VICE CHANCELLOR'S REPORT

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


TOWARDS 2015: UNIVERSITY BUDGET 2011-2013

Council adopted the document “Towards 2015: University Budget 2011-2013” which can be accessed from the following web site:


This is the fifth budget based on the new budget model introduced for 2007 which seeks to deliver the commitment of the Strategic Plan – to align the budget with the strategic priorities of the University by:

- transparently attending to income and expenses in the distribution mechanism, thereby providing a direct incentive to increase income and/or reduce expenditure, and to increase the return on activities;
- rewarding research and learning performance; and
- providing capacity for strategic investment.

The Vice Chancellor reported on the following key features of the budget:

- The budget projects Commonwealth Government Supported places to be over target by 14.9% in 2011. This strategy was adopted with an aim to maintain the growth in enrolments and allow the University to enter the 2012 year in a robust domestic market position when CGS targets are removed.
- There is uncertainty regarding the international student market due to a combination of factors, including the global financial crisis, student safety concerns, changes to migration and visa criteria, and the strong Australian exchange rate. The Academic Groups and Griffith International have reviewed the international student targets taking account of the pathways in place with students already based in Australia in 2010, as well as across all programs.
- Risk to revenue streams have been considered in the formulation of the budget, with appropriate contingencies set aside.
- Domestic fee-paying postgraduate coursework student numbers would continue to be an area to focus strategies to increase enrolments.
- As far as possible, the implications of the Bradley and Cutler reviews were factored into the budget, but it was likely that the out years will require further review as more information becomes available from the newly constituted government.
- The Vice Chancellor’s Strategic Development fund has been projected to reach 5% of General Fund income in coming years. The fund for 2011 is set at 3.34% which is
considered sufficient to allow for any unforeseen strategic issues, strategic staffing appointments and facility/infrastructure support requirements.

- The 2011-2013 budget provides the required capital allocations for the Capital Management Plan 2010-2012 approved by the Council at its March 2010 meeting.

**APPOINTMENT OF DEAN, GRIFFITH GRADUATE RESEARCH SCHOOL**

Council **resolved to offer** Professor Parlo Singh an appointment as Dean, Griffith Graduate Research School for the period 1 January 2011 to 31 December 2015.

**APPOINTMENT OF DEAN (ACADEMIC) AND APPOINTMENT OF DEAN (LEARNING AND TEACHING) IN THE ARTS, EDUCATION AND LAW GROUP**

Council **resolved to offer** Professor Claire Wyatt-Smith an appointment as Dean (Academic) Arts, Education and Law Group, for the period 1 January 2011 to 31 December 2012, and Associate Professor Glenn Finger an appointment as Dean (Learning and Teaching) Arts, Education and Law Group for the period 1 January 2011 to 31 December 2012.

**APPOINTMENT OF HEAD OF DEPARTMENT, POLITICS AND PUBLIC POLICY**

Council **resolved to offer** Dr Robyn Hollander a further appointment as Head, Department of Politics and Public Policy for the period 1 January 2011 to 31 December 2013.

**APPOINTMENT OF HEAD, GRIFFITH SCHOOL OF ENGINEERING**

Council **resolved to offer** Professor Bofu Yu a further appointment as Head, Griffith School of Engineering for the period 1 January 2011 to 28 February 2013.

**PROFESSOR EMERITUS**

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

**PRESENTATION ON NHMRC AUSTRALIA FELLOWSHIP RESEARCH**

Professor Michael Good, Australia Fellow, Institute for Glycomics, made a presentation to Council on his National Health and Medical Research Council Australia Fellowship research. In January 2010, Professor Good was awarded one of nine National Health and Medical Research Council Australia Fellowships. This most prestigious award for excellence in the fields of health and medical research is worth a total of four million dollars over five years.

Professor Good discussed his work in developing vaccines for two of the world’s most devastating diseases, Malaria and Group A Streptococcus. Each year, one million children die of Malaria. Group A Streptococcus, which can lead to rheumatic fever and heart disease, is responsible for over 500,000 deaths per year. The Australian Indigenous population suffers the highest rate of rheumatic heart disease in the world.

To be effective, vaccines must be inexpensive and widely administered. Council noted that one of the challenges being addressed by Professor Good’s research is the development of vaccines that are inexpensive to make, and therefore affordable, particularly for third-world
countries. Professor Good will apply the funding from his Australia Fellowship to undertake phase one clinical trials with humans during the next five years.

**UNIVERSITY CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS**

Council resolved to declare as ex gratia University holidays Wednesday 29 December, Thursday 30 December and Friday 31 December 2010 and to authorise the granting of equivalent time off in lieu of one or more of these days to staff required to work on any or all of those days.

**OCTOBER 2010**