

# COUNCIL BULLETIN

JULY 2019

SIGNIFICANT ITEMS APPROVED BY COUNCIL AT THE 8 JULY MEETING:

May 2019 Financial Statements | International and Partner Fee Schedules  
Revised Internal Audit Charter | Policy for Corruption Complaints about the Vice-Chancellor  
Revised Policy and Procedure on Complaints involving Council Members

**The next meeting of the USQ Council is scheduled for Monday 9 September 2019  
at the USQ Springfield Campus**

The 8 July 2019 Council meeting was held at the USQ Toowoomba Campus.

Prior to the meeting, Council members participated in a brief tour of the Hub for Immersive and Virtual Experiences (the HIVE).

The Chancellor welcomed Ms Lauren Walsburg who was attending her first face-to-face meeting since being elected as the Student Member on Council.

## REPORTS

The Vice-Chancellor provided detailed reports on activities and issues since the May 2019 Council meeting, including the University Performance Report – July 2019.

Council also received a paper providing an overview of USQ's marketing strategy and including information on priority programs being targeted both domestically and to international students. Mrs Helen Nolan, Pro Vice-Chancellor (Student Services) joined the Council meeting to outline the marketing strategy and the work that is being done in response to opportunities and challenges in domestic and international markets.

Mr Michael Thomas, Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Enterprise Services) joined the Council meeting to present a Strategic Enterprise Report, the first of three strategic reports to be provided to Council this year. An Education Report will be presented to the 9 September meeting and a Research Report will be presented to the 28 October meeting. Mr Thomas outlined issues relating to USQ's performance and the various challenges currently faced by the University. The following priorities were noted:

- Key areas of focus to include establishing capability to simplify processes, better leveraging of digitization, and campus master planning.
- Better understanding the student cohort and creating an environment to attract them.
- Greater integration of study and social aspects for students.
- Organisational change aspects.
- Greater focus on industry engagement and partnering opportunities.

Council received an update on work that is being done across the University to address the various components of the TEQSA Re-registration Condition. Work is progressing on development of an Academic Delegations Schedule, as well as a review of Academic Quality policies and related procedures and schedules. A review of Third Party arrangements is progressing, led by Associate Professor Geoff Slaughter, Academic Director (Education Partner Management). Work continues on developing a program and course performance evaluation framework, and data and reporting tools to support various requirements for diagnostic analysis, including cohort analysis at school, faculty and University levels.

A report on the key initiatives and activities of Academic Board was provided to Council. A self-assessment survey has been undertaken and an action plan to address any identified issues and initiate improvement will progress to the next Academic Board meeting.

Council also received the following reports:

- Student Member Report
- Half-yearly report on USQ's Student Amenities Fee
- Annual report on USQ Complaints and Appeals (for 2017/2018 academic years)
- Risk Management Report
- Indemnity Report
- HR Quarterly Safety Report
- Policy and Procedure Status Update
- USQ Student Guild Annual Report 2018
- Annual report from Council's Representative on the USQ Student Guild Board.

## RESOLUTIONS PASSED

Council approved the following:

- May 2019 Financial Statements
- 2019/2020/2021 International and Partner Fees
- Revised USQ Internal Audit Charter
- Corruption Complaints about the Vice-Chancellor Policy (new policy required by the Crime and Corruption Commission)
- Revised Policy and Procedure on Complaints Involving Council Members

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