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UNIVERSITY COUNCIL MEETING
3 September 2007

VICE CHANCELLOR'S REPORT

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

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

RE-ELECTION OF DEPUTY CHANCELLOR

Council congratulated Mr. Henry Smerdon on his re-election as Deputy Chancellor for a further three year period.

GRIFFITH 2015 – PROGRESS REPORT

At its May 2007, Council had noted the paper “Griffith 2015: Beyond Top 10”.

Subsequent to this meeting, the paper was circulated to the University community for feedback, and was the theme of the University’s senior staff conference held in July. The Vice Chancellor advised that the paper had attracted broad support for the key proposals to establish peaks of excellence and to develop distinctive characteristics or specialisations of each campus. Most comments focused on the process for identifying peaks.

Griffith 2015 outlined a number of immediate actions which would be put in place to guide the University’s planning for the next stage of development. The Vice Chancellor reported on progress concerning these actions and advised that he would be bringing to the December 2007 Council meeting a formal statement of the Griffith 2015 agenda and a framework for its implementation.

EQUITY AND DIVERSITY PLAN 2007-2010

Council approved a new Equity and Diversity Plan 2007-2010. The main objectives of the plan are to: encapsulate the University’s most up-to-date understandings and expression of its commitment to equity and diversity; achieve clear and consistent alignment between the University’s equity and diversity goals and strategies and its overall strategic directions and core activities; and clarify expectations and responsibilities of elements with respect to equity and diversity planning and implementation.

UPDATE ON RESEARCH QUALITY FRAMEWORK


UPDATE ON AUSTRALIAN UNIVERSITIES QUALITY AGENCY (AUQA) AUDIT

Council noted the paper “Cycle 2 AUQA Audit Update” which reported on the University’s preparations for the AUQA audit in 2008. The Deputy Vice Chancellor (Academic) provided an update to the meeting.
STAFFING DELEGATIONS IN ACADEMIC GROUPS

Council approved the document “Staffing Delegations: Academic Groups” (2007/0010771) which aims to streamline the appointment process by lowering delegations in a number of cases. In particular, the revised delegations provide more delegated authority to Heads of Schools and Research Centre Directors, especially in relation to casual staffing, research assistants and some fixed term appointments.

PROGRESS REPORT ON THE GRIFFITH CONNECT PROGRAM AND THE SIR SAMUEL GRIFFITH SCHOLARSHIP SCHEME

Council noted the paper “Griffith Connect – Valued Partner Program and Sir Samuel Griffith Scholarship Council Report 2006 for 2007 Admission Year”. The Deputy Vice Chancellor (Academic) provided an update to the meeting.

PROFESSOR EMERITUS

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

APPOINTMENT OF DEAN (RESEARCH), GRIFFITH BUSINESS SCHOOL

Council resolved to offer Professor Graham Cuskelly appointment as Dean (Research), Griffith Business School for the period 4 September 2007 to 31 May 2010.

APPOINTMENT OF HEAD, DEPARTMENT OF POLITICS AND PUBLIC POLICY

Council resolved to offer Dr Robyn Hollander appointment as Head, Department of Politics and Public Policy for the period 4 September 2007 to 6 July 2010.

DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL RELATIONS NAME CHANGE

Council approved the change of name of the Department of Industrial Relations to Department of Employment Relations, with effect from 1 January 2008.

SEPTEMBER 2007