



## **OUTCOMES FROM DEAKIN UNIVERSITY COUNCIL MEETING 4, 2016 – 4 AUGUST 2016**

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At its meeting on 4 August 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 considered Deakin's response to the Federal Government's Options Paper '*Driving Innovation, Fairness and Excellence in Australia's Higher Education*'.

Council considered the latest developments regarding the Warrnambool Campus.

Council considered a report proposing amendments to the University's financial planning processes, and agreed to adopt the new approach.

Council members and the whole Executive participated in a half day strategy meeting where they:

- met with a group of students who shared their individual student experiences and drew Council's attention to areas where they felt improvements could be made
- considered the Vice-Chancellor's assessment of the ramifications of the outcome of the Federal election for the higher education sector and Deakin in particular
- considered Deakin's progress in developing greater industry engagement
- received presentations on:
  - progress towards scaling our digital endeavour
  - the "digital first" curriculum (including employability initiatives to ensure graduates are well prepared for employment)
  - cloud and campus services
  - marketing initiatives for the Cloud Campus.

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

Council reviewed University performance against:

- targets for student enrolments in 2016
- financial targets to 30 June 2016.

Council considered the University's progress against its *LIVE the future* targets as at 30 June 2016, and noted the University's progress against key performance indicators and initiatives, and matters for continuing attention.

### **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 considered a report on the University's accounting treatment of unspent research and capital grant funding, and noted that the Australian Accounting Standards Board was considering updates to the accounting standards. Council approved that the current Deakin University accounting policy continue to be applied.

Council noted that the Finance and Business Affairs Committee had considered a report relating to Deakin's investment in non-associated entities.

### **University legislation and policies**

Council approved amendments to:

- Regulation 2.2(1)–*The Academic Board*
- Regulation 2.4(4)–*Institute of Koorie Education*.

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

Council received a report on the outcomes from the meeting of the Academic Board held on 19 July 2016.

### **Overseeing risk management and monitoring systems of control and accountability**

Council noted that the Audit and Risk Committee had:

- approved amendments to the 2016 Internal Audit Plan which had been reviewed to ensure it took account of changes in business risks, operations and priorities since it was developed
- considered the reviews conducted by Internal Audit of Deakin's new student management and human resources systems.

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

Council approved a proposal to construct a 410-bed student accommodation building at the Geelong Waterfront Campus, which would include a basement car park and the relocated architecture workshop.

### **Honours and acknowledgements**

Council conferred the title of Alfred Deakin Professors on the following individuals:

- Professor Maxine Duke
- Professor Ferdi Gul
- Professor Baogang He
- Professor Marcel Klaassen
- Professor Ingrid Nielsen
- Professor Yin Paradies
- Professor Guang Shi
- Professor Anna Timperio
- Professor Russell Tytler
- Professor David Watters.

Council acknowledged with acclamation the contribution to the University by Ms Glenys Phillpot OAM as a member of Council from 1 January 2013 to 30 June 2016, and Mr Matthew McDonald, who was in attendance with rights of audience and debate from 1 January 2016 to 30 June 2016.