



OUTCOMES FROM DEAKIN UNIVERSITY COUNCIL MEETING 3, 2017 – 15 JUNE 2017

At its meeting on 15 June 2017 the Deakin University Council dealt with matters as follows in accordance with its legislative responsibilities and 2017 business schedule.

Innovation and commercialisation

Council approved a major project to commercialise breakthrough technology in carbon fibre manufacturing to LeMond Composites. The project will contribute significantly to the University's innovation and industry engagement objectives and to Deakin's commitment to creating jobs in advanced manufacturing. Benefits are expected to flow both to the Geelong region and to the national economy.

Overseeing and reviewing of University performance

The Deputy Vice-Chancellor Education briefed Council on comparative student attrition rates among Australian universities and among different student cohorts. Council noted analysis of factors contributing to attrition and Deakin's initiatives to continue to improve student retention and success rates, especially in the Cloud Campus.

Council noted Deakin's success in the recent Quacquarelli Symonds (QS) and Leiden university rankings and funding announcements by the Australian Research Council, specifically an Australian Laureate Fellowship to Alfred Deakin Professor Svetha Venkatesh, two Future Fellowships and an Industrial Transformation Research Hub in collaboration with industry and other universities.

Overseeing the management and control of finances

Council reviewed financial performance to 31 May 2017 and the progress of major University projects against budget, scope and timeline targets and noted the reasons for any variance to target.

Council also noted the Victorian Auditor General's analysis of Victorian universities' financial performance in 2016.

Council approved that the University's underlying surplus reconciliation no longer be included in the annual financial statements. Council noted that in a year when a significant item of income or expense affected the financial result this would be addressed with a written explanation.

Council considered a report on the performance of the University's short and long term investments, including the environmental, social and governance investment pool.

Oversight and monitoring of academic activities

Council approved amendments to Regulations in line with the new student academic integrity policy suite. The new arrangements are expected to lead to a more educative and less adversarial approach to academic misconduct hearings, while providing for firm action where warranted. Council noted that within 12 months the Dean of Students will report on the extent to which these objectives have been achieved.

Council received a presentation from the Faculty of Arts and Education comprising:

- an overview by Professor Brenda Cherednichenko, Executive Dean of achievements, challenges and key developments in the Faculty and the Institute for Koorie Education
- snapshots of work in the Alfred Deakin Research Institute by Professor Emma Kowal and in the humanitarian field by Professor Matthew Clarke.

Overseeing risk management and monitoring systems of control and accountability

Council noted work underway on reviewing the University's risk appetite and noted project governance arrangements for work on Deakin's student management system (SMS).

University legislation and policies

Council approved:

- amendments to Regulation 2.2(1) – *The Academic Board* to implement recommendations of the 2016 Review of Academic Governance
- amendments to Regulation 4.1(1) – *General Misconduct*
- new Regulation 4.1(2) – *Academic and Research Integrity* to replace current Regulation 4.1(2) – *Academic Misconduct*
- amendments to Regulation 7.1(1) – *Elections* to address circumstances where an elected member does not take up a position or resigns shortly afterwards.

Council's own affairs, appointments and effectiveness

Council approved the terms of office of elected members of Council from 1 January 2018, being three years for the staff member and one year for the student member.

Honours and acknowledgements

Council acknowledged with acclamation the appointment of the former Chancellor, Dr David Morgan, as an Officer of the Order of Australia, for his distinguished service to business and the automotive manufacturing industry, to promoting Australian exports, and to tertiary education through fostering links between university and industry.