



24 AUGUST 2023 MEETING

Council met on 24 August 2023 and considered or noted the following items.

Chair's Report

Council noted the Chair's Report.

Chancellor's report to Council – August 2023

Council noted the 'Chancellor's Report to Council – August 2023'.

Vice-Chancellor's report to Council – August 2023

Council considered the 'Vice-Chancellor's Report to Council – August 2023', which is available at the following address: [Reports to Council - QUT Digital Workplace](#) (QUT staff access only).

Report from University Academic Board on academic governance activities

Council noted the key matters actioned by University Academic Board at its 24 July 2023 meeting.

Reimagining Research Assessment at QUT – Update

Council approved the proposed QUT Public Statement on Research Assessment: QUT's statement of principles and recommendations to support research assessment at QUT. In addition, Council approved QUT signing the Declaration on Research Assessment.

Annual Course Performance Report 2023: Extract and analysis

Council noted the extract and analysis of the Annual Course Performance Report 2023.

Reports from other Council committees

Council noted the reports from Council committees as follows.

- Finance and Planning Committee – 10 August 2023
- Risk and Audit Committee – 26 July 2023

QUT Corporate Performance Report June 2023

Council noted the Corporate Performance Report June 2023 on the University's key performance indicators (KPIs).

2022 Workforce Report

Council noted the findings of the 2022 Workforce Report.

Discussion on the recently released *Australian Universities Accord – Interim Report*

Council noted the University's strategic appraisal of the *Australian Universities Accord – Interim Report*.

Financial Management Report – Year-to-Date (YTD) June 2023

Council noted the YTD June 2023 financial result.

Financial Management Report – YTD July 2023

Council noted the YTD July 2023 financial result.

Student Guild audited financial statements

Council noted that the Student Guild audited financial statements are expected to be considered at Council's October 2023.

Award of title of Doctor of the University

Council approved that the award of Doctor of the University be conferred on the recipients in the agenda at a graduation ceremony to be determined. Council further approved for the “Guidelines for QUT Honorary Doctorate Awards” to be updated, removing reference to acting as benefactors as part of the eligibility guidelines.

Remuneration of external members on Council committees

Council approved the recommendation from Governance, Nominations and Remuneration Committee (GNRC) to extend remuneration to external members on Council committees, in recognition of the time and costs associated with committee membership and based on a preferred remuneration model, effective 1 January 2024. Council further approved consequential revisions to Council procedures, the GNRC charter, and associated delegations.

Proposed changes to the membership of Council committees

Council approved changes to the membership of Finance and Planning Committee, and Risk and Audit Committee, including the proposal to create two new committee roles and three new definitions to be included in Council Procedure 1 – Committees. In addition, Council noted the upcoming membership vacancies and approved the extension of external members’ terms of office for a period of two years.

External Review of Academic Governance

Council noted the recommendations contained in the final report of the external review of academic governance at QUT and approved the recommendations for implementation.

Council performance evaluation and external review of corporate governance at QUT

Council noted that the external review of corporate governance at QUT is scheduled for September 2023 and that the external review will incorporate the biennial review of Council as prescribed in Council Procedure 1 – Committees, section 14.2.

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

Council approved amendments to MOPP A/4.1 Organisational Structure reflecting changes in responsibilities and associated delegations for both Council and the Vice-Chancellor.

Election of Deputy Chancellor

Council approved the election of Ms Susan Rix AM as QUT Deputy Chancellor for a two-year term of office commencing on 20 October 2023.

Reconstitution of elected student members on QUT Council

Council noted the election process according to Council Procedure 7 – Conduct of Elections to elect two student members (one postgraduate and one undergraduate) to QUT Council for a term of office 1 October 2023 to 30 September 2025.

Items for information

- Post meeting action sheet – 29 June 2023
- Council annual work plan and items pending.