

COUNCIL BULLETIN

MAY 2017

SIGNIFICANT ITEMS APPROVED BY COUNCIL AT THE 15 MAY 2017 MEETING:

March 2017 Financial Statements |
Fee Schedules – 2018 Domestic and 2018/2019 International Fees

The next meeting of the USQ Council is scheduled for Monday 10 July 2017
at the USQ Toowoomba Campus

The 15 May 2017 Council meeting was held at the USQ Ipswich Campus. Mr Peter Becker (Second Year Electrical Engineering student) was welcomed as the newly elected Student Member on Council for a two-year term from 19 April 2017.

The Chancellor briefed Council on the recent graduation ceremonies, including Sydney (9 May) and Kuala Lumpur (6 May).

REPORTS

The Vice-Chancellor provided a detailed report on activities and issues since the previous Council meeting, including the University Performance Report – May 2017 and USQ result outcomes in the 2016 national surveys for education experience and employment outcomes.

A Student Load Report (Semester 1, 2017) was provided, showing the load position for Semester 1, post census date, down slightly on both 2016 and 2017 forecast. It was noted however that while numbers are flat, this in part reflects the change in the number of students who commence in Semester 1. There are now significantly more students commencing in Semesters 2 and 3.

The Vice-Chancellor also provided Council with an outline of the various aspects of the Federal Budget announced on 9 May 2017, including an explanation of current Commonwealth Support Place (CSP) funding and how this will be affected by the higher education reforms, particularly for Bachelor, Sub-degree, Post-graduate and Enabling programs.

Council received a written report from Professor Aileen Cater-Steel, Acting Chair of Academic Board, outlining key activities of the Board. It was noted that Associate Professor Alexander Kist has been elected as Acting Deputy Chair of Academic Board. A draft Internal Audit report following the recent internal audit review of Academic Board is to be referred to the Audit and Risk Committee of Council in line with standard Internal Audit protocols.

Council also received a Risk Management Report, Policy and Procedure Status Update and HR Quarterly Safety Report.

CHANGES TO UNIVERSITY LEGISLATION

Following consultation with USQ staff and students on the proposed changes to university legislation, feedback was provided to the Queensland Government as requested.

One of the consequences of the proposed legislative changes will be the repeal of the University's current Fees Statute. This will necessitate developing a new Fees Policy and work is currently underway to identify all fees across the University that will need to be encompassed by such a policy.

RESOLUTIONS PASSED

Council approved the following:

- March 2017 Financial Statements;
- 2018 Domestic Fees (including Residential College Fees and various Service Fees) and 2018 / 2019 International Fees;
- Repeal of the Selection of Chancellor Policy and Procedure.

POSTSCRIPT

Following this meeting of Council, the Chancellor announced the appointment of Professor Geraldine Mackenzie as USQ's incoming Vice-Chancellor, commencing on 4 September 2017.

Professor Mackenzie will succeed interim Vice-Chancellor Professor Janet Verbyla, who will resume her role as Senior Deputy Vice-Chancellor at that time.

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