

QUEENSLAND UNIVERSITY OF TECHNOLOGY

COUNCIL

REPORT – 9 October 2019

Council met on 9 October 2019, and noted or considered the following items.

Vice-Chancellor and President's Report to Council – October 2019

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).

Strategic discussion on planning process and development of Key Performance Indicators

Council considered a presentation on a revised planning framework and on the development of revised Key Performance Indicators (KPIs) reflecting Blueprint 6 priorities. Council noted the proposed approach to academic planning, with five foundational academic plans to be developed, for Research, Learning and Teaching, Indigenous Australians, International, and Engagement. Each faculty and institute would also have an academic plan. Enabling plans would be developed for capital investments and services.

Council also discussed the development of institutional KPIs, noting that options included: quality indicators for undergraduate students; work integrated learning or student mobility experiences; revenue diversification; quality measures for research outputs; external research income; Indigenous staff and student metrics; gender equity; and underlying margin.

2019 Consolidated Courses Performance Report and 2019 Higher Degree Research Course Performance Reports

Council noted the course performance reports. There was discussion about high risk courses, with Council noting that these were under review at present. Council noted that, overall, course quality was favourable across QUT.

Tertiary Education Quality and Standards Agency Annual Assurance Report

Council noted the future approach to the annual report of quality assurance and management activities.

QUT Corporate Performance Report June 2019

Council noted the Corporate Performance Report. There was discussion regarding the graduate employment rate (KPI 9), including methodology and QUT's response rate for the Graduate Destination Survey which informed this KPI. Council also noted that the Corporate Performance Report would be updated in 2020 to align with Blueprint 6 and new KPIs under development.

Financial Management Report (August 2019 and full year Forecast)

Council noted the Financial Management Report. There was discussion about the operating margin; performance of investments; expenditure on ICT projects; and management of leave liabilities. Council noted that a small surplus was forecast.

Update on QUT Budget Development (2020 and out years)

Council considered advice about progress in developing and implementing the new University Budget Model

Election of Chancellor

Council noted that Dr Xiaoling Liu was declared elected as QUT Chancellor for a period of five years commencing 1 January 2020.

Evaluation of Council performance 2019

Council endorsed the approach to the evaluation of Council performance, which was due to be conducted at the end of 2019.

Nomination to Planning and Resources Committee

Council noted the appointment by the Chancellor of Dr Darryl McDonough as chair of Planning and Resources Committee for a term of office from 7 November 2019 to 20 November 2020.

Revised student representation protocol

Council resolved to approve a revised student representation protocol.

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.

QUT Workers' Compensation Annual Report 2018-2019

Council noted the Workers' Compensation Annual Report for 2018-2019.

Conferral of Professor Emeritus title

Council resolved to confer the title of Professor Emeritus on: Professor Ann Farrell; Professor Kar-Tin Lee; Professor Tom Cooper; Professor Suzi Derbyshire; and Professor Carol Dickenson AM.

Items for information

- Chancellor's Report to Council
- Post Meeting Action Sheet for Council's 21 August 2019 meeting
- Latest disclosed interests for Council
- Council Annual Work Plan and Items Pending 2019
- QUT Student Guild Audited Financial Statements for the year ended 31 December 2019
- Correspondence to Minister regarding governance reform

Reports from Committees

Council noted reports from Council Committees as follows.

Alumni Board – 17 September 2019

Audit and Risk Management Committee – 16 September 2019

University Academic Board – 20 September 2019.