

WHAT HAPPENED AT COUNCIL—9 AUGUST 2007

The following report relates to Council's most recent meeting which was held on 9 August, 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

PROVISIONAL FINANCIAL PARAMETERS, 2008

Council established the following financial parameters for setting the Budget for 2008:

- an operating surplus target of \$20 m
- an operating expenditure budget of \$350.6 m
- a capital expenditure budget of \$70.6 m.

AMALGAMATION OF THE FACULTY OF ARTS AND THE FACULTY OF EDUCATION

Council considered a proposal from the Vice-Chancellor regarding the proposed amalgamation of the Faculty of Arts and the Faculty of Education. Council noted that the Vice-Chancellor had taken the views of staff in both Faculties into account and that the combined Faculty represented a much more viable ongoing option for the discipline of education at Deakin.

Council resolved that:

- the Faculty of Arts and the Faculty of Education be amalgamated to become the Faculty of Arts and Education, with effect from 1 January, 2008
- Professor Joan Beaumont, Dean of the Faculty of Arts, be appointed as the Dean of the Faculty of Arts and Education for the period 1 January, 2008 until 28 October, 2008
- the Implementation Group, to be chaired by the Pro Vice-Chancellor Development, Dr Irene Irvine, place strong emphasis on communication during the implementation phase of the merger.

Council noted that the Vice-Chancellor would seek the views of staff about ways to mitigate any adverse impacts arising from the amalgamation.

MAMMALIAN CELL FACILITY

Council authorised the Vice-Chancellor to submit a bid for Commonwealth Government funding to establish a Mammalian Cell Facility at the Geelong Campus at Waurin Ponds, with the facility to be operated by Biocon Ltd, one of the world's largest biotechnology companies.

COLLABORATIVE TEACHING INITIATIVE

Council supported continuing negotiations regarding the establishment of a collaborative teaching initiative between Deakin University and the Nanjing University of Aeronautics and Astronautics (NUAA) in China.

MASTER DEGREES BY COURSEWORK WITH HONOURS

On the recommendation of the Academic Board, Council approved an amendment to the Awards of the University enabling policy to provide for the introduction of a new subset of awards of the University entitled 'master degrees by coursework with honours'.

The next meeting of Council will be held on 11 October, 2007.

Professor Sally Walker
Vice-Chancellor