



## 26 JUNE 2025 MEETING

Council met on 26 June 2025 and considered, noted, or approved the following items.

### **Business arising**

Council noted the information provided by the Chancellor regarding her meeting with the QUT Guild and in relation to the University assisting the QUT Guild to update their governance information, where appropriate.

### **Chancellor's report to Council – June 2025**

Council noted the 'Chancellor's report to Council – June 2025'.

### **Vice-Chancellor report to Council – June 2025**

Council considered the 'Vice-Chancellor report to Council – June 2025', which is available at the following address: [Reports to Council - QUT Digital Workplace](#) (QUT staff access only).

Council resolved to provide an update on benchmarking, potential providers, and timing of the next Staff Survey and to consider preparing information and an investment proposal for QUT to provide to the State Government for consideration as part of the budget process.

### **Report from University Academic Board on academic governance activities**

Council resolved to note the key matters actioned by University Academic Board at its 27 May 2025 meeting.

### **Report from University Academic Board on academic governance activities – Special Meeting**

Council resolved to note the key matters actioned by University Academic Board at its 6 June 2025 special meeting.

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

Council resolved to note the reports from Finance and Planning Committee and Risk and Audit Committee.

### **Annual Report on Conferral of Awards – 2024**

Council resolved to note the report on conferral of awards in 2024.

### **QUT Corporate Performance Report March 2025**

Council resolved to note the Corporate Performance Report March 2025 on the University's key performance indicators.

### **Draft QUT Campus Master Plan – Confidential**

Council resolved to note the progress update and consultation in relation to the review of QUT's Campus Master Plan.

### **Government Land Register Disclosure – Confidential**

Council resolved to note the disclosure of lots on the State Government Register [Government Land Register (GLR)] as a first step to the potential sale of the land.

### **Progress on other strategic matters**

Council resolved to note the update on the progress on other strategic matters.

### **Financial Update**

Council resolved to note the year-to-date May 2025 financial result.

### **Adoption of UA Agreed Working Definition on Combatting Antisemitism by QUT – Confidential**

Council resolved to approve to adopt in full the Universities Australian Agreed Working Definition on Combatting Antisemitism without modification and to report back to Council at its October 2025 meeting on the appropriate implementation of the definition into University policy following usual consultation practices with staff.

### **Strengthening Carumba Institute Academic Governance – Confidential**

Council resolved to note the confidential update to strengthen the Carumba Institute's academic governance.

### **Establishment of Indigenous Australian Committee – Confidential**

Council resolved to approve the establishment of the Indigenous Australian Committee, to note the consequent review of the Indigenous Australian Advisory Committee, and to note that the specific member details for the new Indigenous Australian Committee will be provided to Council at a future meeting.

### **Confidential items – privileged information**

Council resolved to note the confidential items.

### **Amendment of Council Procedure 3 to streamline the election process for the role of Deputy Chancellor**

Council resolved to approve the proposed amendment to *Council Procedure 3 – Election of Chancellor and Deputy Chancellor* to allow for a more streamlined process for electing a Deputy Chancellor as endorsed by Governance, Nominations and Remuneration Committee and to include in future for Council's consideration, all nominations considered by Governance, Nominations and Remuneration Committee, provided the nominees have provided consent.

### **Re-election of Deputy Chancellor 2025-2026 – Confidential**

Council resolved to note that the term of office of the Deputy Chancellor, Adj Prof Rix, concludes on 20 October 2025, to note that Council, at its 24 April 2025 meeting, approved a two-year term for Adj Prof Rix as an additional member of Council, commencing from 1 October 2025, and to approve a one-year extension of term of office for the Deputy Chancellor, commencing 21 October 2025 and re-appoint Adj Prof Rix to the position.

### **Nomination for additional member appointed by Council – Confidential**

Council resolved to approve the Governance, Nominations and Remuneration Committee nomination of Mr Chris Hancock as an additional member of Council, from 1 October 2025 for a four-year term of office.

### **Award of title Doctor of the University**

Council resolved to approve the award of Doctor of the University be conferred on the nominated recipients, subject to the recipients' willingness to accept the award.

### **Support for Students Policy and 2024 Report**

Council resolved to note the changes to the *Support for Students Policy* and the Support for Students Policy 2024 Report.

### **QUT's response to the Modern Slavery Act 2018**

Council resolved to approve QUT's ongoing approach to addressing modern slavery risks and compliance with the *Modern Slavery Act 2018* (Cth). Council further resolved to note QUT's requirement to publish an annual Modern Slavery Statement aligned with the Act's mandatory criteria and approve QUT's fifth Modern Slavery Statement for signature by the Vice-Chancellor and President for submission to the Online Register by 30 June 2025 (covering the 2024 calendar year reporting period). Council noted that the key focus in 2024 was on identifying and mitigating modern slavery risks within QUT's operations and supply chains, amidst ongoing capacity and resourcing constraints and that QUT's Anti-Slavery Reference Group continues to meet quarterly and oversees the implementation and monitoring of risks, actions and mitigations. Council further noted that QUT's 2025 action plan builds on previous work and remains aligned to its 2024 priorities, acknowledging that meaningful progress in addressing modern slavery risks takes time, sustained effort, and collaboration across the University and that QUT had one formal instance of modern slavery reported to Strategic Procurement during 2024. The remediation for this instance was in line with QUT's published Remediation Plan and is documented in the 2024 Modern Slavery Statement.

### **Indemnity and Insurance Policy**

Council resolved to approve the revised *Indemnity and Insurance Policy*.

### **Items for information**

- Health, Safety and Environment and Workers' Compensation 2024 Annual Report
- Correspondence to Council: Parliamentary Joint Committee on Human Rights – Inquiry into Antisemitism at Australian universities
- Award of title Professor Emeritus to Professor Amanda Gudmundsson
- Award of title Professor Emeritus to Professor Kerryann Walsh
- Post meeting action sheet – 24 April 2025
- Council annual work plan and items pending