

QUEENSLAND UNIVERSITY OF TECHNOLOGY

COUNCIL

REPORT – 25 November 2019

Council met on 25 November 2019, and noted or considered the following items.

Vice-Chancellor and President's Report to Council – November 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).

Institutional Key Performance Indicators

Council approved proposed Institutional Key Performance Indicators (KPIs) for 2020-2022, noting reductions in the number of KPIs and the approach to development of various indicators.

Proposal to establish new Institute: Carumba Institute

Council approved establishment of a new institute, the Carumba Institute, to address Blueprint 6 priorities for learning, teaching and research relating to Indigenous Australians.

University Consolidated Budget: 2020 and out-years

Council approved the University's consolidated budget for 2020-2022 and the Capital Management Plan for 2020-2024.

Financial Management Report (September 2019 and full year Forecast)

Council noted the Financial Management Report. There was discussion about the operating margin and investment returns in 2019.

QUT Enterprise Holdings Group and update on business development strategy

Council noted a report of the QUT Enterprise Holdings Group and received advice about the transition of functions from subsidiary QUT Bluebox to the Office of Industry Engagement within the Division of Business Development.

QUT Corporate Performance Report September 2019

Council noted the Corporate Performance Report.

Revised Draft Risk Management Policy (MOPP A/2.5)

Council approved the revised draft of the Risk Management policy.

Academic Freedom and freedom of expression

Council noted QUT's proposed approach to protecting academic freedom and freedom of expression, noting that the Vice-Chancellor was required to report to the Commonwealth Minister for Education by the end of 2019 on QUT's response to the Model Code for the Protection of Freedom of Speech and Academic Freedom in Australian Higher Education Providers.

Updates to QUT Corporate Risk Register (Version 10.0)

Council noted progress of a review of the corporate risk register, including alignment with the updated enterprise risk management framework and the review and updating of risk appetite and risk tolerance statements.

Deputy Chancellor 2020

Council noted the process for election of QUT's Deputy Chancellor for 2020. Subsequent to the meeting, Ms Jenny Parker was declared elected to the position of Deputy Chancellor for a term from 1 January 2020 to 20 November 2020.

Review of Council sub-committees

Council considered revised charters for its sub-committees dealing with financial matters, and planning, risk and audit issues, and noted mapping of the work of the relevant committees. Council approved, effective 1 January 2020, revised committee charters as follows: Finance and Planning Committee (replacing the current charter for Planning and Resources Committee); Risk and Audit Committee (replacing the current charter for Audit and Risk Management Committee); minor amendments to the charter for Investments and Borrowings Committee.

Council nominations to University committees 2020

Council considered nominations to committee vacancies for 2020, including in the context of changes to committee charters considered at this meeting. Council approved the nomination of some members to the Finance and Planning and Risk and Audit Committees, and authorised the Chancellor to nominate, on behalf of Council, members to the remaining vacant positions prior to meetings commencing in 2020.

Proposed revisions to MOPP A/4.1, Organisational structure

Council approved revisions to policy MOPP A/4.1, Organisational structure, and a revision to MOPP A/3.7, Faculty academic board charters.

QUT Enterprise Holdings Pty Ltd directorship

Council approved the appointment of Dr Jen Harry as director and independent chair of QUT Enterprise Holdings Pty Ltd, to 31 December 2022.

Proposed revisions to MOPP I/3.1, Museums, collections and public cultural precincts

Council approved revisions to MOPP policy I/3.1 and related delegations.

Conferral of Professor Emeritus title

Council resolved to confer the title of Professor Emeritus on Professor Ross Young and Distinguished Professor Aileen Moreton-Robinson effective from their resignation from QUT.

Items for information

- Chancellor's Report to Council 25 November 2019
- Post Meeting Action Sheet for Council's 9 October 2019 meeting
- Council Annual Work Plan and Items Pending 2019
- QUT 2020 committee meeting schedule
- Correspondence from State Government – governance reform
- Report to Council AICD UCC Governance in the University Sector
- Update of Council members' details

Reports from Committees

Council noted reports from Council Committees as follows.

Audit and Risk Management Committee – 18 November 2019

Chancellor's Committee – 20 November 2019

Planning and Resources Committee – 30 October and 20 November 2019

University Academic Board – 15 November 2019.