

COUNCIL BULLETIN

NOVEMBER 2017

SIGNIFICANT ITEMS APPROVED BY COUNCIL:

Additional Members, Deputy Chancellor and Committee Memberships for Tenth USQ Council
August 2017 Financial Statements | Revised Charter of University Governance
Revised Terms of Reference for Council Committees

**The next meeting of the USQ Council is scheduled for Monday 11 December 2017
at the Queensland College of Wine Tourism, Stanthorpe**

The 30 October 2017 Council meeting was held at the USQ Toowoomba Campus, where members of the Tenth USQ Council were welcomed to their first meeting of the new Council. The term of the Tenth Council is 7 October 2017 to 6 October 2021.

Governor in Council (GIC) appointees on the Tenth Council are Ms Rachel Barlow, Mr Chris Bazley, Dr Carol Cox AM, Mr Brett Delaney and Detective Chief Superintendent Charysse Pond APM.

Council appointed Ms Jan Boys and Mr George Fox as Additional Members on the Tenth Council, with one position (for an alumni member) remaining vacant at this stage. Ms Jan Boys was subsequently appointed as Deputy Chancellor for the term of the Tenth Council.

Official (ex officio) Members are Mr John Dornbusch (Chancellor), Professor Geraldine Mackenzie (Vice-Chancellor) and Professor Aileen Cater-Steel (Chair, Academic Board).

Elected Members are Associate Professor Pauline Collins (Academic Staff), Mrs Mary McGilvray (Professional Staff) and Mr Peter Becker (Student).

Council also approved Committee memberships, including appointment of the Chairs of Finance and Facilities Committee (Mr Chris Bazley) and Audit and Risk Committee (Mr Brett Delaney). The Chancellor chairs Honorary Awards Committee, Chancellor's Committee and the Remuneration Sub-Committee.

TENTH USQ COUNCIL MEMBERS



Back (L-R): P Becker, P Collins, R Barlow, C Pond, C Bazley, C Cox, M McGilvray, A Cater-Steel
Front (L-R): B Delaney, G Mackenzie, J Dornbusch, J Boys, G Fox

REPORTS

The Vice-Chancellor presented a detailed report on activities and issues since the previous Council meeting. Items of note in the Vice-Chancellor's Report included the appointment of Mr Michael Thomas as incoming Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Enterprise Services) from 15 January 2018, the University Performance Report – October 2017, details of the 2018 budget process, and an update on the Voluntary Severance Round. It was noted that the annual 'Operational and Resource Management Plan' (ORMP) has been changed to 'Annual Plan and Budget'.

Council received a report from Professor Aileen Cater-Steel, Chair of Academic Board, outlining key activities of the Board. Academic Board members have been actively involved in the process for determining new Terms of Reference for Academic Board. Following a recommendation that Academic Board be allowed to establish its own committees, Council agreed to delegate authority to Academic Board to approve the Terms of Reference of any committees it establishes.

Council received a report on USQ's final overall student load position for Semester 2, 2017, provided by Mr Carl Rallings Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Students and Communities).

Mrs Jane Farmer, Council's representative on the USQ Student Guild Board, provided a report on Student Guild and Board activities throughout 2017 and advised that she would be stepping down from this role at the end of 2017. Council thanked Mrs Farmer for her service on the Student Guild Board over the past four years.

Council also received the following reports: Student Member Report, USQ Animal Ethics Committee Annual Report, Risk Management Report and Indemnity Report.

RESOLUTIONS PASSED

Council approved the following:

- August 2017 Financial Statements;
- Revised USQ Charter of University Governance;
- Delegated authority for Academic Board to approve the Terms of Reference of any committees it establishes;
- Updated Terms of Reference for all Council Committees (following annual review);
- Repeal of existing Use of the University Seal Policy and Procedure; and approval of new-
 - Use of the University Seal Policy
 - Use of the University Seal Procedure
 - University Seal Definition.

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