



OUTCOMES FROM DEAKIN UNIVERSITY COUNCIL MEETING 1, 2016 – 3 MARCH 2016

At its meeting on 3 March 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, developments and the latest information on key matters affecting the University's strategy.

Overseeing and reviewing of University performance

Council reviewed the University's performance in 2015 against the targets set out in the *LIVE the future* implementation plan, and considered the priorities for 2016.

Council approved the 2015 Deakin University Annual Report and the audited financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2015.

Council received an update on 2016 enrolments, especially direct entry applications by domestic and international students.

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 approved the rate of return for qualifying donor funds.

University legislation and policies

Council established the following Institutes and conferred authority on the Legislation Committee to make establishing legislation:

- Institute for Intelligent Systems Research and Innovation
- Institute for Physical Activity and Nutrition.

Council approved amendments to the Financial Delegations policy, and requested that the University develop a policy on insider trading.

Overseeing and monitoring academic activities

Council received a report on the outcomes of the meeting of the Academic Board held on 16 February 2016.

Overseeing the management and control of property and business affairs

Council approved the:

- refurbishment of the Central Precinct at the Melbourne Burwood Campus
- relocation of the Melbourne City Centre
- purchase of land at a specified location in the Geelong CBD
- disposal of a residential property used for student accommodation at 125 Thornhill Road, Highton.

Council's own affairs, appointments and effectiveness

Council approved arrangements to reestablish directly elected staff and student positions on Council; and conferred authority on the Legislation Committee to amend University regulations as required.

Council received a report on Council's fulfilment of its 2015 business schedule and received the updated register of delegations of authority by Council.

Honours and acknowledgements

Council conferred the title of Emeritus Professor upon Alfred Deakin Professor Clare Bradford and Professor Ann McCulloch.

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

- Mr David Morgan for his outstanding service to Deakin University as Chancellor from 2006 to 2015 and as a member of the University Council from 2000 to 2015, and for championing the Geelong region and its transition to new manufacturing and knowledge industries
- Ms Jennifer Lightowlers for her outstanding service to Deakin University as Deputy Chancellor from 2008 to 2015 and as a member of the University Council from 2004 to 2015, and for significant and sustained contribution to research in Australia as an expert advisor on innovation and commercialisation
- Professor Michel Armand for his significant contributions to research in the field of energy storage technologies with a particular emphasis on lithium battery development and research in ionic liquids.

Council acknowledged with exclamation the contributions to the University by Professor Lee Astheimer, retiring as Deputy Vice-Chancellor Research, notably her contribution to the:

- increase in the University's research output, reputation and culture
- establishment of Strategic Research Centres in 2010, and the establishment of two of those Centres as Institutes at this present meeting.