OUTCOMES FROM DEAKIN UNIVERSITY COUNCIL MEETING 2, 2017 – 4 MAY 2017

At its meeting on 4 May 2017 the Deakin University Council dealt with matters as follows in accordance with its legislative responsibilities and 2017 business schedule.

Setting the strategic direction of the University

Council considered reports, developments and the latest information on key matters affecting the University's strategy, and the impact on Deakin of proposed changes to Commonwealth higher education funding and policy, including to:

- increase student contributions to course costs and lower the threshold for repaying HECS debts
- apply an efficiency dividend of 2.5% on Commonwealth Grant Scheme (CGS) funding in 2018 and 2019
- make 7.5% of future CGS funding contingent on universities' performance against specified criteria (in 2018 relating to transparency of admissions but yet to be determined for subsequent years).

Council noted the opening of the TERI-Deakin Nanobiotechnology Centre in India by Prime Ministers Modi and Turnbull and the University's success in obtaining a grant from the Australia-India Strategic Research Fund for a project in advanced manufacturing.

Overseeing and reviewing of University performance

The Deputy Vice-Chancellor Education briefed Council on Deakin's performance against the Quality Indicators in Learning and Teaching (QILT) released for the first time in 2017. Council noted that Deakin's results were well above the national average and reflected the high quality of the University's teaching and learning services.

Council considered the latest information on 2017 enrolments, noting that enrolments were above 2017 targets and that growth in the Cloud campus has been especially strong.

Overseeing the management and control of finances

Council reviewed the financial report for the first quarter of 2017. Council reviewed the progress of major University projects against budget, scope and timeline targets and noted the reasons for any variance to target.

Council considered a review of the University equity investments in companies, including start-ups and spin-offs. Council also gave detailed consideration to a commercialisation initiative arising from University research.

University legislation and policies

Council approved the establishment of the Deakin Institute for Healthcare Transformation and conferred authority on the Legislation Committee to make establishing legislation. The Institute will:

- address major challenges facing public health systems in the context of ageing populations and the prevalence of chronic diseases requiring ongoing rather than episodic care
- draw together relevant research strengths not only in the Faculty of Health but also across Deakin in areas such as data analytics and economics.

Council approved amendments to:

- Regulation 2.1(1)–*The Council*
- the Financial Delegations policy.

Oversight and monitoring of academic activities

Council received a report from the Chair of the Academic Board about the new academic integrity policy suite and academic risk management.

Council received a presentation from the Faculty of Science, Engineering and Built Environment comprising:

- an overview by Professor Trevor Day, Executive Dean of achievements, challenges and key developments in the Faculty and 2017 priorities
- a summary of research in the Centre for Pattern Recognition and Data Analytics from Alfred Deakin Professor Svetha Venkatesh.

Overseeing risk management and monitoring systems of control and accountability

Council received a report and presentation on cyber security at Deakin from Mr William Confalonieri. Chief Digital Officer and noted ongoing work to increase protection of the University's information assets.

Overseeing the management and control of property and business affairs

Council approved expenditure for the construction of two additional levels on Car Park 12 at the Melbourne Burwood Campus to maintain the provision of car parking spaces per person within the University's target band. Council also noted continuing initiatives to provide alternatives to car transport to the Campus.

Council considered an update on the merger of DeakinDigital and DeakinPrime to form DeakinCo. with a focus on learning in the workplace to enhance workforce capability.

Council's own affairs, appointments and effectiveness

Council received its 2018 meeting dates.