

QUEENSLAND UNIVERSITY OF TECHNOLOGY

COUNCIL

REPORT – 15 October 2020

Council met on 15 October 2020, and noted or considered the following items.

Vice-Chancellor Report to Council – October 2020

Council considered the Vice-Chancellor and President's Report which is available at the following address: <https://qutvirtual4.qut.edu.au/group/staff/governance/organisational-structure/chancellery/vc/reports-to-council> (QUT staff access only).

Conferral of Professor Emeritus title

Council conferred the title of Professor Emeritus on Professor Mandy Thomas and Professor Carol Nicoll, effective from their retirements from QUT; and the title of Distinguished Professor Emeritus on Distinguished Professor Stuart Cunningham, effective from his date of leaving QUT.

Update on QUT re-positioning and change processes

Council considered a verbal update on QUT re-positioning noting the effect of the COVID 19 pandemic; the Proposal for Change released to staff on 13 October 2020; and the timetable for consultation and implementation. Council also noted that it was a difficult time for the staff directly affected by the changes and acknowledged the sympathetic and supportive way in which the process continued to be managed.

Framework for Development of the New Strategy

Council approved the next steps and timelines in relation to development of a new QUT strategy.

Financial Management Report (August 2020 year to date)

Council noted the Financial Management Report, including progress made in mitigating identified financial risks.

2020 Consolidated Courses Performance Report and 2020 Higher Degree Research Courses Performance Report

Council noted the course performance reports.

Governance reform for QUT Council – outcomes of consultation process

Council noted a summary of feedback from the University community on proposals for Council reform, including additional actions proposed to address concerns raised in relation to the process for appointing Council members. Council endorsed the revised proposal for a 15 member governing body and authorised the Chancellor to write to the incoming Minister for Education to advise on the consultation process and request that the Minister commence the process for legislative amendment at an appropriate time post the election.

Policy and Process Reform as part of repositioning QUT

Council noted plans for policy and process reform as part of repositioning QUT.

Nominations to Finance and Planning Committee and Risk and Audit Committee

Council approved the nominations of Mr Jeff Dunn to Finance and Planning Committee and Mr Craig Mitchell to Risk and Audit Committee to fill current vacancies on the committees.

Annual review of student representation protocols, including mechanisms for consultation with elected student members

Council resolved to approve a revised student representation protocol.

Deputy Chancellor 2021

Council approved an extension of the term of office for the Deputy Chancellor, Mrs Jenny Parker, to 30 September 2021.

QUT Related Parties Register Update

Council noted the requirements for related parties disclosures under accounting standards, and current disclosed interests.

Annual compliance review – Voluntary Code of Best Practice for the Governance of Australian Universities

Council noted the status of QUT's compliance with the Voluntary Code of Best Practice for the Governance of Australian Universities.

Revised MOPP B/8.7 Conflict of interest

Council approved the revised policy.

Revised MOPP C/2.2 Curriculum Standards Committee charter

Council approved proposed changes to the committee charter.

QUT Workers' Compensation Annual Report 2019-2020

Council noted the Workers' Compensation Annual Report for 2019-2020.

Reports from Committees

Council noted reports from Council sub-committees as follows.

Alumni Board – 15 September 2020

Chancellor's Committee – 20 August 2020

Finance and Planning Committee – 1 October 2020

Risk and Audit Committee – 23 September 2020

University Academic Board – 21 September 2020

Revised QUT Student Guild Constitution

Council approved the revised QUT Student Guild constitution.

QUT Student Guild Audited Financial Statements for the year ended 31 December 2019

Council noted the QUT Student Guild Financial Report for the year ended December 2019.

Items for information

- Chancellor's Report to Council
- Council action list
- Post Meeting Action Sheet for Council's 20 August 2020 meeting
- Council Annual Work Plan and Items Pending 2020
- Latest disclosed interests for Council