COUNCIL NEWS
UNIVERSITY COUNCIL MEETING
5 August 2014

VICE CHANCELLOR’S REPORT

A copy of the Vice Chancellor's Report to Council can be accessed from the following web site:


UPDATE ON FEDERAL BUDGET IMPLICATIONS

The Vice Chancellor updated members about higher education changes.

APPOINTMENT OF DEAN (LEARNING AND TEACHING) HEALTH

Council resolved to offer Professor Nick Buys re-appointment as the Dean (Learning and Teaching) Health for a further three year period up to 30 August 2017.

APPOINTMENT OF HEAD OF SCHOOL, MEDICINE

Council resolved to offer Professor Simon Broadley re-appointment as the Head of School, Medicine for a further period of up to five years to 4 August 2019.

REVIEW OF THE LIBRARY SERVICES AND SYSTEMS OF THE DIVISION OF INFORMATION SERVICES

In accordance with the University Reviews Policy, an independent review was undertaken of the current activities and future plans of the Library Services and Systems of the Division of Information Services. Council endorsed the review report and implementation plan.

REPORT ON ENDOWMENT AND FUNDRAISING

The Deputy Vice Chancellor (Engagement) made a presentation to members about endowment and fundraising activities and discussed:

- The philanthropy life cycle;
- Building on academic group and other engagement activities to foster a ‘whole of university’ approach to fundraising;
- Strategies to ‘grow’ the number of donors;
- Securing corporate participation;
- The launch of a major campaign in 2015;
- Embracing the digital age to support activities;
- The Griffith Staff Giving Program and the development of a philanthropic culture;
- The growth of the Bequest Strategy;
- 2010-2014 donations income.

The Deputy Vice Chancellor (Engagement) advised that the Students’ Future Fund was the main focus of the University’s Annual Appeal, and had enabled Griffith Futures Scholarships to be established. Members noted that fund raising for the purpose of providing financial
assistance would become increasingly important in future due to the more challenging funding environment.

**UNIVERSITY LOANS PANEL – CHANGE OF GOVERNANCE ARRANGEMENTS**

Council **resolved to approve**, with immediate effect:

(a) an amended Finance, Resources and Risk Committee Constitution (2014/0007051) to delete reference to the University Student Loans Panel as one of its sub-committees.

(b) An amended Approving Authorities for University Policies document (2014/0007050) to change the approving authority for the Student Loans Scheme Policy and Student Loans Scheme Guidelines from the Finance, Resources and Risk Committee to the Academic Provost.

**PRESENTATION: CHRONIC FATIGUE SYNDROME**

Professor Sonya Marshall-Gradisnik, Co-Director, National Centre for Neuroimmunology and Emerging Diseases (NCNED), gave a presentation to Council about her current research into Chronic Fatigue Syndrome (CFS).

Members were advised that CFS is a multifactorial illness for which there is currently no diagnostic test or treatment. The incidence of CFS in Australia is in the range of 0.2-0.7% (2002) and its economic impact, taking into account income loss and unnecessary diagnostic testing, costs the nation an estimated $729.3M annually. Members noted that Professor Marshall-Gradisnik’s research had shown significant evidence for immunological and genetic changes for the development of CFS as well as the potential development of biomarkers for early diagnosis of CFS.

Professor Marshall-Gradisnik advised the members that the NCNED is a joint collaboration between the University and Queensland Health. The Centre is the first CFS research/specialised CFS clinic in Australia and is the only research centre to focus on CFS patients with varying severities of the illness. Members noted that Professor Marshall-Gradisnik had established the first mobile smart phone application ‘CliniHelp.’

CliniHelp enables patients to record and track their symptoms and the stored information is used by health professionals to analyse patient data and monitor treatment. Members noted that the CliniHelp application had applicability to other chronic illnesses such as multiple sclerosis and that following its release last week, was one of the top fifteen applications currently in use in Australia.

Members were advised that the NCNED aims to become an internationally recognised leader in CFS and improve patient outcomes via:

- World-class clinical and population based health and medical research;
- Local, national and international collaboration;
- Translation of research outcomes for improved clinical care into preventative medicine, social and clinical care and community care resulting in beneficial public health outcomes.

On behalf of the members, the Chancellor thanked Professor Marshall-Gradisnik for her interesting and informative presentation.

**COUNCIL MEMBERSHIP**
Members noted that Ms Emma Farley, elected general staff member had recently resigned from her position on Council. Council resolved to place on record its appreciation of the contributions of Ms Farley to the work of Council and the Finance, Resources and Risk Committee during her term of office.

Mr Naveen Sharma was welcomed to his first meeting of Council. Members noted that, pursuant to Section 20A(2) of the Griffith University Act 1998, Mr Sharma was appointed by Council to fill the casual vacancy for an elected general staff member following the resignation of Ms Emma Farley. It was noted that Mr Sharma would serve the balance of Ms Farley’s term, up to 27 October 2017.

**QUEENS’S BIRTHDAY HONOURS – MS RHONDA WHITE AO DUNIV**

Members congratulated Governor-in-Council member, Ms Rhonda White AO DUniv on her appointment as an Officer in the General Division of the Order of Australia in the 2014 Queen’s Birthday Honours List. Ms White was recognized for her distinguished served to the pharmacy profession, particularly through contributions to education and retail management practices, and as a role model for women in business.

**APPOINTMENTS TO UNIVERSITY COMMITTEES**

Council **resolved to approve** the following appointments to University Committees:

- Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Advisory Committee – Dr Robert Anderson OAM DUniv was re-appointed for a two year term of office commencing 1 January 2015 up to 31 December 2016;
- Academic Committee - Mr Naveen Sharma was appointed to fill a casual vacancy for a term of office commencing 5 August 2014 up to 31 December 2015;
- Audit Committee – Mr Ian Rodin, Ms Sandra Anderson, Ms Ann Robilotta-Glenister, Mr Simon Hancox and Mr Gareth Long were re-appointed for a two year term of office commencing 1 January 2015 up to 31 December 2016;
- Finance, Resources and Risk Committee – Mr Mark Gray and Dr Arthur Poropat were re-appointed for a two year term of office commencing 1 January 2015 up to 31 December 2016, and Mr Naveen Sharma was appointed to fill a casual vacancy for a term of office commencing 5 August 2014 up to 31 December 2015;
- Senior Staff Remuneration Committee – Mr Garry Redlich was re-appointed for a term of office commencing 5 August 2014 up to 31 December 2016;
- University Appeals Committee – Mr Ian Alderdice was re-appointed for a two year term of office commencing 1 January 2015 up to 31 December 2016.
Council **resolved to approve** the following, with immediate effect:

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<td>Approving Authorities for University Policies (new document no. 2014/0007050)</td>
<td>Amendments to reflect recent resolutions of the Academic Committee with regard to new policies and amended policy titles for which Academic Committee was the delegated approving authority; reference to the ‘Public Holidays Policy’ removed following its rescission; changed approving authority for the Students Loans Scheme Policy and Student Loans Scheme Guidelines from the Finances, Resources and Risk Committee to the Academic Provost.</td>
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<td>Asset Disposal (Built Infrastructure) Policy (new document no. 2014/00046)</td>
<td>Amended Clause 3 Rationale for Disposing of an Asset and section 3.7 Shortage of future available building sites on campus; change to the review schedule from every two years to every five years.</td>
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| Delegation of Authority to Sign Contracts and Agreements: Schedule of Delegations (new document no 2014/0007044) | • Addition of new delegation [B1.1.1] to provide that the Senior Deputy Vice Chancellor have the delegated authority to sign Memoranda of Understanding (MOUs) pertaining to research opportunities which are not otherwise delegated to University officers.  
• Addition of new delegation [C1.1.1] to provide that the Academic Provost have the delegated authority to sign declarations and other legal documentation arising from the University’s obligations pursuant to the Tertiary Education Quality and Standards Agency Act, Higher Education Support Act and associated regulations, as amended from time to time, excluding where the declaration/document expressly requires the Vice Chancellor or Chief Executive Officer to sign.  
• Addition of new delegations [D1.1.1 and D1.1.2] to provide that the Deputy Vice Chancellor (Engagement) have the delegated authority to sign sponsorship contracts, agreements or deeds pursuant to which the University agrees to sponsor third party events; and funding agreements or deeds between the University and the
Commonwealth of Australia relating to the Indigenous Tutorial Assistance Scheme for Tertiary Tuition (ITAS-TT).

- Addition of new delegation [J.1.1.4] to provide that the Pro Vice Chancellor (International) sign Direct Study Abroad Agreements between the University and international tertiary institutions.

- Addition of new delegations [K.1.1.8 and K.1.1.9] to provide that the Pro Vice Chancellor (Information Services) have the delegated authority to sign Government Information Technology Contracts (QLD GITC v5.01 Framework Documents); and non-standard confidentiality agreements required by third party IT providers in relation to conference attendances by INS staff only.

- Addition of new delegations [E4.4.1; E4.4.2; E4.4.3; E4.4.4; E4.4.5] to provide that the Director, Office of Human Resource Management have the delegated authority to sign: appointment schedules attached to or incorporated into executed agreements or deeds between the University and partner organisations to establish and fund joint appointment positions; Schedule 2 (Appointment Schedule) of the Joint Appointment Deed between Gold Coast Hospital and Health Service District and Griffith University dated 19 January 2012; standard confidentiality agreements in respect of staff working in Human Resource Management (HRM); declarations and other legal documentation arising from the University’s obligations with regards to Workers’ Compensation, State and Federal Revenue and taxation requirements relating to the employment of University staff; agreements appointing or retaining recruitment/employment entities for the provision of services relating to staffing for the University.

- Deletion of clause [A.1.1.6] following approval by Council 2/2014 (June) of an amendment to the ‘Administration and Reporting of University Shareholdings Policy’ (2014/0007009) to include the delegation of authority approved by Council (2/2013) to the Vice Chancellor to determine whether the University will become a
| Intellectual Property Policy (2014/0007065) | Council **resolved to approve**, with immediate effect, a revised *Intellectual Property* policy to amend Section 2.2 Granting of Rights; Section 3.2 Dealing with Research Outcomes and IP; and Section 5.8 Students IP. |

**AUGUST 2014**