

QUEENSLAND UNIVERSITY OF TECHNOLOGY

COUNCIL

REPORT – 23 April 2018

Council met on 23 April 2018, and considered the following items.

Vice-Chancellor's Report

Council noted the Vice-Chancellor's Report which is available at the following address:

<https://qutvirtual4.qut.edu.au/group/staff/governance/organisational-structure/chancellery/vc/about-vc-office>

(QUT access only).

Vice-Chancellor's proposed approach to engaging Council in strategic planning

Council considered advice regarding the proposed approach to Council engagement with strategy and noted a timetable of strategic planning activities for the next 12-18 months.

Strategic discussion: 2020 reduced school leaver commencing cohort

Council received a presentation and held a strategic discussion on issues relating to the 2020 cohort. Matters highlighted in the presentation on marketing strategy in the lead-up to 2020 included: key features of QUT's brand; a new advertising campaign focussing on technology and the future of work; increased marketing expenditure; and greater investment in mid-year recruitment.

Matters noted in Council discussion included: marketing of dual degrees; targeting interstate and Indigenous students (noting excellent outcomes in supporting students through the Oodgeroo Unit); potential barriers to transfer from other universities; pathway programs; and increasing retention rates. Leveraging high levels of public awareness about events such as Robotronica was also noted.

External review of Council 2017-2018 – draft implementation plan

Council approved the draft implementation plan addressing recommendations of the final report of the external review of Council.

Proposed revisions to MOPP A/4.1, Principal officers and organisational structure

Council approved a revised policy A/4.1, Organisational structure, with effect from 1 July 2018.

Council nomination to Planning and Resources Committee

Council approved the nomination of Council member Mr Mario Pennisi to Planning and Resources Committee for the remainder of the 2017-2018 committee term, to 31 December 2018.

Proposed revisions to MOPP E/1.2, Appeals Committee

Council approved a revised MOPP E/1.2, Appeals Committee, with immediate effect.

Voluntary Code of Best Practice for the Governance of Australian universities – update

Council noted a submission providing details of proposed revisions to the Voluntary Code of Best Practice for the Governance of Australian Universities.

QUT Renewal of Registration Application to TEQSA

Council noted a submission providing details of QUT's re-registration application to the Tertiary Education Quality and Standards Agency (TEQSA).

Annual report on QUT's Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Action Plan

Council noted the annual report on QUT's Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Action Plan. Matters highlighted in discussion included the focus on student recruitment, student retention rates and employment data.

Half yearly report – QUT Enterprise Holdings Group

Council noted the QUT Enterprise Holdings Group Report, including reports from the operating companies QUT bluebox Pty Ltd and Creative Enterprise Australia. Matters highlighted in discussion included the growth of entrepreneurial culture, event attendance and community engagement.

Health, Safety and Environment Annual Report 2017

Council noted the 2017 annual report on health, safety and environment matters, including reductions in the numbers of incidents, the activities of local committees, and strong staff participation in wellness activities.

Items for information

- Post Meeting Action Sheet for Council's 26 February 2018 meeting
- Chancellor's Report to Council
- Latest disclosed interests for Council
- Council Annual Work Plan and Items Pending 2018

REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES

Council noted reports from Council Committees as follows.

Alumni Board – 27 March 2018

Audit and Risk Management Committee – 23 February and 28 March 2018

Chancellor's Committee – 27 March 2018

Planning and Resources Committee – 29 March 2018

University Academic Board – 23 March 2018

Further information can be obtained from Governance and Legal Services.