

WHAT HAPPENED AT COUNCIL—25 FEBRUARY 2010

The following report relates to Council's most recent meeting which was held on 25 February, 2010. Agendas and minutes of Council meetings are available to staff on The Guide at <http://www.deakin.edu.au/council/agenda-minute/>

REVIEW OF THE UNIVERSITY'S PERFORMANCE IN 2009

Council received a presentation from the Vice-Chancellor on the University's performance in 2009. In light of this, Council approved:

- amendments to the 2010 iteration of the Strategic Plan
- amendments to the 2010 Operational Plan
- additional targets by way of an Addendum to the 2010 Operation Plan.

APPOINTMENTS TO STANDING COMMITTEES OF COUNCIL

Council approved the appointment of the elected staff members of Council and the elected student members of Council to various Standing Committees of Council.

COUNCIL MATTERS

Council approved:

- the Council Evaluation 2010 Action Plan arising from the 2009 review by Council of its performance
- amendments to the 'Council Operating Provisions', which included changes to the format of Council agendas and minutes.

FIRST REVIEW OF THE INSTITUTE FOR TECHNOLOGY RESEARCH AND INNOVATION

Council approved that the first review of the Institute for Technology Research and Innovation would take place in 2012.

The next meeting of Council will be held on 18 March, 2010.

The **Council Planning Conference** was held on 26 February, 2010. The following topics were considered:

1. *What's new in Governance?*
2. *Research – overview of the Federal Government's priorities and the implications for Deakin University's Strategic Plan*
3. *Size of the University – overview of Government policy and funding changes; implications for Deakin University's Strategic Plan*
4. *What's new in Risk?*

Arising from the third of these topics, further amendments were made to the 2010 iteration of the Strategic Plan.

The third topic involved an assessment of where Deakin University has come from in terms of size and where it is now. Council members asked me to pass on to all staff in the University their thanks and admiration for the progress that has been made in recent times. Council members are very conscious of the fact that every staff member at Deakin University contributes to its success. We are very fortunate to have a Council whose members do not take your achievements for granted; you can be sure that they are aware of your contribution and dedication to Deakin University.

Professor Sally Walker
Vice-Chancellor

5 March, 2010