

QUEENSLAND UNIVERSITY OF TECHNOLOGY

COUNCIL

REPORT – 14 December 2021

Council met on 14 December 2021 and noted or considered the following items.

Vice-Chancellor's Report – December 2021

Council considered the Vice-Chancellor's Report, which is available at the following address: [Reports to Council - QUT Digital Workplace](#) (QUT staff access only).

Proposed revisions to Manual of Policies and Procedures (MOPP) A/4.1 – Organisational structure

Council approved amendments to the policy MOPP A/4.1 Organisational structure.

Organisational Culture – Progress

Council noted the Vice-Chancellor's update on initiatives being undertaken to improve QUT's organisational culture, including action planning in response to the Staff Survey and progress on specific focus area activities.

QUT Strategy Refresh Update

Council noted that the refresh of the QUT Strategy will be paused until mid-2022.

Draft University Consolidated Budget: 2022 and Out-years

Council approved the draft University Consolidated Budget (2022 and out-years).

Financial Management Report (Level 2 September 2021 and Level 1 October 2021)

Council noted the University's Financial Management Report as at 30 September 2021 [year-to-date (YTD) and full-year forecast] and the report as at 31 October 2021 (month-to-date and YTD results).

Investments Strategy and revisions to the Investments policy (MOPP G/3.2)

Council noted the steps undertaken in the Investments Policy and Strategy Review and approved the proposed changes to the Investments policy (MOPP G/3.2).

Investment and Borrowings Performance Report (YTD September 2021)

Council noted the investment and borrowings performance for the calendar YTD 30 September 2021.

2021 Evaluation of Council performance

Council noted the results of the evaluation of Council's performance (2021 Self-Assessment Review for Council).

Corporate Performance Report September 2021

Council noted the Corporate Performance Report September 2021.

Student representation protocol

Council approved QUT's Student Representation Protocol for continued implementation in 2022.

Higher Degree Research Course Performance Reports 2021

Council noted the 2021 Higher Degree Research Course Performance Reports.

Reconstitution of Council's 2021-2025 term of office

Council noted and approved reconstitution of QUT Council following the commencement of the *Queensland University of Technology Amendment Act 2021*.

Proposed annual reporting on the protection of academic freedom and freedom of speech at QUT

Council approved the provision of an Attestation Statement to be included in QUT Annual Reports from 2021 and the Attestation Statement to be included in the QUT Annual Report 2021. Council further approved consequential amendments to the MOPP A/1.7 Protection of academic freedom and freedom of speech.

Extension of members' terms of office on University Academic Board

Council approved an extension of the terms of office for the elected academic staff and the nominated undergraduate and postgraduate student membership for a six-month period until 30 June 2022.

Review of MOPP I/2.1 QUT Alumni

Council approved changes to MOPP I/2.1 QUT Alumni.

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.

QUT Workers' Compensation Annual Report 2020-2021

Council noted the QUT Workers' Compensation Annual Report 2020-2021.

Report from University Academic Board on academic governance activities

Council noted the key matters actioned by University Academic Board at its 22 November 2021 meeting.

Reports from other Council Committees

Council noted reports from Council sub-committees as follows.

Governance, Nominations and Remuneration Committee – 8 November 2021

Finance and Planning Committee – 18 November 2021

Risk and Audit Committee – 17 November 2021

Items for information

- Chancellor's Report to Council
- Post meeting action sheet for Council's 19 October 2021 meeting
- Council annual work plan 2021 and items pending