

COUNCIL BULLETIN

DECEMBER 2018

SIGNIFICANT ITEMS APPROVED BY COUNCIL AT THE 10 DECEMBER 2018 MEETING:

October 2018 Financial Statements | 2019 Annual Plan and Budget
Updated Student Guild Constitution | Amended Fee Schedules

The next meeting of the USQ Council is scheduled for Monday 25 February 2019
at the Toowoomba Campus

The 10 December 2018 Council meeting was held at the Queensland College of Wine Tourism (QCWT), Stanthorpe. Council received a presentation from Professor Glen Coleman, Executive Dean (Health, Engineering and Sciences) and Mr Peter O'Reilly, Chief Executive Officer, QCWT on activities and developments involving the College. Council also met with members of the local community at a reception following the meeting.

REPORTS

The Vice-Chancellor provided a detailed report on activities and issues since the October 2018 Council meeting, including the University Performance Report – December 2018, an update on recruitment processes currently underway for a number of senior management positions, and a briefing on the Times Higher Education (THE) World Rankings.

Mrs Helen Nolan, Head (Students and Communities) and Mr Michael Thomas, Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Enterprise Services) provided an update to Council on work that is being done across the University to address the TEQSA re-registration Condition, including development of an Academic Risk Register, development of the Academic Board Data Dashboard and revision of the University's third-party provider contracts for both onshore and offshore partners. Work is also progressing on the development of an Academic Delegations Schedule (academic delegations are currently embedded within University policy and procedure).

Mr Peter Becker, Student Member on Council, provided a report on student activities and issues. Attention was drawn to the relationship between the Student Guild and Phoenix Central (recently re-named as USQ Student Life), noting there is some overlap of activities and services but that this is being monitored.

A report on the key initiatives and activities of Academic Board was provided to Council. A major initiative is the Data Dashboard being developed to allow greater cohort analysis and better understanding of progression, retention and attrition rates. Development of the Dashboard is in direct response to USQ's TEQSA re-registration Condition. The Dashboard has been demonstrated to Academic Board with further development to continue. It is expected to be demonstrated to Council in early 2019.

Council also received the following reports:

- Risk Management Report
- Quarterly University Safety Report for the period July to September 2018
- Policy and Procedure Status Report
- USQ Student Amenities Fee Report
- USQ Animal Ethics Committee Annual Report to USQ Council (1 January to 31 December 2017).

USQ STUDENT GUILD CONSTITUTION

Council considered and approved an amendment to the Student Guild Constitution which removes constraints on the appointment of Council's representative on the Student Guild Board and allows for the Guild Board to appoint four individuals of its choosing with the required skills and knowledge to serve on the Board.

2019 ANNUAL PLAN AND BUDGET

Mr Michael Thomas, Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Enterprise Services) and Mr Athol Kerridge (Chief Financial Officer) presented the draft 2019 USQ Annual Plan and Budget for Council's consideration and approval. It was noted that the budget had been developed to provide greater transparency, to address strategic priorities including international growth and learning and teaching quality initiatives, and to allow investment into items that are likely to lead to improved University performance.

USQ 2018 ANNUAL REPORT

Council received the draft 2018 USQ Annual Report, noting that a final draft, together with the audited 2018 Financial Statements, will be provided for approval by Council at its 25 February 2019 meeting.

RESOLUTIONS PASSED

Council approved the following:

- October 2018 Financial Statements;
- 2019 USQ Annual Plan and Budget
- Amendments to Fee Schedules (International Partners and Residential Colleges);
- Updated USQ Student Guild Constitution (Section 5.2 The Board); and
- Updated Terms of Reference for Honorary Awards Committee.

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