



OUTCOMES FROM DEAKIN UNIVERSITY COUNCIL MEETING 5, 2018 – 13 SEPTEMBER 2018

At its meeting on 13 September 2018 Deakin University Council dealt with matters as follows in accordance with its legislative responsibilities and 2018 business schedule.

Renewal of registration by the Tertiary Education Quality and Standards Agency (TEQSA)

Council welcomed the renewal of Deakin's registration by TEQSA. The renewal is for the maximum period of seven years and without any conditions attached. TEQSA arrived at very positive assessments of the University's governance and academic governance practices and found that Deakin had demonstrated:

- a sound commitment to maintaining academic and research integrity
- robust quality assurance processes that ensure education quality is maintained in partnerships
- a strong commitment to student welfare particularly in responding to the Australian Human Right Commission report with robust policies, procedures and initiatives led by the Vice Chancellor
- a high standard of record keeping and information distribution in the form of comprehensive minutes of the meetings of the governing Council and other key advisory and decision making bodies.

Council congratulated University management and staff on this excellent outcome.

Overseeing risk management and monitoring systems of control and accountability

Council approved a comprehensive Risk Appetite Statement for the University. The Statement aligns to the University's values and strategy, and sets out the level of risk the University is willing to accept across eleven risk areas, ranging from no tolerance for non-compliance with the law to a high level of willingness to take risks in the pursuit of strategic growth opportunities, innovation and transformation. The Statement also takes into account stakeholder and community expectations of the levels of risk which the University should or should not tolerate.

Council noted that TEQSA found that 'Deakin has a mature and clearly articulated approach to financial and risk management'.

Council also considered a report on actions implemented to strengthen the University's privacy protection systems and practices, including an enhanced training program for staff.

Overseeing the management and control of finances

Council reviewed reports on the University's consolidated finances and major projects to 31 July 2018, augmented by updates from August by the Chief Financial Officer. Council noted that:

- the overall financial position for the year to date is favourable both to budget and the forecast position
- employment expenses are above budget, offset by savings in projects which are being prioritised and monitored carefully
- research expenditure was under budget at 31 July but accelerated in August to be back on budget for the full year.

Overseeing the management and control of property and business affairs

Council approved expenditure to expand and upgrade Building NQ at the Geelong Waurun Ponds Campus to enable the consolidation of accommodation and facilities for the Institute for Intelligent Systems Research and Innovation (IISRI). Council noted that in addition to improving comfort and mitigating health and safety risks for staff, the upgrade will support IISRI to extend its research and to meet its research and commercialisation objectives.

Oversight and monitoring of academic activities

Council received a report from the Chair of the Academic Board and noted in particular the Board's consideration of results from students' evaluation of satisfaction with teaching and units.

Council considered a presentation from the Faculty of Business and Law featuring:

- an update on Faculty initiatives, achievements and challenges by Alfred Deakin Professor Mike Ewing Executive Dean
- presentations on research by Dr Katie Rowe, Deakin Business School and Dr Shiri Krebs, Deakin Law School.

Council thanked the Faculty representatives for their informative and engaging presentations.

Student recruitment strategies

Council received a presentation from Professor Gary Smith, Deputy Vice-Chancellor Global Engagement on Deakin's student recruitment strategies, including challenges and competitive pressures in the domestic, international and online markets.

Renaming of Institute

Council approved the renaming of the Institute for Healthcare Transformation to the Institute for Health Transformation to reflect the Institute's vision to be a leader in driving population behaviour change as well as transforming health systems.

Honours and acknowledgements

Council approved with acclamation the conferral of the title Alfred Deakin Professor on seven esteemed Deakin Professors, noting their leading contributions to research, teaching and scholarship. This honours was conferred on:

- Professor Margaret (Leigh) Ackland
- Professor David Boud
- Professor Brenda Cherednichenko
- Professor Matthew Clarke
- Professor Wei Duan
- Professor David Lowe
- Professor Marj Moodie.

Council's own affairs, appointments and effectiveness

Council approved the following appointments for one year terms from 1 January to 31 December 2019:

- Ms Kathy Grigg as a Deputy Chancellor, continuing her term in the position since 1 January 2017
- Professor Elizabeth (Liz) Johnson as Deputy Vice-Chancellor Education.

Council thanked Ms Grigg and Professor Johnson for their significant contributions to the University and congratulated them on their appointments.