

QUEENSLAND UNIVERSITY OF TECHNOLOGY

COUNCIL

REPORT – 25 February 2021

Council met on 25 February 2021 and noted or considered the following items.

Council Members' attendance/access to QUT Council sub-committee papers

Council noted the decision to provide access to Council members to QUT Council sub-committee papers via the QUT Committees (Intelligence Bank) system.

Vice-Chancellor Report to Council – February 2021

Council considered the Vice-Chancellor and President's Report which is available at the following address: [Reports to Council - QUT Digital Workplace](#) (QUT staff access only).

Update on QUT re-positioning

Council considered a verbal update and presentation on QUT re-positioning.

Council's engagement with the broader University community

Council endorsed the proposed engagement schedule with the broader University community in 2021 and the proposed strategic and planning discussions for Council in 2021.

Sustainability strategy

Council considered a verbal update and presentation on the University's sustainability strategy and noted the 'Sustainability Action Plan'.

2020 Annual Financial Statements

Council received a presentation on key features of the 2020 financial results including operating margin, investment returns, and cash flow. The audit process undertaken by the Queensland Audit Office was also noted. Council approved the 2020 Annual Financial Statements and authorised the signing of the Management Certificate.

Corporate Performance Report December 2020

Council noted the Corporate Performance Report December 2020 on the University's Key Performance Indicators.

Semester 1, 2021 Admissions Update

Council considered the admissions update for Semester 1 2021, including comparative application, offer, and acceptance statistics, and other performance data and noted the Semester 1 2021 admissions statistics report.

Proposed new policy MOPP A/1.7 Protection of academic freedom and freedom of speech

Council approved the new policy MOPP A/1.7 Protection of academic freedom and freedom of speech, with immediate effect.

Proposed new policy MOPP MOPP A/1.8 Crisis management

Council approved the new policy, MOPP A/1.8 Crisis management and revised delegations.

QUT's response to the Modern Slavery Act 2018

Council noted the requirement to comply with the Act through the development of a Modern Slavery Statement to be provided to Council in June 2021 for endorsement and approval. Council further noted the establishment of a stakeholder reference group with key stakeholders from within QUT to provide guidance and input into QUT's response.

Reports from other Council Committees

Council noted reports from Council sub-committees as follows.

Items for information

- Chancellor's Report to Council
- Disclosed interests for Council
- Post Meeting Action Sheet for Council's 10 December 2020 meeting
- Draft QUT Annual Report to Parliament 2020
- Annual report on use of QUT Seal during 2020
- Council annual work plan and items pending 2020