



## **OUTCOMES FROM DEAKIN UNIVERSITY COUNCIL MEETING 3, 2016 – 30 JUNE 2016**

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At its meeting on 30 June 2016 Deakin University Council dealt with matters as follows in accordance with its legislative responsibilities and 2016 business schedule.

### **Setting the strategic direction of the University**

Council considered reports on key matters affecting the University's strategy and the potential impact of the general election on higher education funding and regulation.

### **Overseeing and reviewing of University performance**

Council reviewed University performance against:

- targets for student enrolments in 2016
- financial targets to 31 May 2016.

Council noted Deakin's increased overall score and rating of 50 in the 2016 Times Higher Education Ranking of Universities Under 50 Years.

### **Overseeing the management and control of finances**

Council reviewed the progress of major projects and the reasons for any variations to project scope, timelines and budgets.

Council received a report from the Investment Committee on the performance of University investments, including the environmental social and governance investment pool.

### **University legislation and policies**

Council revoked:

- Regulation 3.1(6) – *Honorary Appointments*, the content of which is being subsumed in an updated Honorary Appointments procedure
- the Vice-Chancellor's Performance Review procedure; the revised process will be embedded in an updated delegation of authority and in the terms of reference of the Remuneration Committee.

Council noted changes to the following Regulations approved by the Legislation Committee under delegation:

- new Regulation 2.4(2) – *Institute for Intelligent Systems Research and Innovation*
- new Regulation 2.4(3) – *Institute for Physical Activity and Nutrition*
- amended Regulations 2.1(1) – *The Council* and 7.1(1) – *Elections*, reflecting the reinstatement of directly elected student and staff positions on Council.

### **Overseeing and monitoring academic activities**

Council received reports on:

- the University's performance in competitive research funding rounds and noted funding for the Australian Research Council Training Centre in Alloy Innovation for Mining Efficiency
- outcomes from the meeting of the Academic Board by the Chair of the Board held on 31 May 2016.

### **Overseeing the management and control of property and business affairs**

Council received an update on DeakinDigital Pty Ltd, a wholly controlled entity of the University, by its Chief Executive Officer Mr Simon Hann.

Council approved the name of the new student residence building at the Melbourne Burwood Campus.

### **Executive appointments**

Council approved the appointment of Alfred Deakin Professor Peter Hodgson as Deputy Vice-Chancellor Research and the reappointment of several members of the Executive.

### **Council's own affairs, appointments and effectiveness**

Council approved amendments to its [Operating Provisions](#) and to the terms of reference of the [Legislation Committee](#) and [Remuneration Committee](#).

Council disestablished the Remuneration Subcommittee.

Council received its 2017 meeting dates.

### **Honours and acknowledgements**

Council conferred the title Emeritus Professor on Professor Andrzej Goscinski.

Council noted that Deakin Honorary Doctorates would be conferred on the following individuals in upcoming graduation ceremonies:

- Ms Elizabeth Broderick AO, for her outstanding contribution to gender equality, the prevention of discrimination and violence, and to driving progressive social change
- Lieutenant General (retired) David Morrison AM, for his outstanding leadership in the Australian army and broader community especially in combatting discrimination and sexism
- Emeritus Professor Gillian Triggs, for her eminent contribution to education, advocacy and public service in the field of human rights and international law
- Air Chief Marshal Mark Binskin AC, for significant and sustained contribution to the Australian community through leadership positions in the Australian Defence Force.

Council acknowledged with acclamation the contribution to the University by Professor Chris Gray, retiring as Pro Vice-Chancellor Planning and Integrity after 27 years at Deakin and service including as Chair of the Academic Board and Dean of the Faculty of Science and Technology.

Council congratulated the Chancellor, Mr John Stanhope, with acclamation on being made a Member (AM) in the General Division of the Order of Australia, in recognition of his significant service to the financial and national communication sectors through a range of leadership roles.