

# QUEENSLAND UNIVERSITY OF TECHNOLOGY

## COUNCIL

### REPORT – 26 February 2018

Council met on 26 February 2018, and noted or considered the following items.

#### **Vice-Chancellor's Report**

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/about-vc-office>  
(QUT access only).

#### **2017 Annual Financial Report and Statements**

Council received a presentation on key features of the financial results including operating margin, cash flow, net assets, and revenue and expenses, and noted the audit process undertaken by the Queensland Audit Office. Council approved the 2017 Annual Financial Statements.

#### **2018 Budget changes resulting from Commonwealth's Mid-Year Economic Fiscal Outlook**

Council noted changes to the 2018 Budget revenue estimate for Commonwealth Supported students. A full budget reforecast incorporating the revised funding rates would be prepared after the Semester 1 2018 census.

#### **External review of Council 2017-2018 – final report**

Council endorsed the final review report of the external review of Council and noted that an implementation plan addressing 12 recommendations would be provided to Council's 23 April 2018 meeting.

#### **Appointment to Council vacancy – Alumni elected member**

Council approved the appointment, under section 20A(5)(b) of the QUT Act, of Mr Earle Johnston to the vacant position of Alumni President, in the Alumni elected member category on Council.

#### **QUT Corporate Performance Report December 2017**

Council noted the December 2017 Corporate Performance Report.

#### **Report on progress: Preparation for TEQSA re-registration**

Council noted a summary of preparations for Tertiary Education Quality and Standards Agency (TEQSA) re-registration. A further report would be submitted to Council's 23 April 2018, prior to the submission of evidence to TEQSA by the end of April 2018.

#### **Semester 1, 2018 Admissions Update**

Council noted a submission providing Semester 1, 2018 comparative application, offer, and acceptance statistics, and other performance data regarding admissions.

#### **Semester 1, 2018 International Admissions Update and Strategic Overview**

Council noted a submission providing early international admissions trend data for 2018, and considered relevant drivers influencing University and sector-wide performance.

#### **Annual Summary of 2017 Progress Reports: External and Corporate Reviews**

Council noted the annual summary providing information regarding progress on implementation of affirmations and recommendations from external and corporate reviews.

#### **Research update**

Council received a presentation outlining progress towards the implementation of the Research and Innovation Strategy and noted matters including the recent appointment of the eResearch Director, Prof Matthew Bellgard; Australian Research Council and National Health and Medical Research Council grant rounds; preparations for the 2018 Excellence for Research in Australia submission; and the Engagement and Impact Assessment process to be undertaken in 2018.

#### **Academic governance matters for University Academic Board in 2018**

Council noted a summary of academic governance matters that University Academic Board would consider in 2018.

#### **Caboolture transition – final report**

Council noted a report providing information about the finalised arrangements for the transfer of QUT's Caboolture campus to the University of the Sunshine Coast on 8 January 2018. Matters regarding student load would be reported to future meetings as required.

**Items for information**

- Post Meeting Action Sheet for Council's 6 December 2017 meeting
- Chancellor's Report to Council
- Disclosed Interests for Council
- Election of Deputy Chancellor
- Draft QUT Annual Report to Parliament 2017
- Council nomination to Chancellor's Committee – executive action
- Annual report on use of QUT seal during 2017
- Council Annual Work Plan and Items Pending 2018

**REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES**

Council noted the report from Planning and Resources Committee's meeting on 14 February 2018.

Further information can be obtained from Governance and Legal Services.