

WHAT HAPPENED AT COUNCIL—12 APRIL 2007

The following report relates to Council's most recent meeting which was held on 12 April, 2007. Agendas and minutes of Council meetings are available to staff on The Guide at http://www.deakin.edu.au/council/agenda_minute/main.php

DEVELOPMENT OF STRATEGIC PLAN 2008–2012

Council considered the outcomes of Stage One of the development of Deakin University's next Strategic Plan and endorsed the proposed Mission Statement, Core Commitments, statement of Values, the name of the Strategic Plan and the sections to be included in the Strategic Plan. The sections of the Strategic Plan will be drafted by the Senior Executive throughout the remainder of 2007.

Further information about the development of the Strategic Plan is available at the following link:

<http://www.deakin.edu.au/vc/staff-student/strategic-plan-development/index.php>

REPORT OF REVIEW OF TEACHING AND LEARNING

Council considered the report of the external review of Teaching and Learning and noted that the recommendations required a whole-of-university approach. An Implementation Plan setting out responsibilities and targets will be developed by the Vice-Chancellor and the actions will be embedded in Deakin's Continuous Quality Improvement Cycle.

A key theme of the recommendations was the need to improve the student experience and engagement of students in academic activities.

AWARDING OF HONORARY DEGREE

Council noted that Professor Judith R Ramaley had accepted an invitation to receive the honorary degree of Doctor of Laws in recognition of her distinguished contribution to the community as a leader in the higher education sector and as a researcher in the areas of neurophysiology and immunochemistry; and in recognition of her contribution to science, technology, engineering and mathematics education. The award will be conferred at a future ceremony.

APPOINTMENT OF INTERIM DEAN OF THE FACULTY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY

Council resolved that Professor Chris Gray be appointed Interim Dean of the Faculty of Science and Technology from 12 May 2007 until a new Dean of that Faculty is appointed. Chris's term as Chair of the Academic Board will end on 11 May 2007.

The next meeting of Council will be held on 14 June, 2007.

Professor Sally Walker
Vice-Chancellor