

## WHAT HAPPENED AT COUNCIL—11 October 2007

*The following report relates to Council's most recent meeting which was held on 11 October, 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](http://www.deakin.edu.au/council/agenda_minute/main.php)*

### PRESENTATION ON THE RESEARCH QUALITY FRAMEWORK

Council considered a report from the Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Research), Professor David Stokes, on the Research Quality Framework (RQF) and Deakin University's preparations for the first national assessment in 2008.

### VICE-CHANCELLOR

Council considered an annual report from the Vice-Chancellor regarding certain aspects of Council's functions:

- Risk management - overseeing the protection and enhancement of the University's reputation
- University culture - satisfying itself that the University is fulfilling its obligations to students both as regards its academic programs and the general University experience; and satisfying itself that the University culture is consistent with the mission and core commitments and encourages links with the wider community.

### ACADEMIC BOARD

Council considered an annual report from the Academic Board on the Board's oversight and management of academic standards in teaching, assessment and research and on the way in which the University culture facilitates the upholding of the academic freedom of staff.

### NEW COURSES

On the recommendation of the Academic Board, Council approved the following new courses for offer from 1 January 2008:

- Graduate Certificate of Biotechnology
- Graduate Diploma of Biotechnology
- Master of Biotechnology
- Master of Biotechnology with Honours
- Master of Arts (Creative Enterprise).

The next meeting of Council will be held on 8 November 2007.

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