

## WHAT HAPPENED AT COUNCIL—28 FEBRUARY 2008

*The following report relates to Council's most recent meeting which was held on 28 February, 2008. 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)*

### REVIEW OF THE UNIVERSITY'S 2007 PERFORMANCE

Council considered the following documents to review the University's 2007 performance.

- The 2007 PREP report, setting out the University's performance against the 2007 Operational Plan. <http://www.deakin.edu.au/vc/PREPreports.php>
- A report of 2007 outcomes against the Council Performance Indicators, which monitor the performance of the University against its longer term goals. <http://www.deakin.edu.au/vc/council-performance-indicators.php>
- A report in relation to matters arising from the 2004 Australian Universities Quality Agency (AUQA) audit of Deakin University. <http://www.deakin.edu.au/vc/docs/AUQA-Implementation-strategy-progress-report.pdf>

### OUTCOMES FROM TAKING DEAKIN UNIVERSITY FORWARD

Council considered a final report on performance against the targets in the Strategic Plan 2003–2007, being targets to be achieved by the end of 2007.

### AMENDMENTS TO THE OPERATIONAL PLAN 2008

Council approved certain minor amendments and the addendum to the Operational Plan 2008 in the light of the University's performance against 2007 Operational Plan targets, results against the Council Performance Indicators, the progress report in respect of the AUQA audit and changes in the external environment.

The Operational Plan 2008, incorporating the addendum, is available at the following link:  
<http://www.deakin.edu.au/vc/images/op-plan-2008.gif>

### HIGH-LEVEL ISSUES TO BE ADDRESSED IN 2008

Council considered a list of high-level issues to be addressed in 2008 and noted that:

- the issue of deepest concern was the need to improve research performance
- further issues of concern were the need to improve the quality of teaching; to improve international student recruitment numbers; and to improve domestic postgraduate coursework recruitment numbers
- arising from the external environment were issues relating to the phasing out of domestic undergraduate fee paying students; and compacts with the Australian Government.

### APPOINTMENT OF PRO VICE-CHANCELLOR (INTERNATIONAL)

Council appointed Professor Philip Clarke to the position of Pro Vice-Chancellor (International) for an initial five year period.

## **COUNCIL PLANNING CONFERENCE**

Following the Council meeting, Council held its annual Council Planning Conference. The 2008 Council Planning Conference considered of the draft sections of the University's next Strategic Plan, Building Effective Partnerships, due to be approved by Council in April 2008.

The next meeting of Council will be held on 20 March, 2008.

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