VICE CHANCELLOR'S REPORT

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

RE-ELECTION OF DEPUTY CHANCELLOR

Council congratulated Mr Henry Smerdon AM on his re-election as Deputy Chancellor for a further three year period.

ARTS, EDUCATION AND LAW GROUP ORGANISATIONAL RESTRUCTURE

Council considered the document “Arts, Education and Law at Griffith – A Proposed Organisational Restructure” (2010/0012790). Council noted that the proposal had been finalised following extensive consultation rounds with Arts, Education and Law Group staff, and that consultations had also included Griffith Law School students. Council noted that the proposed changes to the organisational structure of the Arts, Education and Law Group will enable the Group to:

• enhance learning and teaching experiences, and improve student outcomes;
• improve research performance, innovation and engagement;
• engage in more rigorous strategic, and academic planning, and
• drive support for early career research, and academic development, and enhance opportunities for alumni engagement.

Council **resolved to approve** the following with effect from 1 January 2011:

(1) The disestablishment of the Faculties of Education, Humanities and Social Sciences, and Law, as well as the disestablishment of the Dean positions associated with these Faculties.

(2) The establishment of new Portfolio Dean positions of Dean Academic, Dean Research and Dean Learning & Teaching.

(3) That the Arts, Education and Law Group comprise the following seven elements:

   a. a single School of Education and Professional Studies to replace the existing two Schools of Education and Professional Studies.
   b. Griffith Law School (incorporating the Legal Practice Centre and the Socio-Legal Research Centre)
   c. School of Criminology and Criminal Justice
   d. School of Languages and Linguistics
   e. School of Humanities
   f. Queensland College of Art (incorporating the Griffith Film School)
   g. Queensland Conservatorium
NAMING OF UNIVERSITY BUILDING

Council resolved to approve, with immediate effect, that the name of the Business 2 Building at the Nathan campus be changed to the Glyn Davis Building in recognition and acknowledgement of Professor Glyn Davis’ lengthy and distinguished association with the University.

PRIVATE PRACTICE POLICY

Council noted the “Private Practice Policy” had been developed following extensive consultation with the University community.

Council resolved to approve with immediate effect:

a. the Private Practice Policy (2010/0012789).

b. rescission of those private practice provisions in the Consultancy, Private Practice and Contract Research Policy (2005/0030254) which were not rescinded by the University Council at its October meeting.

AMENDMENT TO SENIOR PROMOTIONS COMMITTEE CONSTITUTION AND GROUP PROMOTIONS COMMITTEE CONSTITUTION

Council resolved to approve a revised Senior Promotions Committee Constitution (2010/0012776) and a revised Group Promotions Committee Constitution (2010/0012775) with immediate effect to enable inclusion of the following term of reference:

“Where a successful applicant is also on probation, the Senior / Group Promotions Committee may make a recommendation for confirmation of the appointment to the relevant Pro Vice Chancellor.”

AMENDMENT TO FEES AND CHARGES POLICY

Council resolved to approve, with immediate effect, revisions to Section 3.3 of the “Fees and Charges Policy” (2010/0012778) to enable implementation of Visa Length Cover insurance arrangements for commencing international students.

AMENDMENT TO POLICY ON STAFFING DELEGATIONS – ACADEMIC GROUPS

Council resolved to approve, with immediate effect, changes to the “Policy on Staffing Delegations – Academic Groups” (2010/0012787) to enable the Group Pro Vice Chancellor to hold the delegated authority for the approval of composition of selection committees for jointly advertised Senior Lecturer/Associate Professor positions.

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