VICE CHANCELLOR'S REPORT

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


UPDATE ON AUSTRALIAN UNIVERSITIES QUALITY AGENCY (AUQA) AUDIT

Council noted a copy of the performance portfolio which had been submitted to the Australian Universities Quality Agency (AUQA) in March 2008.

EXCELLENCE IN RESEARCH FOR AUSTRALIA (ERA)

At the March 2008 meeting of Council, the Vice Chancellor advised that the Minister for Innovation, Industry, Science and Research, Senator the Honourable Kim Carr, had announced an outline of the new research quality and evaluation system: Excellence in Research for Australia (ERA). This initiative to be developed by the Australian Research Council (ARC) in conjunction with the Department of Innovation, Industry, Science and Research, will assess research quality using a combination of metrics and expert review by committees comprising experienced, internationally-recognised experts.

Council noted a briefing paper on ERA from the Deputy Vice Chancellor (Research).

ACADEMIC INTEGRITY FRAMEWORK

At its October 2007 meeting, Council approved a new Institutional Framework for Promoting Academic Integrity among Students for trial in semester 2, 2007 in the Faculties of Arts and Education as well as the Science, Environment, Engineering and Technology Group. For these academic areas, the process set out in the Framework replaced the process set out in the University’s Academic Misconduct Policy from Tuesday 9 October 2007 to 29 February 2008.


Council resolved that the current trial under the revised Institutional Framework for Promoting Academic Integrity among Students (2008/0026501) be rolled out for application to all undergraduate and relevant postgraduate students of the University in Semester 2, 2008.

Council noted that following consideration of an evaluation of the University-wide roll-out in Semester 2, 2008, a recommendation will be brought back to Academic Committee and Council on whether the Academic Integrity Framework be fully implemented in Semester 1, 2009.
PRESENTATION ON BRANDING PROJECT

At the February 2008 Council Retreat, the Vice Chancellor advised that a presentation would be made to the May 2008 meeting on the outcomes of the branding project.

Council noted that during the last few months Melbourne-based brand consultants, BrandDNA, had been engaged to review the Griffith brand and to help the University identify a meaningful platform on which to position the Griffith brand in the market.

Mr Peter Singline, from BrandDNA, and Ms Hilarie Dunn, Director - External Relations, made a presentation to the meeting on the outcomes of the Brand Project. The presentation explored Griffith’s Brand Essence and Brand Values and explained how the University will bring the Griffith brand to life.

REVIEW OF OFFICE OF FACILITIES MANAGEMENT

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 Office of Facilities Management had been reviewed under the University’s policy.

Council endorsed the review report.

DEPUTY CHAIR, ACADEMIC COMMITTEE

Council approved a revised position description for the position of Deputy Chair, Academic Committee. Council noted that the position description had been reviewed and updated in light of recent developments including the establishment of the position of Pro Vice Chancellor (Learning and Student Outcomes).

APPOINTMENT OF HEAD OF SCHOOL

Council resolved to offer Associate Professor Anna Stewart appointment as Head, School of Criminology and Criminal Justice for the period 1 July 2008 to 30 June 2011.

PROFESSOR EMERITUS

Council conferred the title of “Professor Emeritus” on Professor John Bain in recognition of his distinguished service to scholarship and to the University.

APPOINTMENTS TO ABORIGINAL AND TORRES STRAIT ISLANDER ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Council approved the appointment of Mr Cliff Campbell, Ms Jianna Richardson and Mr Thomas Sebasio to the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Advisory Committee for a term of office up to 31 December 2009.

APPOINTMENT TO GRIFFITH UNIVERSITY FOUNDATION BOARD
At its December 2005 meeting, Council established the Griffith University Foundation as a fund-raising body for University purposes.

Council appointed Ms Eleanor Davidson, General Manager Operations – UniLodge, as a member of the Griffith University Foundation Board for a two year term.

**APPOINTMENTS TO GOLD COAST ADVISORY COUNCIL**

Council approved the appointment of Dr John Kearney and Ms Helen Raptis as external members to the Gold Coast Advisory Council for a term of office up to 6 April 2011.

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