VICE CHANCELLOR'S REPORT

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


STRATEGIC PLAN 2013-2017

Council resolved to approve the Strategic Plan 2013-2017 which can be accessed from the following web site:


Council had previously endorsed the draft Strategic Plan which incorporated the new statement of the University’s Vision, Mission, Values and Commitments, and the University’s new strategic direction, and goals and targets: Students, Research and Research Training, Staff, Sustainability, and Engagement with the Asia-Pacific Region.

Council noted that subsequent to endorsing the draft Strategic Plan at its October 2012 meeting, the Vice Chancellor had undertaken a wide consultation process with the University community, and that feedback on the Plan had also been sought from the Academic Committee. Council noted that feedback from the consultation process had been incorporated into the revised Strategic Plan 2013-2017 which was presented for approval to the December meeting.

CAPITAL MANAGEMENT PLAN 2013-2015 – STAGE ONE

Council resolved to approve Stage One of the new Capital Management Plan 2013-2015.

TIMING OF ANNUAL BUDGET PROCESS

Council resolved to approve that the timing of the annual budget process be changed. From 2013, a high level budget overview document will be presented to the September meeting of Finance and Resources Committee and to the October Council meeting, and the University Budget will be presented to the November meeting of Finance and Resources Committee and to the December Council meeting.

REVIEWS OF THE QUEENSLAND CONSERVATORIUM AND THE DEPARTMENT OF INTERNATIONAL BUSINESS AND ASIAN STUDIES

In May 2003, Council adopted a framework for regular, five-yearly, systematic, independent reviews across the University. Council noted that during 2012 the Queensland Conservatorium and the Department of International Business and Asian Studies had been reviewed under the University’s policy.
Council endorsed the review reports and implementation plans.

**APPOINTMENTS**

Council **resolved to offer** the following appointments: Professor Richard Bagnall a further appointment as Dean (Research), Arts, Education and Law Group for the period 1 January 2013 to 31 December 2013; Professor Glenn Finger a further appointment as Dean (Learning and Teaching), Arts, Education and Law Group for the period 1 January 2013 to 31 December 2014; Professor David Lambert an appointment as Dean (Research), Science, Environment, Engineering and Technology for the period 1 January 2013 to 31 December 2015; Professor Richard John an appointment as Dean (Learning and Teaching), Science, Environment, Engineering and Technology for the period 1 January 2013 to 31 December 2015; Professor Cliff Goddard a further appointment as Head, School of Languages and Linguistics for the period 1 January 2013 to 31 December 2014; Professor Christine Smith a further appointment as Head, Department of Accounting, Finance and Economics for the period 1 January 2013 to 31 December 2013; Professor Geoffrey Tansley an appointment as Head, Griffith School of Engineering for the period 1 March 2013 to 28 February 2016; and Associate Professor Robert Sang an appointment as Head, School of Biomolecular and Physical Sciences for the period 1 March 2013 to 28 February 2016.

**COUNCIL APPOINTMENTS TO UNIVERSITY COMMITTEES**

Council **resolved to make** appointments to the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Advisory Committee; the Academic Committee; the Audit Committee; the Finance and Resources Committee and to the University Appeals Committee as set out in the paper (2012/0009550).

**AMENDED ACADEMIC TITLES POLICY**

Council **resolved to approve**, with immediate effect, an amended ‘Academic Titles Policy’ (2012/0009542) to include Research only titles; and ‘other registered health practitioners’ and ‘other registered health practitioners who hold a postgraduate clinical qualification’; and to delete reference to the Griffith Medical Research College, following its disestablishment.

**AMENDED PERSONAL RELATIONSHIPS IN THE WORKPLACE POLICY**

Council **resolved to approve**, with immediate effect, an amended ‘Personal Relationships in the Workplace Policy’ (2012/0009547) to clarify the purpose and scope of the policy, and to provide guidance to staff regarding appropriate action to address personal relationships in the workplace.

**AMENDED FEES AND CHARGES POLICY**

Council **resolved to approve**, with effect from 1 January 2013 an amended ‘Fees and Charges Policy’ (2012/0009543) to reflect legislative and terminology changes associated with the introduction of the Student Services and Amenities Fee, and a revised ‘Schedule A – Student Services and Amenities Fee’ (2012/0009546).

**AMENDED GRIFFITH UNIVERSITY FOUNDATION BOARD POLICY**
Council *resolved to approve*, with immediate effect, an amended ‘*Griffith University Foundation Board Policy*’ (2012/0009540) to clarify the role of the Board, the membership of the Board, the number of meetings per year, meeting attendance, and support for the Board.

**DELEGATION OF AUTHORITY TO APPROVE GRANTING OF ACADEMIC AWARDS**

Council *resolved to approve*, with immediate effect, amendments to Section 1.6 and Section 1.12 of the ‘*Authority to Sign Contracts and Agreements Schedule of Delegations*’ document (2012/0009532).

**PROFESSOR EMERITUS**

Council *resolved to confer* the title of “Professor Emeritus” on Professor Drew Nesdale in recognition of his distinguished service to scholarship and to the University.

**DECEMBER 2012**