

DEAKIN UNIVERSITY COUNCIL

MATTERS REQUIRING COUNCIL DECISION

The following matters require decision by the Council of Deakin University.

1 The strategic direction

- Approving the Strategic Plan
- Approving the Operational Plan
- Approving the Council Performance Indicators
- Determining the land or buildings which form the University's campuses
- Approving masterplans for the future development of the University's campuses, and campus vision statements if required
- Approving variations to University campus masterplans
- Approving the proposed purchase and sale of University land and buildings
- Approving the proposed lease of property for a period exceeding 21 years
- Naming University buildings or facilities pursuant to the Naming Rights policy
- Approving individual major capital expenditure projects worth in excess of \$10 million

2 The Vice-Chancellor and Senior Executive

- Appointing the Vice-Chancellor and extending or terminating his or her employment
- Approving the procedure for annual review of the Vice-Chancellor's performance and salary
- Appointing an acting Vice-Chancellor when the Vice-Chancellor is absent for more than three months
- Appointing members of the Senior Executive

3 Key policies, legislation and compliance

- Making recommendations to the Minister regarding proposed amendments to the *Deakin University Act 1974 (Vic.)* (the Act)
- Making, amending and revoking Statutes and regulations
- Making, amending and revoking enabling policies, including the Policy Framework and the Compliance Policy

4 Risk management

- Approving, amending and revoking the Risk Management policy

5 Control and Accountability

- Determining financial allocations for the following year prior to the development of the budgets
- Approving the annual operating and capital budgets
- Approving the triennial business plan
- Approving the annual statutory accounts
- Approving the University's annual report, including the report of operations

- Approving the receipt of internal financial statements
- Approving proposals for borrowing funds
- Approving finance leases of a substantial nature
- Establishing and disestablishing faculties, schools and institutes
- Naming and renaming faculties, schools and institutes
- Establishing trusts
- Approving affiliation agreements between the University and other institutions
- Appointing the director of the Institute of Koorie Education
- Affixing the seal of the University as required

6 Commercial activities and controlled entities

- Approving the establishment and disestablishment of major¹ commercial entities and ventures, including:
 - participation in the formation of companies (whether wholly or partially owned) or the acquisition of an interest in a company other than for investment purposes
 - joint ventures, associations or partnerships to which the University is a party
- In accordance with the requirements of section 34A (4)(b) of the Act, granting approval for alterations to the constituent documents of any company (a) which the University owns or controls, or (b) in which Deakin is a shareholder where the Constitution provides that that document must not be altered without a resolution of Deakin's Council authorising the alteration
- Approving, amending and revoking policy for the oversight of significant commercial activities
- Appointing the chair and certain members of the Board of DeakinPrime

7 Academic standards

- Approving new courses to be offered by the University
- Determining the revocation of academic awards pursuant to University legislation

8 University culture and the professoriate

- Conferring honorary degrees of the University
- Granting the title Alfred Deakin professor
- Granting the title emeritus professor
- Granting the rank and title of professor to certain senior University officers in accordance with University legislation

9 Council's own affairs

- Electing the Chancellor and Deputy Chancellors

¹ Pursuant to the Commercial Activities enabling policy approved by Council on 11 October, 2007, "major commercial activities" are those where the University's total contribution is equal to or greater than \$1.5 million and/or where the Vice-Chancellor, the Chief Operating Officer or the Chief Financial Officer consider there to be the likelihood of significant impact on or risk to the University. This includes the establishment and disestablishment of entities and ventures to undertake major commercial activities.

The establishment or disestablishment of commercial entities and ventures to undertake commercial activity that is not major requires approval by the Vice-Chancellor following a recommendation by the Planning and Resources Committee and will be reported to the next scheduled meeting of Council via the Finance and Business Affairs Committee.

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- Electing a deputy chancellor to preside at a meeting of Council in the absence of the Chancellor
- Appointing certain members of Council
- Approving, amending and revoking policy, procedures and other documents governing Council's own operations
- Establishing and disestablishing standing committees of Council
- Appointing the membership of standing committees of Council, including chairpersons
- Approving, amending and revoking procedures and other documents governing the operations of standing committees of Council, including their composition and terms of reference
- Making delegations of authority to the Vice-Chancellor, to the Academic Board, to committees of Council and otherwise as required in accordance with the provisions of the Act.

Approved by Council on 16 December 2004 and amended on 6 December 2007