



OUTCOMES FROM DEAKIN UNIVERSITY COUNCIL MEETING 4, 2018 – 16 AUGUST 2018

At its meeting on 16 August 2018 Deakin University Council dealt with matters as follows in accordance with its legislative responsibilities and 2018 business schedule. The meeting focussed on mid-year review items and a number of extended discussion sessions.

Overseeing and reviewing University performance

Council considered the University's progress against its *LIVE the future* targets as at 30 June 2018 and noted the University's substantial progress against key performance indicators, including Cloud Campus initiatives, the development of tier 2 international markets, and the launch of Deakin Genie as a personal aid to all students and Deakin Scout as a location finder.

Council noted Deakin's strong performance in the 2018 Academic Ranking of World Universities (ARWU), being ranked 211 internationally and in the top ten in Australia.

Council gratefully acknowledged the efforts of all members of the University community and congratulated the Vice-Chancellor and the University Executive on the University's strong performance.

Prevention of sexual harassment and assault

Council recalled that it had recently received by circulation a report on Deakin's progress on preventing and responding to sexual harassment and sexual assault on the first anniversary of the publication of the Australian Humans Rights Commission Report on this matter.

Council noted that the Deakin report demonstrated important improvements in policy and procedures and in raising awareness of the services and supports available to everyone. In addition, the construction of the Burwood Link had enabled safer after hours movement across that Campus.

Council further noted that it would continue to receive reports on ongoing actions.

Overseeing the management and control of finances

Council reviewed reports on the University's consolidated finances and major projects to 30 June 2018 and noted:

- financial performance for the half year was consistent with reports for previous periods and in line with the budget for the full year
- major project expenditure is being carefully managed within budget and in line with the prioritisation of projects.

Honour for Professor Trevor Day

Council approved with acclamation the conferral of the title Emeritus Professor on Professor Trevor Day in recognition of his outstanding contribution to Deakin University as Executive Dean of the Faculty of Science, Engineering and Built Environment from March 2012 to 30 June 2018. Council paid tribute to Professor Day's leadership of the Faculty highlighted by significant improvement in research reputation and performance, and the establishment of the Centre for Advanced Design in Engineering Training (CADET), ManuFutures and a number of successful industry research centres.

Vale Dr Richard Searby AO QC

Council expressed its sadness at the passing of former Chancellor Dr Richard Searby AO QC. Council expressed its appreciation of Dr Searby's significant contribution to the University and the community.

In particular Council noted that during his Chancellorship Dr Searby had greatly strengthened the governance of the University. In 1995 he was awarded the honorary degree of Doctor of the University in recognition of his outstanding contribution as Chancellor and his contribution to education, the law, the arts and to business. His contribution was further recognised in 2006 when he was made an Officer of the Order of Australia 'for services to education, particularly as Chancellor of Deakin University, to the community as a contributor to the programs of major cultural institutions, and to business and the law'.

Discussion panel on commercialisation and investment

Council was joined for a discussion about research commercialisation and investment by Dr Ben Spincer, Executive Director Deakin Research Commercial and three guests with experience in investment and start-up companies. Council noted three examples of Deakin commercialisation initiatives at various stages of development: FLAIM Systems, Universal Motion Simulator and the partnership with LeMond Composites.

Discussion points included impediments and opportunities in regard to the commercialisation of University intellectual property and how the University can better train and engage with emerging entrepreneurs.

Council noted the opportunities for Deakin in the commercialisation field in the context of the University's aims to:

- deliver high value jobs in the community
- support sustainable economic growth
- enable further research at the University.

Perspectives from our students

Council welcomed a group of 14 students (comprising those studying at both our Cloud and located campuses at undergraduate and postgraduate levels) to the meeting to share their individual student experiences and highlight areas that they felt could be improved.

Key items raised included:

- making it easier for students to find the information they need and increasing awareness of the availability of services to assist with finding employment after study, including career change opportunities for postgraduate students
- making material in all Cloud units available in a consistent and predictable place so that it is easier to locate
- the importance of consistent qualitative feedback so that students can focus on improvements to their work.

Council noted that a comprehensive list of the issues raised by students would be compiled, addressed in an action plan and reported back to participants and Council.

Council expressed its gratitude to students for their thoughtful contributions to the session.

Campus tour

Council undertook a tour of the Melbourne Burwood Campus with a focus on facilities which have recently been completed or are under construction. Council in particular observed facilities tailored to active, team-based learning and to integrated service delivery through Student Central hubs.