COUNCIL NEWS
UNIVERSITY COUNCIL MEETING
4 December 2006

VICE CHANCELLOR’S REPORT

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

http://www.griffith.edu.au/vc/council/

SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY RESTRUCTURE

Council resolved to approve the following recommendations with effect from 1 January 2007, as set out in the paper “Griffith University Science and Technology: The Way Forward – A proposal – November 2006”:

1. That the name of the Science and Technology Group be changed to the Science, Environment, Engineering and Technology Group;
2. That the Faculties of Engineering and Information Technology, Environmental Sciences and Science be disestablished;
3. That the Science, Environment, Engineering and Technology Group adopt the single faculty Group model, and its associated accountable officer positions, as set out in the paper and in accordance with the policy on Group Structures approved by Council at its December 2005 meeting;
4. That the following School structure be approved:
   a. The Griffith School of Engineering (unchanged)
   b. School of Information and Communication Technology (unchanged)
   c. the Australian School of Environmental Studies, the School of Environmental Planning, and the School of Environmental and Applied Science be disestablished and replaced by The Griffith School of Environment
   d. the Schools of Science, Aviation, and Biomolecular and Biomedical Science be disestablished and replaced by the new School of Biomolecular and Physical Sciences.
5. That portfolio deans be appointed as ex-officio members of University Committees as listed in the paper under “Other Governance Matters”; and
6. That the Vice Chancellor be given delegated authority to approve appointments to the portfolio Dean and Head of School positions.

FACULTY OF EDUCATION RESTRUCTURE

Council resolved to approve the following recommendations with effect from 1 January 2007, as set out in the paper “Griffith University Faculty of Education: Organisational Structure and Academic Focus – November 2006”:

1. That the School of Cognition, Language and Special Education, the School of Curriculum, Teaching and Learning and the School of Vocational, Technology and Arts Education be disestablished;
2. That a new School of Education and Professional Studies (Brisbane, Logan) be established;
3. That the existing School of Education and Professional Studies at the Gold Coast campus be renamed School of Education and Professional Studies (Gold Coast); and
4. That the Vice Chancellor be given delegated authority to approve appointments to the Head of School positions.

NEW SCHOOL OF ARTS

Council resolved to approve the following recommendations with effect from 1 January 2007, as set out in the paper “A Proposal to Merge the School of Arts and the School of Arts, Media and Culture in the Faculty of Arts”:
1. That the School of Arts and the School of Arts, Media and Culture be disestablished and a new School of Arts established in their stead; and
2. That the Vice Chancellor be given delegated authority to approve appointment to the Head of School position.

UPDATE ON RESEARCH QUALITY FRAMEWORK

Council was advised that the Minister for Education, Science and Training, the Hon Julie Bishop, had announced that the Australian Government will implement a Research Quality Framework (RQF) through 2007 and 2008 with funding implementation in 2009. Council noted the document “Summary of Final RQF Model – November 2006”.

The Deputy Vice Chancellor (Research) made a presentation to Council on the RQF model.

REVIEWS

In May 2003, Council adopted a framework for the regular, five-yearly, systematic, independent review of current activity and future plans of faculties and their constituent elements through a Faculty Review Process. A parallel process for administrative areas was also instituted.

Council noted that the Queensland Conservatorium, the Griffith Law School and the Office of Human Resource Management had been reviewed under the University’s policy.

Council endorsed the three review reports.

FORMATION OF COMPANY

Council approved the incorporation of a company to be known as Seno Sano as set out in the paper "Incorporation of Seno Sano”.

AMENDMENT TO INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY POLICY

Council approved an amendment to the Intellectual Property Policy (2006/004537) to include a new section on dispute resolution procedures.

APPOINTMENT OF HEADS OF SCHOOL
Council resolved to offer the following appointments: Professor Chew Ng as Head, Department of Accounting, Finance and Economics for the period 1 January 2007 to 31 December 2009; Dr Cameron Allan as Head, Department of Industrial Relations for the period 1 January 2007 to 31 December 2007; Professor Leong Liew as Head, Department of International Business and Asian Studies for the period 1 January 2007 to 31 December 2009; Professor Bill Merrilees as Head, Department of Marketing for the period 1 January 2007 to 30 June 2007; Dr Patrick Bishop as Head, Department of Politics and Public Policy for the period 1 January 2007 to 31 December 2008; Professor Lyn Griffiths as Head, School of Medical Science for the period 1 January 2007 to 31 December 2009; and Dr Don Stewart as Head, School of Public Health for the period 1 January 2007 to 31 December 2009.

COUNCIL APPOINTMENTS TO UNIVERSITY COMMITTEES

Council approved appointments to the following University committees: Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Advisory Committee, Audit Committee, Community Partnership Committee, Equity Committee, Finance and Resources Committee, Legislation Committee and the Senior Staff Remuneration Committee.

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