



COUNCIL BULLETIN

JULY 2017

SIGNIFICANT ITEMS APPROVED BY COUNCIL:

May 2017 Financial Statements | Voluntary Severance Program
Revised Estates Naming Policy and Procedure |
Name change – Agricultural Science and Engineering Precinct (ASE Precinct)

The next meeting of the USQ Council is scheduled for Monday 11 September 2017
at the USQ Springfield Campus

The 10 July 2017 Council meeting was held at the USQ Toowoomba Campus.

An ICT demonstration delivered by Mr Scott Sorley, Executive Director (ICT Services) and Mr Duane Roth, Project Manager (One USQ Experience) prior to the start of the Council meeting provided an overview of the upgraded teaching spaces and a good understanding of where the Council-approved ICT Strategic Investment funds were being spent. The demonstration was well received by those Council members who attended.

REPORTS

The Vice-Chancellor provided a detailed report on activities and issues since the previous Council meeting, including the University Performance Report – July 2017.

Council received the Queensland College of Wine Tourism (QCWT) 2016 Annual Report, noting that USQ/QCWT is now a Registered Training Organisation (RTO). The College recently held its Tenth Anniversary Dinner which provided an opportunity for engagement with local industry, schools and businesses.

Council received a report from Professor Aileen Cater-Steel, recently appointed Chair of Academic Board, outlining key activities of the Board. It was noted that vacant positions on the Board had now been filled. An evaluation of Academic Board is to be carried out in the near future, with all members to be asked to complete an evaluation survey.

Mr Peter Becker, recently elected Student Member on Council, provided a report on student matters.

Council also received reports on Student Complaints Management at USQ and the Academic Appeals process, as well as a Risk Management Report, Policy and Procedure Status Update, HR Quarterly Safety Report, and half-yearly reports on the USQ Student Endowment Fund and the USQ Student Amenities Fee.

STRUCTURAL REALIGNMENT OF UNIVERSITY SERVICES DIVISIONS

The Vice-Chancellor provided Council with a copy of the final version of the University Services Divisional Realignment, noting that feedback received had been positive and generally supportive of the proposal. A recruitment process for the new position of Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Enterprise Services) has commenced.

HONORARY AWARDS

The Hon Michael Kirby AC CMG recently accepted an honorary Doctor of Laws (HonLLD) which was conferred at the 7 April 2017 graduation ceremony in Toowoomba.

VOLUNTARY SEVERANCE PROGRAM

Following detailed consideration, Council approved a proposal for a Voluntary Severance Program, noting that the program would be based on 'voluntary application' but 'strategic acceptance'. The Voluntary Severance Program will assist in placing the University in a stronger position for 2018 and beyond, at a time when Australian universities are facing considerable uncertainties.

NAME CHANGE FOR RESEARCH PRECINCT

Council recently approved a name change for the former Agricultural Engineering and Technology Precinct on Baker Street, Toowoomba. This will now be known as the Agricultural Science and Engineering Precinct (or ASE Precinct).

USQ STUDENT GUILD

Council received and noted the USQ Student Guild 2016 Annual Report which was presented by Mr Neil Brown (Chair of the Student Guild Board), Mr Glenn Roberts (Chief Executive Officer of the Student Guild) and Ms JiSun Kim (President of the Student Guild). 2016 operations delivered an overall positive result for the Guild and it was noted that the Student Guild has had good engagement with the Academic Division through its student advocacy service.

TENTH USQ COUNCIL

Elections are currently underway for the two Elected Staff Members (one Academic and one Professional) for the Tenth USQ Council (for a four year term from 7 October 2017 to 6 October 2021).

RESOLUTIONS PASSED

Council approved the following:

- May 2017 Financial Statements;
- Change of name: Agricultural Science and Engineering Precinct (ASE Precinct); and
- Revised Estates Naming Policy, Estates Naming Procedure and Estates Naming Advisory Group Terms of Reference.

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