COUNCIL NEWS
UNIVERSITY COUNCIL MEETING
6 December 2010

VICE CHANCELLOR'S REPORT

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


COUNCIL MEMBERSHIP

Members noted that Ms Margaret Buckridge, elected academic staff member had tendered her resignation from Council. Council resolved to place on record its appreciation of the contribution of Ms Buckridge to the work of Council during her term of office.

RETIREMENT OF PROFESSOR MAX STANDAGE

The Chancellor advised that Professor Max Standage, Provost Gold Coast and Logan Campuses would be retiring from the University at the end of 2010. Council resolved to place on record a vote of thanks in recognition of Professor Standage’s very significant contributions to the development of the University over a period spanning more than thirty years.

ARRANGEMENTS FOR PROVOST, GOLD COAST AND LOGAN CAMPUSES

Council noted the following arrangements for Provost, Gold Coast and Logan campuses to take effect from 1 January 2011:

- Professor Ned Pankhurst, Deputy Vice Chancellor (Research) will assume responsibility as Provost of the Gold Coast campus, and will undertake some of the key responsibilities of the current position, including membership of the Gold Coast Advisory Council. The remainder of the responsibilities will be formally assigned to relevant Executive Group members, and other senior members of the academic staff, where appropriate.
- Professor Marilyn McMeniman, Deputy Vice Chancellor and Provost, will assume responsibility as Provost of the Logan campus. Professor McMeniman will be assisted at Logan by the appointment of a part-time Head of Campus.

ACADEMIC PLAN 2011-2013 – IMPLEMENTING OUR VISION


Council noted that the new Academic Plan had been developed in consultation with the University’s academic community, and that in addition to building upon existing strategies, the new Plan would focus on implementing the University’s vision to provide students with a high-quality learning experience.

RISK MANAGEMENT
Council adopted the *Risk Management Framework*.

Council noted the *Risk Management Framework* defines the University’s risk management process, methodology, risk appetite, training and reporting, and also establishes the responsibilities for implementation. Council noted that the Framework will continue to be implemented during 2011, and the implementation process would include a major review of the University’s Key Strategic Risks schedule.

**UPDATE ON EXCELLENCE IN RESEARCH FOR AUSTRALIA (ERA)**

Council noted that Excellence in Research for Australia (ERA) results would be released in early 2011, and was advised as follows:

- There were 333,000 unique research outputs submitted by Australian universities for ERA 2010 assessment. The University’s quantity of total research outputs was approximately 3.4% of the national total.
- The University reported research activity in 98% of all fields of research, and will receive, in total, 80 ratings of its research excellence through the ERA 2010 evaluation at the two-digit and four-digit levels.
- The ERA 2010 Rating Scale rates performance against world standards. A rating of ‘3’ is characterized by evidence of average performance at world standard, and a rating of ‘5’ is characterized by evidence of outstanding performance well above world standard.
- The Minister for Innovation, Industry, Science and Research has announced the next iteration of ERA is scheduled for 2012. The key reference dates for ERA 2012 will be 2005-2010 for research outputs, and 2008-2010 for research income, and a staff census date of 31 March 2011.
- The University will increase its submission of research outputs by approximately 11% and will increase its research income by approximately 34% for the relevant period. Therefore it is anticipated that the ERA 2012 evaluation will show the University to be a rapidly growing research University.

**APPOINTMENT OF DEAN (INTERNATIONAL) GRIFFITH BUSINESS SCHOOL**

Council resolved to offer Professor Chris Auld a further appointment as Dean (International) Griffith Business School, for the period 1 January 2011 to 31 December 2013.

**APPOINTMENT OF DEAN (RESEARCH) ARTS, EDUCATION AND LAW**

At its August 2010 meeting, Council delegated authority to the Vice Chancellor to make an offer of appointment to the position of Dean (Research) Arts, Education and Law Group. Council noted Professor Richard Bagnall had been appointed Dean (Research), Arts, Education and Law Group for the period 1 January 2011 to 31 December 2012.

**APPOINTMENT OF HEADS OF SCHOOL/HEADS OF DEPARTMENT**

Council resolved to offer the following appointments:

- Associate Professor Donna Pendergast as Head, School of Education and Professional Studies for the period 1 January 2011 to 31 December 2013.
- Professor William MacNeil as Head, Griffith Law School for the period 1 January 2011 to 31 December 2013.
• Associate Professor James Skinner as Head, Department of Tourism, Leisure, Hotel and Sport Management for the period 1 January 2011 to 31 December 2013.
• Associate Professor Anthony Perkins as Head, School of Medical Science for the period 1 January 2011 to 31 December 2012.
• Professor Frank Clarke as Head, School of Biomolecular and Physical Sciences for the period 1 January 2011 to 28 February 2013.

PROFESSOR EMERITUS

Council resolved to confer the title of “Professor Emeritus” on Professors John O’Gorman, Mary Farquhar and David Lim in recognition of their distinguished service to scholarship and to the University.

PRESENTATION ON THE GRIFFITH FILM SCHOOL

Professor Herman Van Eyken, Head, Griffith Film School made a presentation to Council, and showed a selection of the work of student film-makers, and student games designers, including:

• The trailer for “Quiet: You’ll Wake Up the War,” a film by a Diploma student that was selected to screen at the 2010 Cannes Short Film Corner;
• “The Making of Tom.” This short documentary, featuring the work of two Polish Diploma students, showcased the level of international collaboration between the Griffith Film School and film schools from other countries;
• Examples of games design by Bachelor of Games Design students, one of which may be commercialized.

Professor Van Eyken advised that graduates of the Griffith Film School are employed across all areas of the film and television industry, and have often found employment before they graduate. The Chancellor thanked Professor Van Eyken for his presentation.

AMENDMENT TO STUDENT MISCONDUCT POLICY

Council resolved to approve, with immediate effect, a revised Student Misconduct Policy (2010/0012808).

REVISED EQUITY COMMITTEE CONSTITUTION

Council resolved to approve, with immediate effect, a revised Equity Committee Constitution (2010/0012807) to update the role and functions of the Equity Committee, and its membership provisions.

COUNCIL APPOINTMENTS TO UNIVERSITY COMMITTEES

Council approved appointments to the following University committees: Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Advisory Committee, Academic Committee, Audit Committee, Equity Committee, and the Finance and Resources Committee.

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