

QUEENSLAND UNIVERSITY OF TECHNOLOGY

COUNCIL

REPORT – 8 August 2018

Council met on 8 August 2018, and considered the following items.

Vice-Chancellor's Report

Council noted the Vice-Chancellor's Report which is available at the following address (QUT access only):

<https://qutvirtual4.qut.edu.au/group/staff/governance/organisational-structure/chancellery/vc/about-vc-office>.

Strategic discussion: Corporate engagement, commercialisation, business development and entrepreneurship

Council received a presentation and held a strategic discussion on business development and related matters. Matters considered included strategies to commercialise intellectual property through controlled entities; and the current focus on entrepreneurship and corporate education. Council discussed capabilities and resourcing for collaboration and engagement, and the alignment with strategy and key performance indicators. Council endorsed a proposal for the establishment of the role of Vice-President (Business Development) to consolidate activities.

Presentation: Research impact at Institute of Health and Biomedical Innovation

Council received a presentation on research matters within the Institute of Health and Biomedical Innovation (IHBI). Matters noted by Council included: IHBI's diversified income strategy; the focus on quality of research publications; industry partnerships in areas such as biofabrication, medical devices and diagnostics; succession planning and career development for researchers; and IHBI's external communication strategy.

Financial management report (June 2018 year to date actuals and full year forecast)

Council considered the financial management report, noting student load data, the focus on salary expenditure, academic workforce strategy, and the forecast underlying margin.

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.

Nominations for the award of Doctor of the University

Council approved that the award of Doctor of the University be conferred on Dr Choong Kong (CK) Chen, Mr Wesley Enoch, the Honourable Chief Justice Susan Kiefel, and Mr Richard G Malouf, in recognition of their distinguished service to QUT, to scholarship, and to the community.

QUT Student Guild Audited Financial Statements for the year ended 31 December 2017

Council noted the QUT Student Guild Financial Report for the year ended 31 December 2017.

Appointment to Council vacancy – student elected member

Council approved the appointment of Mr Robert Lucas to fill the casual vacancy in the student elected member category, from 8 August 2018 to 20 November 2018.

Conferral of Professor Emeritus title

Council approved the conferral of the title of Professor Emeritus on Professor Vesna Popovic, effective from her retirement from QUT, and on Adjunct Distinguished Professor Judith Clements and Professor Brad Haseman, with immediate effect.

Changes to Portfolio Responsibilities for Principal Officers

Council considered changes to portfolio responsibilities and titles of principal officers, and approved a revised policy MOPP A/4.1, Organisational structure. The majority of changes would come into effect on 1 January 2019.

Items for information

- Post Meeting Action Sheet for Council's 13 June 2018 meeting
- Chancellor's Report to Council
- Latest disclosed interests for Council
- 2019 Council meeting dates
- Council Annual Work Plan and Items Pending 2018

REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES

Council noted reports from Council Committees as follows.

Alumni Board – 17 July 2018

Audit and Risk Management Committee – 27 July 2018

Chancellor's Committee – 27 July 2018

Planning and Resources Committee – 23 July 2018

University Academic Board – 20 July 2018

Further information can be obtained from Governance and Legal Services.