic Advisory Committee on the procedure to be adopted for the award of scholarships in 1949 had not been received and consideration of this matter was deferred to the next meeting.

10. JOHN CURTIN SCHOOL OF MEDICAL RESEARCH. -

(a) Division of Chemistry. -

(i) Appointment of Professor. -

The Council considered a letter to the Vice-Chancellor dated 27th September, 1948, from Dr. Adrien Albert, in which Dr. Albert stated that he was willing to accept the Chair of Chemistry.

It was resolved that Dr. Albert be appointed Professor of Chemistry in accordance with the approved conditions of appointment of Professors, and that his appointment should commence on 1st December, 1948.

(ii) Staff of Division. -

The question of the appointment of staff was deferred pending the receipt of advice from Sir Howard Florey, but it was agreed that, while the necessary temporary staff required by the Division in England would be made available, it was desirable that permanent staff should be recruited as soon as possible.

(iii) Accommodation for Division in Australia. -

Professor Wright reported that (in company with Professor Rubbo and Professor Trikojus) he had inspected laboratories at the Munitions Supply Laboratories at Maribyrnong, Victoria, which the Department of Supply and Development was prepared to make available for the Division. The Munitions Supply Laboratories would welcome Dr. Albert, and admirably equipped laboratories (approximately 2,500 square feet) with the necessary stores and services were available, which were thought to be better than the laboratory accommodation and facilities available at the Wellcome Research Institution.

It was resolved that Dr. Albert should be informed that, while the Council was prepared to approve of temporary arrangements with the Wellcome Research Institution, as he had suggested,

these arrangements should be limited to a period of one year from his appointment, and that Dr. Albert should come to Australia at the end of 1949 or the beginning of 1950.

The Council would endeavour to provide suitable living accommodation for Dr. Albert in Melbourne.

(b) Division of Biochemistry. -

(i) Purchase of Equipment. -

It was resolved that the Vice-Chancellor be authorised to approve of the purchase of normal workshop equipment required for this Division when the Instrument Maker took up his duties.

(ii) Instrument Maker. -

It was reported that applications for the position of Instrument Maker were being considered and that an appointment would be made by the Vice-Chancellor on the recommendation of Professor Ennor.

(iii) Reader in Biochemistry. -

The appointment of a Reader in Biochemistry was deferred to the next meeting.

(c) Fellowships. -

It was reported that -

- (i) Dr. E.C. Slater had supplied a statement of the research work which he proposed to carry out under his Fellowship;
- (ii) Dr. A. McIntyre had been appointed to a position in the University of Otago and was not available for a Fellowship;
- (iii) A Fellowship had been offered to Dr. G.M. Watson, but no reply had been received from him.

11. RESEARCH SCHOOL OF PHYSICAL SCIENCES. -

(a) Purchase of equipment. -

It was resolved that approval be given to the following procedure for purchases of equipment for the School during the establishment period (which was provisionally taken to be the period up to 31st December, 1950) and that this should be forwarded to Professor Oliphant:-

- (1) For purchases in the United Kingdom or elsewhere in the sterling area of equipment which is not available in Australia -

- (i) Professor Oliphant is authorised to purchase such equipment within the limits of the funds available;
- (ii) Appropriate order forms will be supplied to Professor Oliphant's office in Birmingham and orders will be signed by himself or by a person (such as Mr. S.F. Cornick, Chief Technical Officer) authorised by Professor Oliphant to sign on his behalf;
- (iii) Five copies of each order will be required, to be disposed of as follows :-
 - 1 to the supplier;
 - 1 for Professor Oliphant's office;
 - 3 for the University's office in London, of which 2 will be forwarded to Australia;
- (iv) "Follow-up" procedure in connection with orders will be carried out by Professor Oliphant's office, in conjunction with the University's London office;
- (v) The London office will be responsible in conjunction with Professor Oliphant's office, for all negotiations and proceedings (including export licences, etc.) involved in the export and shipping of the goods from Great Britain to Australia;
- (vi) Purchases will be made, as far as possible, on the basis of payment on delivery in Australia, but the London office will be authorised to pay for purchases to which this procedure cannot be applied (including, where necessary, the making of progress payments);
- (vii) The equipment will, as far as possible, be stored in Australia and arrangements for the provision of storage space will be taken in hand as soon as sufficient information is available as to the probable requirements.
- (viii) Basic records of equipment will be kept in the University Office in Canberra;
- (ix) The London office, on Professor Oliphant's advice, and the University Office in Canberra, respectively, will arrange that all equipment in England and Australia or in transit is insured.

- (2) For purchases in the United States or the non-sterling areas, it will be necessary for the applications for the appropriate import licences and dollar or other exchange to be made in Australia. The orders for goods required in these areas will be forwarded by Professor Oliphant to the London Office for transmission to Australia.
- (3) For purchases in Australia the University Office in Australia, acting on Professor Oliphant's instructions and after consultation with the Laboratory Manager (when appointed), will arrange for the purchase, storage, insurance, recording and care of such equipment and supplies as it is necessary to purchase here.

The Council considered the estimate of expenditure on equipment for the Research School submitted by Professor Oliphant in his letter of 24th September, 1948. The estimate was approved and the expenditure authorised, and the Vice-Chancellor was asked to take up with the Treasurer the question of the provision of funds for this purpose.

Further consideration of questions arising in connection with the purchase of equipment was deferred.

(b) Announcement of Professor Oliphant's acceptance of Appointment. -

It was resolved that an announcement should be made, in the following terms, of Professor Oliphant's acceptance of the position of Director of the Research School of Physical Sciences :-

"Professor Marcus L. Oliphant, F.P.S., Professor of Physics and Director of the Department of Physics in the University of Birmingham, has accepted the invitation of the Interim Council of the Australian National University to become Director of the post-graduate Research School of Physical Sciences in the University. He will take up his duties when suitable laboratories have been erected and equipped, housing is available for staff, and the University has been established as a working body. It is anticipated that this will require several years of intensive effort. In the meantime Professor Oliphant will continue to advise the Interim Council on the steps to be taken to establish the Research School of Physical Sciences in Canberra."

12. RESEARCH SCHOOL OF SOCIAL SCIENCES. -

The Council considered a letter from Professor Hancock to the Vice-Chancellor dated 6th September, 1948, on the question of the appointment of the staff of the School. It was resolved that -

- (a) Approval be given to the establishment of the Electoral Board proposed by Professor Hancock for making a recommendation to the Council for an appointment to the Chair of Economics;
- (b) The constitution of the Board suggested by Professor Hancock be approved;

/ (c) The Board

- (c) The Board be asked to make a recommendation as soon as it is convenient.

It was resolved that the consideration of other matters dealt with in Professor Hancock's letter should be deferred until a report had been received from Professor Bailey and Dr. Coombs on their conference with Professor Hancock.

13. CONDITIONS OF APPOINTMENT OF ACADEMIC STAFF
(OTHER THAN PROFESSORS). -

The Council considered draft statements of conditions of appointment of -

- (a) Readers, and
- (b) Fellows,

and approved of conditions for such appointments in the form attached to these Minutes.

14. VISITING SCHOLARS. -

The Vice-Chancellor reported that Mrs. G. Myrdal had accepted the Council's invitation, but was unable to visit Australia until fairly late in 1949. He had informed her that it would be convenient if she came about August, 1949. The report was received.

15. PAMPHLET ON THE UNIVERSITY. -

The Vice-Chancellor reported that the first draft of the proposed pamphlet or brochure on the University was almost completed. It was resolved that copies of the draft should be forwarded to the Academic Advisory Committee for comment and should also be circulated to the members of the Council.

The meeting closed at 5 p.m.

(R.C. MILLS)
Chairman.

12th November, 1948.

THE AUSTRALIAN NATIONAL UNIVERSITY

Revised Estimates 1948-1949

		£
1.	<u>Salaries:</u>	16,700
2.	<u>Research Fellowships:</u>	6,245
3.	<u>Meetings of Council:</u>	1,100
4.	<u>Library Purchases:</u>	30,000
5.	<u>Visiting Professors:</u>	
	Professor Griffith Taylor (carried fwd.)	£409
	Professor Schonell	<u>200</u>
		609
6.	<u>Buildings and Equipment:</u>	
	(Temporary Administrative Building)	20,000
7.	<u>Provision of Houses for Staff:</u>	8,000
8.	<u>Scholarships:</u>	15,000
9.	<u>Staff and Research Fellowships:</u>	
	(To be appointed on recommendation of Academic Advisory Committee)	3,500
10.	<u>Staff of Research Schools:</u>	3,882
11.	<u>Laboratory Managers and Other Technical Staff:</u>	
	(To be appointed on recommendation of Academic Advisory Committee)	1,500
12.	<u>Equipment - Division of Biochemistry:</u>	3,000
13.	<u>Expenses in Britain:</u>	
	Honoraria to members	2,200
	Other Honoraria	344
	Personal Expense Accounts	1,000
	Staff and Other Costs	<u>1,000</u>
		4,544
14.	<u>General Expenses:</u>	
	Wyselaskie Hall: Rent for 10 months	300
	Alterations and Repairs	790
	Equipment purchased overseas	2,000
	Furniture and Furnishings	3,000
	Office Equipment	500
	Stationery and Printing	400
	Postages and Telegrams	240
	Telephone	100
	Subscriptions	120
	Travelling Expenses (including Vice- Chancellor's visit to United Kingdom)	1,500
	Office Expenses	30
	Advertising	500
	Pay Roll Tax	200
	Exchange, Bank Charges, Freight, Cartage, Insurance, Storage	<u>342</u>
		10,022
15.	<u>Provision for Superannuation Reserve, F.S.S.U.:</u>	1,000

£125,102

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INTERIM COUNCIL.

Buildings and Grounds Committee.

1. The Committee met at the University Offices, Barton, on Thursday, 7th October, 1948, at 3 p.m. There were present -

Professor R.C. Mills (Chairman),
The Vice-Chancellor,
Sir Robert Garran,
Mr. C.S. Daley,
Mr. H.J. Goodes.

Professor Brian B. Lewis, the Registrar and the Buildings and Equipment Officer were in attendance.

Buildings for Research School of Physical Sciences.

2. Professor Lewis reported that plans of the buildings for the Research School of Physical Sciences had been approved in principle by Professor Oliphant and the structural steelwork was now being designed by the Melbourne Office of the Department of Works and Housing. It was pointed out that the site plan only had been approved by the National Capital Planning and Development Committee and Professor Lewis was requested to submit plans of the building to that Committee for approval. The Committee was shown drawings of the buildings.

Buildings for John Curtin School of Medical Research.

3. The Vice-Chancellor reported that he had received a letter from Sir Howard Florey, stating that progress had been made in planning the buildings for the John Curtin School of Medical Research and requesting that the Architect should await instructions before preparing plans. It was agreed that a draft proposal which had already been prepared by Professor Lewis in collaboration with Professor Ennor should be sent to Sir Howard Florey.

University House - Report on discussions with Department of Works and Housing on estimate, contract, etc.

4. The Vice-Chancellor reported that discussions which had taken place on 5th October, 1948, with Mr. W.E. Potts, Director of Works, A.C.T., had disclosed a disturbing position regarding University House. Mr. Potts had informed him that it was the view of the Director-General that tenders should be called. This was quite contrary to the arrangements made during discussions between Dr. H.C. Coombs and Mr. Loder and also, as he understood it, between himself and Mr. Potts, when it was agreed that the contract would be let on a "cost plus fixed fee" basis, without calling for tenders. Mr. Potts had also advised him that the information in the possession of his Department was too sketchy to proceed at present. The attitude adopted by Mr. Potts had been confirmed by Mr. C.A. Hoy, the Assistant Director-General, in a letter to the Vice-Chancellor dated 5th October, 1948, which read as follows :-

"Replying to the questions raised in your letter in respect to the letting of a contract for the work under a 'cost plus fixed fee' Agreement, the opinion is held that, for a work of such importance and being required in the National Capital, Canberra, A.C.T., it is advisable to

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complete plans, specifications and Bill of Quantities and proceed with the invitation of tenders by advertisement in the Public Press in Sydney, Melbourne and Canberra.

For works of such magnitude a Bill of Quantities is thought to be essential for the assistance of contractors in making firm tender prices."

"Whilst this Department has let contracts for some of its works on a 'cost plus fixed fee' basis, it does wherever possible for the class of building such as required for the University at Canberra, invite firm price tenders, the conditions of which provide for variations to rates of wages and prices of material during the period of the contract.

A case in point is the new Administrative Building at Canberra for which tenders were invited on plans, specifications and Bill of Quantities. Although no firm tender price was received, several contractors responded and made certain offers, one of which was eventually accepted and a contract let under a 'cost plus fixed fee' agreement. The selection of the contractor was thus made from among those who had responded to a public advertisement.

In respect to the University buildings, a work of much lower value compared with the Administrative Building, it is thought that it may be possible to now obtain a firm tender price following invitation for tenders but, should any other offer be received, consideration can be given to its terms when received."

5. Professor Lewis reported that Bills of Quantities were now being prepared by Messrs. Rider Hunt & Partners at their London Office and that if tenders were to be called, it would be necessary to wait until the Bills were completed. He added that a contract on a "cost plus fixed fee" basis could be let without these details. The draft Specification was incomplete, but it was necessary to await advice from the Department of Works and Housing before this could be completed.

6. It was agreed that the Vice-Chancellor should take the matter up personally with Mr. Loder and, if this did not produce the desired result, he would approach the Minister.

7. The employment of Messrs. Rider Hunt & Partners to complete the Bills of Quantities for University House was discussed, and it was agreed that that firm should be engaged and that the fees payable to them would be Australian standard rates namely 1%. This arrangement applied to University House only, but if the work was carried out satisfactorily the firm would probably be retained for future buildings.

University House - Discussion with Architect on details of planning.

8. A summary of the finishes specified for University House, prepared by Professor Lewis, was circulated to members of the Committee and the salient features were described by the Architect. The proposals were generally approved.

Housing.

9. During a general discussion on the housing programme it was agreed that -

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- (a) The number of Professorial-type houses to be built on McCoy Circuit should be reduced from seven to six.
- (b) The following residential buildings should be erected as soon as possible -

Vice-Chancellor's Residence,
2 large houses,
5 small houses,
2 blocks of flats.

- (c) The plans of the Vice-Chancellor's house should now be submitted to the National Capital Planning and Development Committee for approval.

10. Professor Lewis showed the Committee preliminary plans of the large type houses which were approved. He was requested to submit them to the National Capital Planning and Development Committee, which is meeting on the 21st and 22nd October, 1948.

7th October, 1948.

THE AUSTRALIAN NATIONAL UNIVERSITY

READER

Conditions of Appointment.

1. (a) Salary -

A Reader shall be appointed at a salary of not less than £A1,250 per annum or greater than £A1,500 per annum, as may be determined by the Interim Council. If a Reader is stationed in the United Kingdom pending the establishment of the University in Canberra, his salary will be £1,250-1,500 sterling. If a Reader is appointed at less than the maximum salary, provision will be made for annual increments of £50 each until the maximum is reached.

(b) Superannuation -

The University will contribute to an endowment insurance scheme for Readers on the principles of the Federated Superannuation System for Universities in the United Kingdom. The University will deduct 5 per centum of the Reader's salary to provide his contribution to this scheme.

(c) Travelling and removal expenses -

Reasonable travelling and removal expenses on taking up appointment or subsequently moving to Canberra (where applicable), or both, if necessary, will be paid.

2. Tenure -

A Reader shall, except where otherwise provided in the conditions of his appointment, hold office until the thirty-first day of December in the year in which he attains the age of 65 years, provided that -

- (a) a Reader may retire at any time after reaching the age of 60 years with superannuation benefits in accordance with the F.S.S.U.;
- (b) the Council may terminate the appointment of, and remove from office, any Reader who has become permanently incapacitated from performing the duties of his office, or who is guilty of misconduct or has become inefficient; but in the case of misconduct or inefficiency only after enquiry and report by a committee appointed by the Council, before which the Reader shall be entitled to appear, and, if he desires, to be represented.

Should a Reader desire to resign his office, he shall give six months' notice.

3. Outside Work -

A Reader shall not -

- (a) sit in Parliament; or

/ (b) engage in

- (b) engage in paid outside work of any kind or undertake or conduct any paid occupation or business or engage in the practice of any profession, without the permission of the Council. Permission, in general terms, will be given in respect of a reasonable amount of such outside work as examining, lectures, and broadcasting, and for the purposes mentioned in paragraph 5.

4. Duties -

A Reader shall devote the whole of his time to the duties of his office. It shall be the primary duty of a Reader to devote himself to research and the advancement of knowledge in his subject; he shall be responsible to the Professor, or, if there is no Professor in his subject, of the Director of the Research School.

5. Visits to other Universities, etc. -

A Reader may, with the approval of the Vice-Chancellor, on the recommendation of the Director of the Research School, visit other Universities and educational or research institutes, for the purpose of delivering courses of lectures or assisting in research work, and generally for the purpose of maintaining good relations with other bodies interested in teaching and research in Australia.

6. Study Leave -

A Reader will be entitled to one year's study leave on full pay in every six years of his term of office. This leave will be available at such times as the Director approves, and the equivalent of this amount of leave may, by arrangement, be taken in shorter periods. The University will contribute not more than £A750 to the travelling and other expenses of a Reader who goes overseas on study leave, but such contribution will not be made more than once in every six years.

Leave for short periods for travel, or for attending meetings, in Australia will be granted by the Vice-Chancellor on the recommendation of the Director in cases where such travel is for purposes connected with the research or other duties of the Reader. In that case, or where the Director recommends to the Vice-Chancellor that travel in Australia by a Reader for any purpose will be in the interests of the University, the Reader will receive travelling expenses, consisting of fares plus £A1.10.0 per diem travelling allowance.

7. Patent Rights -

The decision whether a patent should be taken out in respect of a discovery made in the course of research work, which is a patentable invention, will be made by the Council. The University has adopted the general principle that the results of its research work should be published and made generally available. The University will, therefore, not normally agree to vest in private individuals the right to use University discoveries. There may be exceptional cases in which the best use of an invention might be ensured if patent rights were held by the University, and this will be decided by the Council.

Where inventions are made by the members of the University staff as a result of investigations not connected with their University duties, it will be for the officer concerned to decide whether he will apply for a patent, but this must be reported to the Council.

THE AUSTRALIAN NATIONAL UNIVERSITY

FELLOWS

Conditions of Appointment of Senior and Junior Fellows

1. (a) Salary -

The following is the salary scale for Fellows:-

		£A
(i) Senior Fellow	...	1,000
(ii) Junior Fellow	...	750-950

A Junior Fellow will be appointed at a salary in the scale £750-950 selected by the Council according to his research experience and qualifications. If he is appointed at less than the maximum salary, provision will be made for annual increments until the maximum salary is reached. If a Fellow is stationed in the United Kingdom his salary will be £1,000 sterling or £750-950 sterling, as the case may be.

(b) Superannuation -

The University will contribute to an endowment insurance scheme for Fellows on the principles of the Federated Superannuation System for Universities in the United Kingdom. The University will deduct 5 per centum of the Fellow's salary to provide his contribution to this scheme.

(c) Travelling and removal expenses -

Reasonable travelling and removal expenses on taking up appointment or subsequently moving to Canberra (where applicable), or both, if necessary, will be paid.

2. Tenure -

The term of a Fellowship will be determined by the Council in each case. The normal term of a Junior Fellowship is three years but it may be extended to five years. A Junior Fellow may be appointed to a Senior Fellowship. The normal term of a Senior Fellowship is five years. The Council may terminate the appointment of a Fellow at any time for incapacity, inefficiency or misconduct. A Fellow is required to give six months' notice if he desires to resign his Fellowship before the expiration of the term for which he was appointed.

3. Outside Work -

A Fellow shall not -

(a) sit in Parliament; or

(b) engage in paid outside work of any kind or undertake or conduct any paid occupation or business or engage in the practice of any profession without the permission of the Council. Permission, in general terms, will be given in respect of a reasonable amount of such outside work as examining, lectures, and broadcasting, and for the purposes mentioned in paragraph 5.

4. Duties -

A Fellow shall devote the whole of his time to the duties of his office. It shall be the primary duty of a Fellow to devote himself to research and the advancement of knowledge in his subject under the supervision of the appropriate Professor, or, if there is no Professor, of the Director of the Research School.

5. Visits to other Universities, etc. -

A Fellow may, with the approval of the Vice-Chancellor, on the recommendation of the Director of the Research School, visit other Universities and educational or research institutes, for the purpose of delivering courses of lectures or assisting in research work, and generally for the purpose of maintaining good relations with other bodies interested in teaching and research in Australia.

6. Leave -

Leave for short periods for travel, or for attending meetings in Australia, will be granted by the Vice-Chancellor on the recommendation of the Director in cases where such travel is for purposes connected with the Research or other duties of the Fellow. In that case, or where the Director recommends to the Vice-Chancellor that travel in Australia by a Fellow for any purpose will be in the interests of the University, the Fellow will receive travelling expenses, consisting of fares plus £1.5.0 per diem travelling allowance.

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Where inventions are made by the members of the University staff as a result of investigations not connected with their University duties, it will be for the officer concerned to decide whether he will apply for a patent, but this must be reported to the Council.

THE AUSTRALIAN NATIONAL UNIVERSITY

Notes on decisions at the 23rd Meeting of the Council.

1. ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER FOR THE UNITED KINGDOM. -

Mr. E.H. Clark has now accepted the position of Administrative Officer to be stationed in the United Kingdom. He will take up his duties in Canberra on November 15th and leave for England by ship about the middle of January. It is hoped that his office will be in operation in London at the beginning of March.

2. COST OF LIVING ADJUSTMENT FOR ACADEMIC STAFF. -

Council gave consideration to this question and decided to apply to the salaries of all members of the academic staff the cost of living adjustment now in operation for the administrative staff. This is based upon an adjustment of salary of £6 per annum for every movement of 2.3 points in what is known as the "Court" (i.e. Arbitration Court) series index number of retail prices, on which most wages adjustments are made in Australia. The base taken for adjustments of University salaries is the quarter ending March 1947, and at the present time the cost of living adjustment amounts to an addition of £18 per annum to all salaries. It is recognised that this adjustment covers only variations in the costs of the basic essentials comprised in the "basic wage" element of the salary. Consideration was given to adjustments on a wider scale but it was deemed impracticable to provide at this stage for any automatic adjustment. There does not seem to be any scheme for wider adjustments in operation in any other comparable institution for which information was available. Council has formally recognised, however, that "substantial movements in the cost of living may necessitate a review of salary scales". This does not involve the Council in a commitment to make any automatic adjustment, but it will examine the problem from time to time in the light of evidence of substantial movements in the cost of living.

3. BUILDING PROGRAMME. -

Important developments have taken place as a result of discussions upon the procedure to be adopted in commencing the building programme. Plans for University House are now ready, but bills of quantities are not available in the form which would be required if public tenders were to be invited. The normal procedure in respect of public buildings in Australia is to call for tenders, and if the commencement of the University building programme were not an urgent matter this procedure would be adopted. An arrangement, however, has now been made with the Department of Works and Housing, under which a contract will be made with a builder to be selected after private negotiations and the delays involved in inviting tenders will thus be avoided. It is anticipated that the contract for University House will be let shortly; and that actual building operations will commence soon thereafter. Plans for the limited number of houses and the two blocks of apartments that are to be erected on the University site are nearing completion. Though the first building to be commenced will be University House it does not follow that it will necessarily take priority in the actual building operations. Once the builders and their materials are on the site it will be possible to switch them over to the more urgent needs, and probably the original group of houses and apartments and the two scientific laboratories will be completed before University House.

4. PROFESSOR OLIPHANT'S APPOINTMENT. -

By agreement with Professor Oliphant, I was able to announce his acceptance of the office of Director of the Research School of Physical Sciences, and I attach copies of the press statement released by me together with a press statement made by the Prime Minister. I should add that the Prime Minister was very pleased to hear not only that Professor Oliphant would accept the office conditionally on adequate facilities being available, but that his acceptance could be publicly announced. The announcement has been well received and will be a great stimulus to the Interim Council to push on with its establishment plans.

5. "PAMPHLET". -

A draft has now been completed of some notes giving information upon the plans for the University, the main decisions already made by Council and conditions of living in Canberra. The pamphlet has been circulated to members of the Interim Council and of the Academic Advisory Committee for their comment. Every effort has been made to keep the statement as brief as possible, whilst at the same time giving the information that academic people abroad would like to have concerning the University and Canberra.

6. CONDITIONS OF APPOINTMENT OF READERS AND FELLOWS. -

The Interim Council approved of the Conditions of Appointment of Readers and Fellows. These conditions follow in general the conditions laid down for the appointment of Professors, subject to the necessary changes in salary and the status of the positions of Readers and Fellows as compared with Professors. One important point to be noted is that Readers will be given study leave amounting to one year in six on full salary and that a contribution of £750 will be made towards the travelling expenses of Readers going abroad.

7. CHAIR OF CHEMISTRY. -

The Chair of Chemistry in the John Curtin School of Medical Research has now been offered to Dr. Adrien Albert and discussions are proceeding with Sir Howard Florey and Dr. Albert for the establishment of the Division of Chemistry at the Defence Research Laboratories at Maribyrnong in Victoria. It would seem that the laboratories should prove quite suitable for the work of the Division and it is hoped that it will be possible for Dr. Albert to commence work in Australia at the end of 1949 or the beginning of 1950.

8. RESEARCH SCHOOL OF PHYSICAL SCIENCES. -

Following Professor Oliphant's acceptance of the Directorship of the School the Interim Council will proceed on the advice of Professor Oliphant to make appointments to the Chairs of Experimental Physics, Theoretical Physics and Radiochemistry. Applications will also be invited for Readerships in Nuclear Physics, Physical Techniques, Theoretical Physics and Radiochemistry.

9. RESEARCH SCHOOL OF SOCIAL SCIENCES. -

An Electoral Board consisting of Professor Hancock as Chairman, Sir Henry Clay, Professor J.R. Hicks and the Vice-Chancellor, has been appointed in respect of the Chair of Economics in the School. The Board is now proceeding with the selection of a Professor for recommendation to the Council.

10. VISITING SCHOLAR. -

Mrs. G. Myrdal has accepted the invitation of the Council to visit Australia but is unable to come until fairly late in 1949. The Council has approved this conditional acceptance of Mrs. Myrdal and has informed her that it will be desirable for her to arrive in Australia in or about August, 1949.

D.B. COPLAND,
Vice-Chancellor.

22nd October, 1948.

PRESS STATEMENT

THE AUSTRALIAN NATIONAL UNIVERSITY

Appointment of Professor Oliphant as Director of
Research School of Physical Sciences.

The Vice-Chancellor (Professor Douglas Copland)
made the following statement yesterday :-

"Professor Marcus L. Oliphant, F.R.S.,
Professor of Physics and Director of the Department of
Physics in the University of Birmingham, has accepted
the invitation of the Interim Council of the Australian
National University to become Director of the post-graduate
Research School of Physical Sciences in the University.
He will take up his duties when suitable laboratories
have been erected and equipped, housing is available for
staff, and the University has been established as a working
body. It is anticipated that this will require several
years of intensive effort. In the meantime Professor
Oliphant will continue to advise the Interim Council on
the steps to be taken to establish the Research School of
Physical Sciences in Canberra.

The Interim Council has decided, on the
recommendation of Professor Oliphant, to establish the
following Chairs in the Research School of Physical
Sciences : Experimental Physics, Theoretical Physics,
and Radiochemistry. It has also decided to appoint
Readers in the following subjects : Nuclear Physics,
Physical Techniques, Theoretical Physics, and Radio-
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20th October, 1948.

PRESS STATEMENT

THE AUSTRALIAN NATIONAL UNIVERSITY

Appointment of Professor Oliphant as Director of
Research School of Physical Sciences.

The Vice-Chancellor (Professor Douglas Copland)
made the following statement yesterday :-

"Professor Marcus L. Oliphant, F.R.S.,
Professor of Physics and Director of the Department of
Physics in the University of Birmingham, has accepted
the invitation of the Interim Council of the Australian
National University to become Director of the post-graduate
Research School of Physical Sciences in the University.
He will take up his duties when suitable laboratories
have been erected and equipped, housing is available for
staff, and the University has been established as a working
body. It is anticipated that this will require several
years of intensive effort. In the meantime Professor
Oliphant will continue to advise the Interim Council on
the steps to be taken to establish the Research School of
Physical Sciences in Canberra.

The Interim Council has decided, on the
recommendation of Professor Oliphant, to establish the
following Chairs in the Research School of Physical
Sciences : Experimental Physics, Theoretical Physics,
and Radiochemistry. It has also decided to appoint
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PRESS STATEMENT BY THE PRIME MINISTER, 20.10.1948.

The Prime Minister expressed his gratification that Professor Oliphant had accepted the invitation of the Australian National University to become the first Director of the School of Physical Sciences. Mr. Chifley said that Professor Oliphant had already rendered great service to the Australian National University as a member of the Academic Advisory Committee in England, and on his recent visit to Australia he had assisted greatly in the formulation of basic plans for the development of the University. His acceptance of a key academic post in the new institution was a guarantee that the highest academic standards would be established from the inception of the University which would play an important part in the promotion of higher learning and scientific research in Australia. The Government would render the maximum assistance to enable the University to commence its work in Canberra in 1951 as originally planned when the University Act was passed in 1946. Professor Oliphant was an Australian with a world-wide reputation as a physicist, and it was very heartening to Australia that he was returning to his native land to continue his work in Canberra.

THE AUSTRALIAN NATIONAL UNIVERSITY.

INTERIM COUNCIL.

Minutes of the 20th Meeting of the Interim Council held at the University Offices, Barton, Canberra, on Friday, 12th November, 1948, at 10 a.m.

Present : Professor R.C. Mills (Chairman),
The Vice-Chancellor,
Dr. H.C. Coombs,
Mr. C.S. Daley,
Sir Frederic Eggleston,
Sir Robert Garran,
Mr. H.J. Goodes,
Professor L.H. Martin,
Professor J.G. Wood,
Professor R. Douglas Wright.

The Registrar and Assistant to the Registrar were in attendance.

1. APOLOGIES. -

Apologies were received from Sir John Medley, Sir David Rivett, Professor H.K. Ward, and Mr. H.F.E. Whitlam.

2. MINUTES. -

The Minutes of the 23rd Meeting, having been previously circulated, were taken as read and confirmed.

3. COMMITTEES. -

(a) It was resolved that the Vice-Chancellor be a member of all Committees of the Council, and of all boards and committees constituted by the Council for any purpose.

(b) It was resolved that all Committees of the Council and all boards and committees constituted by the Council should, as far as possible, meet on notice by the Registrar, and that the Registrar, or a member of his staff, should attend all such meetings and record the proceedings thereof.

4. REPORT OF FINANCE COMMITTEE. -

(a) The report of the Finance Committee (see Minutes of Meeting held on 11th November, 1948) was received and the recommendations, other than the recommendation with respect to the Vice-Chancellor's retiring allowance, were adopted.

(b) The Council considered the recommendation of the Finance Committee in connection with the proposal contained in the letter dated 26th October, 1948, from the Vice-Chancellor to the Chairman with respect to the provision for the Vice-Chancellor's retiring allowance.

- (i) It was resolved that the following special arrangement be made with respect to the retiring allowance of the Vice-Chancellor:-

- (A) In each year in which the Vice-Chancellor holds office, the University and the Vice-Chancellor respectively will contribute the following sums in the manner specified in paragraphs (B) and (C) :-

(i) The University - £573

(ii) The Vice-Chancellor - £382

Total - £955

The Vice-Chancellor will authorise the Registrar to deduct from his salary the payments to be made by him under this arrangement.

- (B) The Vice-Chancellor will take out in an approved life office and assign to the University endowment assurance policies payable at age 65 on which the annual premiums will amount to £824, of which -

(i) The University will contribute £573 per annum.

(ii) The Vice-Chancellor will contribute £251 per annum.

- (C) The Vice-Chancellor will assign to the University certain existing whole life policies on which the annual premiums amount to £131.

- (D) The Vice-Chancellor, while in the service of the University, will not assign, charge, or otherwise encumber his interest in the policies without the express consent of the Interim Council. The University will have a lien on the policies or their proceeds for any moneys owing to the University.

- (E) If the Vice-Chancellor dies while in the service of the University the policy moneys and all profits will be received by the University and be paid over to his legal personal representatives or any persons nominated by him.

- (F) Should the Vice-Chancellor resign from the service of the University before attaining the age of 65, the policies will be transferred to him or as he directs and the University will not be responsible for the payment of further premiums.
- (G) If the appointment of the Vice-Chancellor is not renewed on the expiration of the period for which he was appointed by the Governor-General in accordance with the Act, the policies will be transferred to him or as he directs, and the University will not be responsible for the payment of further premiums.
- (H) If the Vice-Chancellor's appointment is terminated in accordance with the provision of the Act under which he holds office subject to good behaviour, or if, after the expiration of the period for which he was appointed by the Governor-General, he is dismissed from office, the University may deal with the policies or policy moneys as it thinks fit.
- (I) If the Vice-Chancellor's appointment is terminated on account of incapacity the policies will be transferred to him or as he directs or the University may deal with the policies or policy moneys in such manner as may be agreed on between the Vice-Chancellor and the University.
- (J) Upon the maturity of the endowment assurance policies specified in paragraph (B), the University will receive the policy moneys and will pay such moneys to the Vice-Chancellor or as he directs on his retirement from office.
- (K) On the retirement of the Vice-Chancellor from office the University will assign to the Vice-Chancellor the whole life assurance policies referred to in paragraph (C)
- (L) All the interest of the Vice-Chancellor in the policies and their proceeds is conditional on his not becoming bankrupt or insolvent, or (without the express consent of the University) assigning or encumbering or attempting to assign or encumber the same or any part thereof, or doing or suffering anything whereby the proceeds or any part thereof shall become payable to any other person, and should he become bankrupt or insolvent, or attempt to

assign or encumber the policies, the University may deal with the policies, or policy moneys, as it thinks fit.

- (ii) It was further resolved that this arrangement be incorporated in a formal contract between the Vice-Chancellor and the University.
- (iii) It was resolved that so much of paragraph 6 of the minutes of the 23rd meeting of the Council as relates to the provision for the retiring allowance for the Vice-Chancellor be rescinded.

5. BUILDING PROGRAMME. -

The Vice-Chancellor reported that, as requested by the Council, he had had discussions with the Prime Minister, Minister for Post-War Reconstruction, Minister for Works and Housing, and the Director-General of Works, and that he had since received formal advice that the Minister for Works and Housing had agreed that a contract for University House might be let on a "cost plus fixed fee" basis without calling for tenders, and that the Department of Works and Housing had tentatively approached certain contractors.

The report was received.

6. RESEARCH FELLOWSHIPS IN THE SOCIAL SCIENCES. -

(a) Selection of Fellows to be appointed in 1949. -

It was resolved that a Committee consisting of the Chairman, Vice-Chancellor, Sir Frederic Eggleston, Professor Bailey and Dr. Coombs be appointed to consider the applications and make recommendations to the December meeting of the Council.

(b) Salaries of Fellows in the United Kingdom. -

It was resolved that the salary of any Research Fellow in the Social Sciences who is carrying out research work in the United Kingdom be at the rate of £stg.900 per annum from the date of departure to return, except that, where a Fellow is in receipt of additional emoluments from other sources, the Vice-Chancellor be empowered to fix a lower rate.

7. SCHOLARSHIPS - PROCEDURE FOR AWARD IN 1949. -

The Council noted the approval of the Academic Advisory Committee to the proposals for the award of scholarships in 1949 which were considered by the Council at its 21st Meeting (Minutes, paragraph 8(d)) and the recommendations of the Academic Advisory Committee generally on this subject (Minutes of Academic Advisory Committee, Meeting No. 8, paragraph 9).

It was resolved that the scholarships to be awarded in 1949 be now advertised, and that the Vice-Chancellor advise the Academic Advisory Committee that the Council feels obliged to award scholarships only after advertisement and consideration of the whole field of applications.

8. JOHN CURTIN SCHOOL OF MEDICAL RESEARCH. -(a) Division of Chemistry. -(i) Appointment of Dr. Adrien Albert. -

The Council considered letters dated 22nd October, 1948, from Dr. Albert to Sir Howard Florey, and 25th October, 1948, from Sir Howard Florey to the Vice-Chancellor in reply to the Council's proposal that Dr. Albert should take up duty in Australia at the end of 1949 or beginning of 1950, and that his Division should be located temporarily at the Defence Research Laboratories at Maribyrnong.

It was resolved that the Vice-Chancellor take this question up with Sir Howard Florey, to indicate the reasons why the Division should be established in Australia as soon as possible, and to come to a decision on the further recommendation of Sir Howard, after he had reconsidered the matter in the light of the Council's views.

(ii) Staff of Division. -

Consideration was deferred to a subsequent meeting.

(b) Fellowships. -

The Vice-Chancellor reported that the Academic Advisory Committee had recommended that a commencing salary of £900 per annum be paid to Dr. G.M. Watson, and that Dr. Watson had accepted the Fellowship offered to him at that salary.

The report was received.

(c) Appointment of Head Animal Attendant and establishment of breeding station.

The Council considered a recommendation by Sir Howard Florey in a letter dated 4th October, 1948, that applications be invited by advertisement for the position of head animal attendant, with a view to the appointment of a suitable person who could be trained in England, and also that consideration be given to the establishment of a breeding establishment for the supply of disease-free animals.

It was resolved that these recommendations be adopted and that the Vice-Chancellor be asked to make further enquiries and to report to the next meeting of Council.

(d) Chair of Biochemistry - Inaugural Address.

The Vice-Chancellor reported that he had arranged for Professor Ennor to deliver an Inaugural Address in Canberra on 9th December, 1948. Professor Ennor's subject would be a discussion of the objects and accomplishments of biochemical research.

The report was received.

9. RESEARCH SCHOOL OF PHYSICAL SCIENCES. -(a) Professor Oliphant's Appointment. -

The Council noted the press statements announcing the appointment of Professor M.L. Oliphant as Director of the Research School of Physical Sciences.

(b) Appointment of Reader in Physical Techniques. -

Council considered a proposal by Professor Oliphant in a letter dated 20th October, 1948, for the appointment of Mr. S.M. Duke to the Readership in Physical Techniques.

The Registrar reported that it had already been decided that the Readerships in this Research School be advertised (Minutes of 22nd Meeting, paragraph 12(d)) and that Professor Oliphant now had a draft advertisement for approval.

It was resolved that Professor Oliphant be informed that Council assumed that an appointment would be made after the publication of the advertisement.

(c) Fellows. -(i) Mr. J.L. Symonds. -

The Registrar reported that Mr. J.L. Symonds was appointed to a "Research Fellowship" as from 27th July, 1948, at a salary of £stg.600 plus F.S.S.U. contributions, in accordance with a recommendation by Professor Oliphant. £stg.600 was the allowance to a married scholar and is subject to taxation whereas a scholar's allowance is in effect free of income tax.

The Registrar suggested that it was desirable that all Fellows should be appointed in accordance with the approved conditions, under which the salary scale would be £750-950.

It was resolved that Professor Oliphant be asked for his advice on this proposal especially as it related to Mr. Symonds.

(ii) Professor R.M. Chaudhri. -

The Council noted that Professor Chaudhri had declined the appointment as Fellow which had been offered him.

(iii) Mr. L.U. Hibberd. -

The Council considered a recommendation by Professor Oliphant that Mr. L.U. Hibberd be appointed to a Junior Fellowship.

It was resolved that the position should be advertised in accordance with Council's previous decision, and that Professor Oliphant should be informed accordingly.

10. RESEARCH SCHOOL OF SOCIAL SCIENCES. -(a) Report on Discussions with Professor Hancock on Appointment of Staff. -

The Council had before it the reference by the Academic Advisory Committee (Minutes of 8th Meeting, paragraph 10) to the procedure for the appointment of staff to the Research School of Social Sciences.

Dr. Coombs reported to the Council on his discussions with Professor Hancock; he said that it was clear that misunderstandings had arisen in correspondence over the nature of the offers Professor Hancock contemplated making, and assured the Council that Professor Hancock had not contemplated making approaches in connection with appointments to Chairs which would commit the Council to appointments if he himself did not accept the position of Director.

It was resolved that the appointment of Electoral Boards for the Chairs of Political Science, Sociology and Statistics as recommended by Professor Hancock be approved.

It was further resolved that the Electoral Boards now established (including Economics - see Minutes of 23rd Meeting, paragraph 12) be invited to make recommendations for appointments to two of the Chairs of Economics, Political Science and Sociology on the understanding that the appointments will be offered to selected individuals on the basis that the offers are subject to Professor Hancock's acceptance of the post of Director.

(b) Chair of Economics. -

The Council noted a report by the Vice-Chancellor on the action taken by him in connection with the establishment of the Electoral Board for the Chair of Economics.

(c) Readership in the Sources of Australian History. -

The Vice-Chancellor reported that the Australian members of the Electoral Board (Minutes of 20th Meeting, paragraph 15(a)) had met and transmitted to Professor Hancock their views on the functions of the Reader (especially in relation to archival work and historical records) and that it was expected that the position would be advertised at the end of 1948.

(d) Fellowship - Mr. W.D. Borrie. -

The Council considered a recommendation by Professor Hancock that a Fellowship in Demography be offered to Mr. Borrie.

The Vice-Chancellor reported that there had been discussions in England, especially with Professor Glass, and it was considered very important that Mr. Borrie should be enabled to continue with his work in connection with the Historical Demography of Australia.

It was resolved that a Fellowship in Historical Demography be advertised.

It was further resolved that Professor Hancock be advised that the Vice-Chancellor is authorised to make an appointment on his recommendation.

11. RESEARCH SCHOOL OF PACIFIC STUDIES. -

The Council considered a letter from Professor Firth dated 22nd October.

(a) Seventh Pacific Science Congress. -

It was resolved that the Vice-Chancellor be asked to arrange for the University to be represented at the Seventh Pacific Science Congress to meet in New Zealand in February, 1949.

- (b) The other questions raised in Professor Firth's letter were discussed by the Council, and the Vice-Chancellor was asked to take them up with Professor Firth in the light of the discussion.

12. RECOMMENDATIONS OF ACADEMIC ADVISORY COMMITTEE (8TH MEETING).

The Council had before it the Minutes of the 8th Meeting of the Academic Advisory Committee held at Oxford on 24th October, 1948; the observations of the Academic Advisory Committee therein were noted, and the Vice-Chancellor was asked to take up certain matters with the Committee.

13. PAMPHLET ON UNIVERSITY. -

The Vice-Chancellor reported that a draft was circulated on 21st October.

14. VISITING SCHOLARS. -

- (a) It was resolved to invite Sir Ian Heilbron to visit Australia during 1948-49 in connection with his visit to New Zealand.
- (b) Council noted a report by Professor Schonell on the seminars conducted in the capital cities of the Australian States.
- (c) The Vice-Chancellor reported that no further advice had been received from Professor Kamen or the United States Ambassador.
- (d) The Vice-Chancellor reported that no definite advice had been received from Dr. Hu Shih.

15. UNIVERSITY HOUSE. -

The Council considered a memorandum by the Vice-Chancellor on the necessity for consideration to be given to certain questions relating to the administration of University House.

It was resolved that a committee consisting of the Chairman, the Vice-Chancellor, Mr. H.J. Goodes, Professor J.G. Wood and Professor H.K. Ward be appointed to report upon :-

- (a) the status and functions of the head of University House;
- (b) the constitution of the committee proposed by the Academic Advisory Committee.

16. LIBRARY. -

The Council received an interim report from the Librarian.

- (a) It was resolved that the report be forwarded for the information of the Academic Advisory Committee and that the Academic Advisory Committee be asked for an opinion as to the desirability of preparing a subject catalogue.
- (b) It was further resolved that the Librarian be requested to give details of the Bliss system of indexing and the reasons for its introduction.

17. GIFT OF BOOKS. -

The Council received with appreciation advice of a gift of books by Dr. J. Leon Jona.

The meeting closed at 4.40 p.m.

(R.C. MILLS)
Chairman.

10th December, 1948.

THE AUSTRALIAN NATIONAL UNIVERSITY.

Memorandum by Vice-Chancellor on the
Recommendations of the Academic Advisory Committee
at its Eighth Meeting on 24th October, 1948.

At its meeting on 12th November, the Interim Council had before it the recommendations of the Academic Advisory Committee at the meeting held at Oxford on 24th October. The following memorandum is intended to deal with the decisions made by Council on these recommendations and to offer comment in the light of discussion at the meeting of Council. The items mentioned are numbered according to the Minutes of the Academic Advisory Committee.

6. John Curtin School of Medical Research - Division of Chemistry.
Dr. Adrien Albert.

On the question of establishing the Division of Chemistry at the Defence Research Laboratories at Maribyrnong, the Council, having before it further reports concerning the suitability of the laboratories, felt that the facilities were adequate, and further, that there was not the serious lack of academic contacts and atmosphere that Dr. Albert feared. If Sir Howard Florey felt that there were definite advantages to the University to be gained by establishing the Division temporarily at the Wellcome Research Institute in London, the Council would not press for Dr. Albert to come to Australia at the end of 1949, although there were strong grounds for using facilities in Australia wherever possible for the establishment of the units of the Research Schools prior to the laboratories being available in Canberra. It was finally resolved that "the Vice-Chancellor take this question up with Sir Howard Florey, to indicate the reasons why the Division should be established in Australia as soon as possible and to come to a decision on the further recommendation of Sir Howard, after he had reconsidered the matter in the light of the Council's views."

7. Visiting Scholars.

The Council resolved to invite Sir Ian Heilbron to visit Australia if he could do so either immediately before or after his prospective visit to New Zealand. Pending further advice as to whether Professor Roscoe Pound would be available, the Council did not take any action with respect to invitations to Professors Goodhart and Keeton. Council, however, noted that the Academic Advisory Committee supported the suggestion that an eminent lawyer should be included among the visiting Professors. There was still some prospect that Dr. Hu Shih would come to Australia next year, and no decision was made regarding Dr. George Yeh.

9. Scholarships.

(a) Procedure for Award for 1949.

Consideration was given to the Academic Advisory Committee's suggestion that there should be greater flexibility in the machinery for the award of scholarships so as to permit a scholar being appointed at any time on the recommendation of the appropriate member of the Academic Advisory Committee. It will be recalled that the Council had before it a similar recommendation at its 17th Meeting in February last, and at that time it resolved that scholarships should be awarded only after consideration of the whole field of applications. After reconsidering the problem in the light of the renewed recommendation of the Academic Advisory Committee on this point, the Council felt that it should not depart from the basic principle that the scholarships

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are competitive. It will be appreciated that it is necessary to impose some limit on the numbers. If there is an annual award of these scholarships, it might be expected that aspirants would be aware of this and would make their plans accordingly; there would be no more inconvenience caused them than is already experienced by many graduates and research workers in respect of awards of other Universities and foundations which have adopted the practice of offering scholarships on a strictly competitive basis. The actual resolution passed by the Council on this point was as follows: "It was resolved that the scholarships to be awarded in 1949 be now advertised, and that the Vice-Chancellor advise the Academic Advisory Committee that the Council feels obliged to award scholarships only after advertisement and consideration of the whole field of applications."

(c) Provision of Dollars for Research.

The Vice-Chancellor reported that hitherto the authorities controlling the release of dollars had responded well to the representations of the University and there was reason to suppose that, if these representations were confined to essential needs, no serious difficulties would be encountered. So far applications for dollars to Australian authorities had been confined to the Library requirements. The Vice-Chancellor had not felt able yet to proceed with formal representations to foundations in the United States such as the Rockefeller Foundation and the Carnegie Corporation, because the Vice-Chancellors' Committee in Australia had not yet given consideration to the question. It was now likely that there would be considerable delay in dealing with the question on a comprehensive basis, and he thought that it would be desirable to approach the American Foundations on some of the research needs of the University without prejudice to the wider issue. This view was endorsed by Council and it was left to the Vice-Chancellor to discuss the matter with the Academic Advisory Committee. It would be helpful if the Committee could state some of the basic requirements in respect of dollars, though it may be impossible to express the problem in precise figures. It appears that it will be necessary, for some time at least, to rely on American foundations for dollars in respect of visits to the United States by scholars and Fellows.

10. Research School of Social Sciences - Procedure for Appointment of Staff.

The Council had before it reports from Dr. Coombs on his discussions with Professor Hancock and the proposals submitted by Professor Hancock in his letter of the 6th September were endorsed. The following resolution was adopted :-

"It was resolved that the appointment of Electoral Boards for the Chairs of Political Science, Sociology and Statistics as recommended by Professor Hancock be approved. It was further resolved that the Electoral Boards now established (including Economics - see Minutes of 23rd Meeting, paragraph 12) be invited to make recommendations for appointments to two of the Chairs of Economics, Political Science and Sociology on the understanding that the appointments will be offered to selected individuals on the basis that the offers are subject to Professor Hancock's acceptance of the post of Director."

11. Building Programme.

The Minute of the Academic Advisory Committee on this point indicates some confusion on the extent to which the cost of University House is in excess of the original estimate. The original estimate was about £250,000 and the excess of £50,000 is roughly the sum that would in any case be required to meet the rise in costs over the past eighteen months to two years. The Council is satisfied that the original financial provision for the building programme will be sufficient to meet the costs of the first unit of the programme, namely University House, laboratories for the Medical Research and Physical Sciences Schools and a number of houses and apartments. Arrangements have been made whereby the contract for University House may be let without inviting tenders, and negotiations are now proceeding for the letting of the contract.

13. Conditions of Appointment of Professors.

The comments of the Academic Advisory Committee on the definition of outside work were noted. The outline of outside work in the approved conditions for which permission will normally be given was not intended to be exhaustive, and would cover literary or editorial work or other work of a similar character. As regards field research work, it has been assumed that this would be treated as ordinary work when computing eligibility for study leave. Council has not given any consideration to provision for "family allowances". In view of the level of salaries and the provision for child endowment by the Commonwealth Government, it has not been thought necessary to give special consideration to this.

15. John Curtin School of Medical Research.

(a) Proposed Method of Financing Departments of the School.

The procedure recommended by the Academic Advisory Committee on this point is in accordance with what had been contemplated with regard to the financing of departments of all Schools. It was indicated by Dr. Coombs that some reference was made in discussion of this matter by the Committee to the Council's decisions with respect to the provision for equipment in the Division of Biochemistry. It should be pointed out that these were interim decisions arrived at for the purpose of enabling the Division to commence work as soon as possible.

(b) Fellowship - Dr. Watson.

The salary of Dr. Watson has, on the recommendation of Sir Howard Florey, been raised to £stg. 900 per annum on the grounds of Dr. Watson's status and experience, but not on the grounds that £stg. 800 was an insufficient salary for a reasonable living standard in the United Kingdom.

17. Pamphlet on University.

Members of the Committee will now have a copy of the draft pamphlet for their comments. A set of photographs of Canberra and the University site as requested by the Committee is now in the course of preparation and will be distributed shortly.

19. Academic Staff. Categories of Positions.

The Council considered the recommendation of the Academic Advisory Committee that a new category of Senior Fellowship be established, but before arriving at a decision it was thought desirable to ask the Academic Advisory Committee to supply some further information as to its views, and to give its reasons for introducing the new category. If the new category is to be introduced, consideration should also be given to the relationship between a Fellow and a Research Fellow as regards both status and emoluments. An important question arises as to whether the intermediate Fellowship contemplated should be renewable up to the age of 65. If a Senior Fellowship at the level proposed were agreed upon, there would be little cause for continuing the intermediate Fellowship beyond a period of, say, a total of ten years in the lower grade and intermediate Fellowships. The exceptional person would be provided for with the Senior Fellowships, the numbers of which would presumably be limited.

24. Vice-Chancellor's Possible Visit to the United Kingdom.

Owing to pressure of work in Canberra and the importance of expediting decisions on the building programme and other matters, the Vice-Chancellor had felt that he could not contemplate an immediate visit to the United Kingdom. There were still many urgent matters to be attended to in Canberra, but it was hoped that the Vice-Chancellor would be able to pay a short visit to the United Kingdom in or about April of next year.

25. Library.

.... The Council had before it an interim report from the Librarian, copies of which are attached to this memorandum. The Council would be glad to have the advice of the Committee on one matter referred to by the Librarian, namely, whether it was desirable to prepare a subject catalogue from the outset. Owing to difficulties of staff and space, the Librarian had decided not to prepare such a catalogue, though he points out that it might be necessary later. The Librarian apparently feels that research workers, who would normally make the most use of the Library, will be sufficiently aware of the literature on the subject on which they are working to enable them to use the Library effectively without a subject catalogue. The Academic Advisory Committee is asked to advise the Council whether it is necessary to prepare a subject catalogue. In making the recommendation, the attention of the Committee is directed to the fact that trained librarians are very limited in number, and for the next two years at least the space available to the Library will also be limited. The Librarian has been asked to supply a further statement giving his reasons for choosing the Bliss classification in place of the Dewey or other better-known classifications, and to give further particulars of the classification adopted. His report will be forwarded to the Committee.

THE AUSTRALIAN NATIONAL UNIVERSITYINTERIM REPORT ON THE LIBRARY1. PRELIMINARY PERIOD 1st May, 1948 - 31st August, 1948

From a purely library point of view there seems little to show for the period May-August, but on looking back I feel that the time was well-spent. Temporary accommodation was secured, the necessary cleaning and alterations done, and sufficient shelving obtained to make a start possible. During this period steps were also taken to select and bring together the nucleus of a staff.

By means of a circular the Library was brought under the notice of the leading publishers and booksellers in the United Kingdom and U.S.A., and some important ones on the Continent. One immediate result has been the acquisition of a valuable working collection of catalogues which paradoxically has been something in the nature of an embarrassment. The checking of a catalogue against existing orders and acquisitions is a necessary but time-consuming business, and over the past few months there have been few evenings that have not been taken up with the work.

2. SECOND PERIOD 1st September, 1948 - 31st October, 1948

The Library entered into occupation of Wyselaskie Hall on the 28th August, and during the next fortnight the majority of the selected staff took up duty. The arrival on the 13th September of the Order and Accessions Officer (Mr. Stockdale) allowed me to accept books already ordered, and marks the date at which the Library first came into being.

(a) Accessions

At 31st October, 1948, books collated, stamped and entered in Accessions Register numbered 3,023, to a value of approximately £6,000. Important sets obtained included -

- (i) Royal Society Philosophical Transactions 301 v.
- (ii) Philosophical Magazine. 362 v.
- (iii) Biochemische Zeitschrift. 306 v.
- (iv) Halsbury's Laws of England. 37 v.
- (v) English and Empire Digest. 51 v.

(b) Books Presented

- (i) From the Library of the University of Melbourne approximately 500 assorted volumes.
- (ii) From the Medical Society of Victoria 128 v. including 98 v. of the New Sydenham Society.
- (iii) Small groups and single items from a number of individual donors.

In all cases suitable acknowledgement has been made on behalf of the Interim Council of the University. The Trustees of the Public Library of Victoria have expressed their willingness to allow the Library of The Australian National University to select any title it requires from their duplicate collection. Among other items it is hoped to obtain from this source an almost complete set of the Victorian Parliamentary Papers and sets of Victorian Parliamentary Debates and Victorian Statutes.

(c) Orders

Subject to adequate checking orders are being placed as rapidly as possible. Outstanding orders are now considerable, and the flow of matter into the Library should rapidly accelerate.

(d) Accommodation.

Wyselaskie Hall is proving satisfactory. The pity is that it is not at least four times as large. If our search for books is as successful as I hope consideration will have to be given early in 1949 to the fitting up of further book storage. As Council is aware the Public Library of Victoria has promised some space in its basement.

(e) Staff

The staff has settled down well and is working as a team. Mr. Stockdale is proving a tower of strength and Miss Hagger has accepted complete responsibility for the catalogue. The remaining members are all inexperienced in library technique, but it augurs well that all are quite enthusiastic about the new venture.

Books are now being received at such a rate that the staff could well be doubled, but at present the necessary space for their accommodation does not exist. In the meantime I am prepared to do without the niceties of library practice.

(f) Catalogue

For the reasons given in the previous paragraph a subject catalogue is not at present being prepared. I regard it as more important that the books be classed and placed on the shelves as soon as possible after delivery. All necessary references are however being made. Whether a subject catalogue will eventually be necessary can only really be determined when the academic staff come to use the Library in Canberra. I feel that the use made of the Library by the staff and research workers in a post-graduate institution will differ considerably from that made by the students in an under-graduate university, and it may well prove that the considerable overhead cost of preparing a complete subject catalogue may not be economical. But only actual experience will determine the matter.

The Council may be interested to learn that the Library has adopted what I consider the more logical Bliss classification rather than the more commonly adopted Dewey classification. All libraries and users of libraries are aware of the latter's many defects, especially in the classification of science subjects, but in the majority of large libraries the enormous expense in re-classifying existing stock acts as an effective deterrent to change. This consideration does not apply in the present instance.

(g) Periodicals

Subscriptions have been placed for some 200 major periodicals and about 300 additional titles are now under consideration. In specialized subjects advice will be sought as persons are appointed to the staff. For example the appointment of Professor Ennor to the Chair of Biochemistry has enabled me to obtain a complete list of biochemical journals he considers essential for his department.

(Sgd.) A.L.G. McDonald
Librarian.

8th November, 1948.

THE AUSTRALIAN NATIONAL UNIVERSITY

INTERIM COUNCIL

Minutes of the 25th Meeting of the Interim Council, held at the Conference Room, Office of the Public Service Board, Barton, Canberra, on Friday, 10th December, 1948, at 10 a.m.

Present : Professor R.C. Mills (Chairman),
Sir John Medley (Deputy Chairman),
The Vice-Chancellor,
Mr. C.S. Daley,
Mr. H.J. Goodes,
Professor H.K. Ward,
Mr. H.F.E. Whitlam,
Professor J.G. Wood,
Professor R. Douglas Wright.

The Registrar and the Assistant to the Registrar were in attendance.

1. WELCOME TO SIR JOHN MEDLEY AND MR. WHITLAM. -

The Chairman welcomed Sir John Medley on his return from abroad, and Mr. H.F.E. Whitlam, Acting Solicitor-General during the absence from Australia of Professor Bailey, who was present at a Council Meeting for the first time since Professor Bailey's departure.

2. APOLOGIES. -

Apologies were received from Dr. Coombs, Sir Frederic Eggleston, Sir Robert Garran, Professor Martin and Sir David Rivett.

3. APPOINTMENT OF DR. H.C. COOMBS AS GOVERNOR OF THE COMMONWEALTH BANK. -

The Chairman referred to Dr. Coombs' appointment as Governor of the Commonwealth Bank, and the Council resolved that the Vice-Chancellor should be asked to convey the congratulations of members to Dr. Coombs on his appointment.

4. MINUTES. -

The Minutes of the 24th Meeting, having been previously circulated, were taken as read and confirmed.

5. MEMBERSHIP OF THE INTERIM COUNCIL. -

The Vice-Chancellor reported that, following the announcement of the appointment of Dr. Coombs as Governor of the Commonwealth Bank, he had spoken to the Minister and had suggested that it was desirable that Dr. Coombs should continue to be a member of the Interim Council after the termination of his appointment as Director-General of Post-War Reconstruction, and that the Minister had expressed his agreement.

It was resolved that the action of the Vice-Chancellor should be confirmed.

6. MEMBERSHIP OF COMMITTEES. -

It was resolved that Professor Martin and Professor Wood be members of the Finance Committee.

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7. REPORT OF FINANCE COMMITTEE. -

- (a) The report of the Finance Committee (see Minutes of meeting held on 9th December, 1948) was received.
- (b) It was resolved that the cost of living adjustment approved in respect of the staff in Australia should be payable in sterling to all members of staff resident in the United Kingdom.
- (c) The Registrar reported that it was expected that Mr. E.H. Clark would take up his duties in London about 1st March, 1949. The Council adopted the recommendations of the Committee with regard to financial arrangements to be made for the London office, which are set out in the Minutes of the Committee's meeting.

8. BUILDING PROGRAMME. -

The Vice-Chancellor reported that the Director of Works for the Australian Capital Territory had interviewed contractors in Sydney and was holding further interviews with contractors in Melbourne on the letting of the contract for University House and the other buildings to be included in the first contract. The Vice-Chancellor also reported that the plans for University House had been completed and that all information required for the letting of a contract on the "cost plus fixed fee" basis was now believed to be available, that the plans of the houses to be erected on the University site were being prepared, and that revised plans of the building for the Research School of Physical Sciences had been forwarded to Professor Oliphant on 11th November.

The report was received and members of the Council expressed satisfaction at the progress which was disclosed.

9. RESEARCH FELLOWSHIPS IN THE SOCIAL SCIENCES. -

- (a) The Vice-Chancellor reported that the Committee appointed to make recommendations with respect to the selection of Fellows for 1949 had not met, but that he had consulted all members; he presented a report (attached to these Minutes) in which all members concurred.

It was resolved that Fellowships be offered to Mr. J.G. Crawford and Mr. T.G.H. Strehlow. It was further resolved that in the event of either Mr. Crawford or Mr. Strehlow being unable to accept a Fellowship, Mr. G.J.T. Wilson should be offered a Fellowship, subject to the submission of a further statement of his research project, to be approved by the Vice-Chancellor.

- (b) A communication from Dr. H.I. Hogbin requesting approval for the payment of additional field expenses in connection with his visit to New Guinea was received.

It was resolved that the amount of the allowance for field expenses granted to Dr. Hogbin (see Minutes of 19th Meeting, paragraph 4(a)) be increased by £A50.

10. SCHOLARSHIPS. -(a) Mr. P.G. Klemens. -

The Registrar reported that he had received a letter from Mr. P.G. Klemens concerning references which had been made to him in a question asked in the House of Representatives on 5th November, 1948. The letter was read to the Council.

It was resolved that Mr. Klemens' letter be received, and that Mr. Klemens be informed that his letter had been placed before the Council, which had expressed itself to be completely satisfied with his statement.

- (b) The Registrar tabled copies of the advertisement, form of application and statement of conditions of scholarships to be awarded in 1949. The Registrar also tabled copies of a statement containing particulars of the work of each of the scholars appointed in 1948.

11. JOHN CURTIN SCHOOL OF MEDICAL RESEARCH. -(a) Division of Chemistry. -(i) Appointment of Professor Albert. -

The Vice-Chancellor reported that Sir Howard Florey's further recommendation (see Minutes of the 24th Meeting, paragraph 8(a)(i)) had not been received.

(ii) Staff of and Accommodation for Division. -

It was resolved that the Vice-Chancellor be authorised to make decisions on any matters of urgency arising before the next meeting of the Council.

(b) Division of Biochemistry. -(i) Chair of Biochemistry - Inaugural Address. -

The Vice-Chancellor reported that Professor A.H. Ennor had delivered his Inaugural Address in Canberra on 9th December.

It was resolved that the Vice-Chancellor be authorised to arrange with Professor Ennor for the publication of the address.

(ii) Staff of Division. -

The Vice-Chancellor stated that he had had discussions with Professor Ennor concerning a proposal that Dr. L.A. Stocken be appointed to a Senior Fellowship within the Division, and reminded the Council that variations in the classification of Fellowships and conditions of appointment

of Fellows had been recommended by the Academic Advisory Committee, whose further advice on this question was awaited.

It was resolved that the Vice-Chancellor be authorised to arrange for the advertisement of a Senior Fellowship in Biochemistry should this action be necessary before the next meeting of the Council.

(c) Appointment of Professor of Microbiology. -

The Council considered a reference by Sir Howard Florey in his letter dated 24th November, 1948, to a proposal that Dr. F.J. Fenner be offered appointment as Professor of Microbiology. The Council, having before it the advice of the committee on the Division of Microbiology (Professor Ward, Professor F.M. Burnet and Dr. E.V. Keogh), resolved that Sir Howard should be authorised, if he thought it desirable in view of the advice received by the Council, to invite Dr. Fenner to accept the Chair of Microbiology on the approved conditions of appointment of Professors, and that his appointment should date from the completion of his present work under his grant from the Rockefeller Foundation.

(d) Planning of Buildings. -

The Council had before it a memorandum by Sir Howard Florey on the planning of the buildings for the School.

It was resolved that the principles outlined by Sir Howard should be adopted and that the architect be asked to prepare drawings accordingly.

It was further resolved that a committee consisting of the members of the Committee on the Division of Microbiology (Professor Burnet, Professor Ward and Dr. Keogh) with the addition of Professor Wright and Professor Ennor, be asked to consider the drawings prepared by the architect and to offer any advice to the Council that the Committee might think desirable.

(e) Financial Administration and Allocation of Funds. -

The Council considered a memorandum by Sir Howard Florey on the financial administration and allocation of funds for the School.

It was resolved that the report be received and that consideration be deferred to a subsequent meeting.

(f) Appointment of Veterinary Officer and setting up of Animal Breeding Establishment. -

A report by the Registrar on discussions which had been held in accordance with Sir Howard Florey's suggestion (see Minutes of 24th Meeting, paragraph 8(c)) in connection with the setting up of an animal breeding establishment was received.

It was resolved that the report be forwarded to Sir Howard Florey for his comments.

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(g) Dr. G.M. Watson - Commencement of Fellowship. -

The Vice-Chancellor reported that Dr. Watson had entered on his Fellowship on 1st December.

12. RESEARCH SCHOOL OF PHYSICAL SCIENCES. -Appointment of Laboratory Manager. -

The Vice-Chancellor stated that the Registrar would interview selected applicants for appointment to the position of Laboratory Manager and that it was intended to ask Professor Martin to assist in the consideration of the applications, with a view to the submission of complete information to Professor Oliphant.

The report was received.

13. RESEARCH SCHOOL OF SOCIAL SCIENCES. -(a) Appointment of Staff. -

The Vice-Chancellor reported to the Council on correspondence, since the last meeting, with Professor Hancock, who had expressed himself to be completely satisfied with the decision of the Council at that meeting.

(b) Readership in the Sources of Australian History. -

The Council noted the concurrence of Professor Hancock in the views expressed by the Australian members of the Electoral Board for the Readership in the Sources of Australian History (see Minutes of 24th Meeting, paragraph 10(c)), and resolved that, in accordance with Professor Hancock's wishes, the advertisement of the Readership be deferred.

14. RESEARCH SCHOOL OF PACIFIC STUDIES. -(a) Seventh Pacific Science Congress. -

The Vice-Chancellor reported that he had been invited by the Secretary-General of the Congress to attend as a representative of the University and that he hoped to be present at the meeting of the Congress to be held in Christchurch towards the end of February. The Vice-Chancellor also reported that he had arranged that Professor Wood will represent the University at the first meeting of the Congress to be held in Auckland.

The report was received.

(b) Field Expenses of Scholars. -

The Council considered the recommendations by Professor Firth contained in his letter dated 23rd November, 1948, with reference to the anticipated field expenses of Mr. P. Lawrence in respect of his work in New Guinea under his scholarship.

It was resolved that authority be given

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for the purchase of equipment and the payment of field and other expenses to Mr. Lawrence up to the following amounts :-

Travelling expenses (including freight)	..	..	£100
Field equipment and incidental expenses	..	..	£300
Field expenses	..	..	£150
			<u>£550</u>

15. VISITING SCHOLARS. -

- (a) The Vice-Chancellor reported that Sir Ian Heilbron's visit to New Zealand has been deferred until 1950 at the earliest.

It was resolved that no further action be taken in connection with the decision of the Council at the 24th Meeting to invite Sir Ian Heilbron to visit Australia during 1948-49 in connection with his visit to New Zealand.

- (b) Professor Kamen. -

The Vice-Chancellor reported that no further information had been received.

- (c) Dr. Hu Shih. -

The Vice-Chancellor reported that no further information had been received.

- (d) Sir Geoffrey Taylor, F.R.S., and Sir Norman Haworth, F.R.S. -

The Vice-Chancellor reported that proposals had been made that Sir Geoffrey Taylor, Yarrow Research Professor of the Royal Society, and Sir Norman Haworth, Professor of Chemistry in the University of Birmingham, both of whom are to visit New Zealand for the Pacific Science Congress, should be invited to come to Australia for the purpose of lecturing in the Australian capital cities.

The Council felt that considerable benefit would be derived from an extended visit by these distinguished scholars and the Vice-Chancellor was authorised to take the matter up in terms of the discussion.

- (e) Sir Reginald Coupland. -

The Vice-Chancellor reported that he understood Sir Reginald Coupland, Beit Professor of the History of the British Empire in the University of Oxford, intended to visit Australia in 1949. It was resolved that the Vice-Chancellor be authorised to invite Sir Reginald Coupland to visit Canberra.

16. LIBRARY. -

The Council had before it a memorandum by the Librarian concerning the introduction of the Bliss system of Library classification (see Minutes, 24th Meeting, paragraph 16(b)).

It was resolved that the Librarian be informed that the Council approves of his continuing with the experiment with the Bliss classification, and that the Librarian's report be forwarded to the Academic Advisory Committee for their information.

17. PROFESSOR WRIGHT'S VISIT TO NEW ZEALAND. -

The Council received a report by Professor Wright concerning his recent visit to New Zealand.

The meeting closed at 3.30 p.m.

(R.C. MILLS)

Chairman

11th February, 1949.