

WHAT HAPPENED AT COUNCIL—14 AUGUST 2008

The following report relates to Council's most recent meeting which was held on 14 August 2008. Agendas and minutes of Council meetings are available to staff on The Guide at <http://www.deakin.edu.au/council/agenda-minute/>

ELECTION OF CHANCELLOR

Council elected Mr David Morgan for a second three year term as Chancellor of Deakin University from 1 January 2009 to 31 December 2011.

INSTITUTE OF TEACHING AND LEARNING

Council received for information a presentation from the Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Academic) on the context, performance and current issues for the Institute of Teaching and Learning. Council congratulated all academic staff on the progress that had been made in the good teaching ratings.

HIGH LEVEL ISSUES

Council received a presentation from the Vice-Chancellor on the mid-year review of the high-level issues being addressed by the University in 2008. These issues include improving research performance; improving the quality of teaching; improving international student and domestic postgraduate coursework recruitment numbers; and external environmental factors.

REPORT ON MID-YEAR PERFORMANCE

Council considered an 'exceptions' report with respect to mid-year performance against the University's Operational Plan for 2008. Council noted that on the basis of that review most targets were progressing well and it was anticipated that most of the 2008 Operational Plan targets would be achieved.

APPOINTMENT OF DEAN OF THE FACULTY OF ARTS AND EDUCATION

Council noted that Professor Jennifer Radbourne has been appointed as Dean of the Faculty of Arts and Education. Professor Radbourne, who is currently Head of the School of Communication and Creative Arts at Deakin University, will take up her new appointment in September.

REVIEW AND CONSOLIDATION OF UNIVERSITY LEGISLATION

Council approved certain legislation relating to chapter 5—*Academic Awards and Courses* (regarding academic dress), arising from the review and consolidation of University legislation which is currently underway.

INSTITUTE OF RESEARCH TRAINING

Council approved a proposal to establish the Institute of Research Training, and the associated Regulation.

The next meeting of Council will be held on 9 October 2008.

Professor Sally Walker

Vice-Chancellor

24 August, 2008