

QUEENSLAND UNIVERSITY OF TECHNOLOGY

COUNCIL

REPORT – 19 June 2019

Council met on 19 June 2019, and noted or considered the following items.

Vice-Chancellor's Report to Council

Council considered the Vice-Chancellor'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).

Blueprint 6

Council approved Blueprint 6. Council noted that new key performance indicators (KPIs) would be developed once a revised operating model and academic planning process were finalised. The Indigenous focus, and building student aspiration, were highlighted as significant new initiatives, as was investment on the digital side and the focus on sustainability. The extensive consultation undertaken and the input provided by all parts of the University was acknowledged.

QUT Corporate Performance Report March 2019

Council noted the Corporate Performance Report. Matters highlighted in discussion included: the reduced 2020 cohort and impacts for KPI 1 (quality of undergraduate intake); international student numbers (KPI 4); graduate employment rates (KPI 9); and results for KPI 11 (higher degree research student completions). Council also discussed the underlying operating margin (KPI 17).

QUT Workforce Report

Council considered a presentation on the QUT workforce, which provided data on various matters including: employee costs as a percentage of total expenses; ongoing and fixed term staff numbers; professional and academic staff numbers; gender composition of the workforce; the staff age profile; and Indigenous staff numbers.

Financial Management Report (March 2019 year to date actuals and full year forecast)

Council noted the Financial Management Report as at 31 March 2019.

Collaboration with Department of Education on inner city high school

Council noted an update on the collaboration with the Department of Education in regard to an inner city high school in Fortitude Valley.

Renewal of Registration Application – Tertiary Education Quality and Standards Agency

Council received advice about the decision of the Tertiary Education Quality and Standards Agency (TEQSA) on QUT's renewal of registration, noting that the re-registration was without conditions. A draft action plan, to respond to TEQSA information requests and suggestions for improvement, was endorsed.

Application for the creation of a Tier 3 Faculty-based Research Centre – Australian Centre for Data Science

Council approved the proposal from the Science and Engineering Faculty to establish a Tier 3 Faculty Research Centre, the Australian Centre for Data Science.

Overview of Indigenous education at QUT

Council considered a presentation on Indigenous education and noted matters including favourable Indigenous student enrolments; the support provided by the Oodgeroo Unit; the student completion rate which was 81% (compared with 49% nationally). There was also discussion about student attrition rates, Indigenous staff numbers and other matters such as inclusiveness of physical environments.

Update on process for nomination of Chancellor

Council noted an update regarding the process for selection of a new Chancellor to assume office in 2020, following the retirement of current Chancellor, Mr Tim Fairfax AC.

Governance reform for QUT Council – consultation process

Council noted a consultation plan which had been developed to obtain input from the University community.

Final update on implementation of recommendations of 2017-2018 Council External Review

Council noted the final progress report on the implementation plan addressing recommendations of the final report of the external review of Council 2017-2018.

Appointment of additional member of Council

Council approved the appointment of Ms Monica Bradley as an additional member of Council, from 19 June 2019 to 20 November 2020.

Conferral of Professor Emeritus title

Council resolved to confer the title of Professor Emeritus on Professor William Duncan of the Faculty of Law and Professor Lin Ma of the Science and Engineering Faculty.

Extension of appointment of director – QUT Enterprise Holdings Pty Ltd

Council approved the continuation of Professor John Humphrey as director of QUT Enterprise Holdings Pty Ltd, to 31 December 2019.

Items for information

- Post Meeting Action Sheet for Council's 17 April 2019 meeting
- Chancellor's Report to Council
- Introduction of new software for Council and committees
- Latest disclosed interests for Council
- Council Annual Work Plan and Items Pending 2019
- 2020 Council meeting dates

REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES

Council noted reports from Council Committees as follows.

Audit and Risk Management Committee – 27 May 2019

Planning and Resources Committee – 28 May 2019

University Academic Board – 24 May 2019