

**College Leadership Advisory Committee Meeting, 10.00am -11.30am, 22 Aug 2025, LWCM 2.44
Minutes**

Attending: Michael Gilding; (chair); Angie Shafei; Christopher Kee (via Teams); Gerry Redmond; Hossein Esmaeili; Ian Goodwin-Smith; James Scheibner (via Teams); Jessica Genauer; Julie Strunk; Kelly Walewicz; Madhan Balasubramanian; Mark Hopps; Melissa de Vel-Palumbo; Pam Zorn; Phil Palmer; Philipp Dautel; Rodrigo Praino; Samantha Kontra (via Teams); Vipul Pare; Vivienne Brand; Melinda Pike

Apologies: Andrew Groves; Katherine McLachlan; Tania Leiman; Neville Crossman

Agenda items	Notes	Action items
1. Welcome/ Apologies	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Apologies were noted 	
2. Minutes	<p><i>Document: Minutes CLAC 18 July 2025</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Minutes were approved 	
3. Vice-President & Executive Dean report	<p>The VP&ED reported regarding:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Council Retreat review of the 2035 strategy Vice Chancellor agreement to invest strategically to market significant changes in the Business area AACSB visit commencing 31 August University-led consideration of consolidation of research into a single College Institute Members commented: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Several potential synergies with Torrens Resilience Initiative FFF structure would sit outside the College Institute Agreed it was vital to maintain the current brand awareness Some consolidation is happening organically 	
4. Director of College Services report	The DoCS reported, advising that the College financial position is greatly improved. The VP&ED noted that the University is also stable financially, relative to other Institutions.	
5. Dean (People & Resources) report	The Dean (People & Resources) had no matters to report.	
6. AACSB Accreditation Angie Shafei, Mark Hopps	<p>Mark Hopps, the Accreditation Officer, briefed members, advising:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Fewer than 6% of Schools in the world are accredited Self-review submission sent earlier this year Following the panel's initial review, a large number of queries were raised for response, or for discussion at the review Visit spans 4 days in totals with 14 structured interviews + debrief, 2 dinners, across all three campuses, meeting with senior leadership, students, academic and professional staff and external stakeholders 11 tailored presentations have been undertaken with the staff meeting the panel Panel will give feedback, and then produce a report, noting areas for improvement and hopefully commendations We will have an opportunity to respond to report 	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Report is then considered, and approved through AACSB channels, and finally presented to the Board; formal confirmation, if approved, will be in November • After accreditation we will enter a 6 year continuous improvement cycle • Flinders Business is well positioned with regard to Research Engagement and WIL <p>Angie Shafei shared her view of the AACSB journey highlighting:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The process to date • Thanks to the Accreditation Officer for provision of briefing sessions, questions, materials , which had been exceptional in helping prepare • Business team has rallied around the Assurance of Learning process • Strategic process of the College, and Mission has been effective in guiding action • Curriculum secret sauces • Strong alignment with SDGs and emerging workforce needs • Strategic benefits of recognition including, global recognition, student recruitment, employer confidence, faculty development and continuous improvement <p>Members commented</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Institutional support for research provided a strong foundation, including the Wicked Problems report • Other areas of strength and opportunity included FFF Sustainability research, Water Economics, Public policy in SE Asia • Opportunity to enhance teaching leveraging Social Impact curriculum, noted this is already being explored 	
<p>7. Factory of the Future Update</p> <p>Philipp Dautel</p>	<p>Philipp Dautel reported on recent changes in the FFF advising:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Director position vacated; Three new roles onboarded • Large new facility has opened, requiring decommissioning and recommissioning equipment, all on track • Immense interest from the public, and Government • Standing invitation to CBGL staff to use the 24 seat function space, space for public lectures • Living Lab available for hands on student projects 	
<p>8. Jeff Bleich Centre</p> <p>Rodrigo Praino</p>	<p>Rodrigo Praino provided an update on the JBC advising:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Significant recent activity: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Third Australian Space Symposium ○ Surviving the New World Disorder, Malcolm Turnbull ○ Jeff Bleich Dinner on Democracy ○ Premier's Active Citizenship Convention – year 10 students, JBC designed activities ○ American Australian Dialogue – large convention in Adelaide • 4 major areas to engage with, amongst others: AUKUS, Artificial Intelligence, Democracy, Donald Trump • Incoming Fulbright Don De Bats Distinguished Chair in Politics and Public Policy, Dr Geoffrey McGovern • Major space project on hybrid entities with Prof Leonard Seabrooke (Copenhagen Business School) • Opportunities arising from key associates in AI • Potential implications of AI Regulation, and influencing that conversation 	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Advanced talks with a major national foundation regarding funding for strengthening Australian democracy, and other major engagements in train • The necessity to constrain which Donald Trump activities the JBC provide media commentary on, to ensure it is not a constant activity 	
9. Committee reports for noting	<p>The Committee noted that it had received the following minutes:</p> <p>College Education Committee Minutes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Feb 2025 ○ Mar 2025 ○ Apr 2025 ○ May 2025 ○ Jun 2025 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • College Research Committee Minutes: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Mar 2025 	

Next meeting: The next meeting will be 10.00-11.30am on Friday 19 September 2025 in Room LWCM 2.44.

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