



## 12 OCTOBER 2023 MEETING

Council met on 12 October 2023 and considered or noted the following items.

### **Chair's Report**

Council noted the Chair's Report where the Chancellor reported on the ranking result for the 2024 Times Higher Education (THE) World University Rankings—equal 199<sup>th</sup> internationally—and the 2023 QUT Pathways to Politics Program Q100 graduation gala event. The Chancellor advised that she recently visited the ARM Hub (Advanced Robotics for Manufacturing Hub) and had an opportunity to view the innovative robotics work and great dynamics on campus.

### **Chancellor's report to Council – October 2023**

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

### **Vice-Chancellor's report to Council – October 2023**

Council considered the 'Vice-Chancellor's Report to Council – October 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 11 September 2023 meeting.

### **Election of Deputy Chair, University Academic Board**

Council noted the process and next steps for electing a new Deputy Chair of University Academic Board. In addition, Council approved an amendment to the University Academic Board charter for the term of office for the Deputy Chair to be up to three years and revisions to Council Procedures 5 – Appointment of the Chair of University Board to include amendments on the process for electing a Deputy Chair.

### **External Review of QUT Academic Board – final update on the implementation of review recommendations**

Council noted the implementation of the recommendations from the "External Review of QUT Academic Board", including the selection of the Chair and Deputy Chair, filling nominated categories on the Board, and conducting elections to fill the elected positions.

### **Higher Degree Research Course Performance Reports**

Council noted the Higher Degree Research Course Performance Reports.

### **Reports from other Council committees**

Council noted the reports from Council committees as follows.

- Governance, Nominations and Remuneration Committee – 15 August 2023
- Risk and Audit Committee – 13 September 2023
- Finance and Planning Committee – 28 September 2023.

### **Strategic discussion – Presentation from the Executive Dean, Faculty of Science**

Council noted a presentation provided by the Executive Dean, Faculty of Science, which provided Council with insight to key opportunities and risks, and Faculty-based initiatives.

### **Proposal to establish a Faculty of Indigenous Knowledges and Culture**

Council provided in principle approval to establish a Faculty of Indigenous Knowledges and Culture and noted the update on QUT's Indigenous Strategy.

### **Proposed physical infrastructure requirements for integrated facilities for clinical health teaching**

Council noted and endorsed the preliminary planning and feasibility studies to be undertaken to determine the demand, viability, opportunity and benefit to be gained by QUT through an integrated clinical teaching environment.

### **Financial Management Report – Semester 2 2023 Forecast**

Council endorsed the Semester 2 2023 forecast.

### **Financial Management Report – Year-to-Date (YTD) August 2023**

Council noted the YTD August 2023 financial result.

### **QUT Student Guild – Annual Financial Report**

Council noted the Annual Financial Report of the QUT Student Guild for the period 1 January 2022 to 30 June 2022. Timing for the next Annual Financial Report (1 July 2022 to 30 June 2023) and any other financial insights will be provided to the University Registrar for reporting back to Council at a future meeting.

### **Outcomes of the 2023 Council elections for student members**

Council noted the election of Ms Deepika Sharma (postgraduate student member) and Mr Euan Tiernan (undergraduate student member) to QUT Council for a two-year term from 1 October 2023 to 30 September 2025.

### **2023 Annual Review of Register of Authorities and Delegations**

Council approved the proposed new and revised Council delegations in the Register of Authorities and Delegations and noted the changes to the Vice-Chancellor delegations.

### **2024 Council meeting dates and QUT Committees Schedule**

Council noted the 2024 Council meeting dates.

### **Committee governance policy**

Council approved the proposed new policy on University committee governance, associated revisions to Council Procedure 1 – Committees (to be retitled as Council Procedure 1 – Committee Operations), and Council delegations relating to Council and committees to take effect from 1 January 2024.

### **Approval of senior staff remuneration related policies**

Council approved changes to the Governance, Nominations and Remuneration Committee charter and Career Planning, development, and performance expectations for senior staff policy, effective 1 January 2024.

### **Submission from elected Undergraduate Representative**

Council noted the submission from the elected undergraduate student representative and resolved to refer the submission to Governance, Nominations and Remuneration Committee, the Vice-Chancellor, and the University Registrar for advice prior to the next Council meeting.

### **Items for information**

- Post meeting action sheet – 24 August 2023
- Council annual work plan and items pending.

### **Other business**

Council requested an update on research success in the non-traditional disciplinary areas to be provided at a future Council meeting.

For future Council engagement activities, the Secretariat were asked to consider including tours to centralised student support areas as part of the program.