



COUNCIL BULLETIN

MAY 2018

SIGNIFICANT ITEMS APPROVED BY COUNCIL AT THE 14 MAY 2018 MEETING:

March 2018 Financial Statements | 2019/2020 Fee Schedules
Revised Financial Delegations Schedule

The next meeting of the USQ Council is scheduled for Monday 9 July 2018
at the USQ Toowoomba Campus

The 14 May 2018 Council meeting was held at the USQ Ipswich Campus.

The Chancellor briefed Council on the recent graduation ceremonies held in Toowoomba (13 and 20 April) and Ipswich (11 May). Graduation ceremonies are also scheduled for Sydney (22 May) and Kuala Lumpur (3 June).

The Chancellor acknowledged the excellent work done by USQ Student Ambassadors who voluntarily assist at each of the local graduation ceremonies.

REPORTS

The Vice-Chancellor provided detailed reports on activities and issues since the March 2018 Council meeting, including the University Performance Report – May 2018, and an update on student recruitment and admissions for Semester 2, 2018.

The Chancellor congratulated the Vice-Chancellor and those responsible for the Master of Business Administration (MBA) being ranked as the 11th best online MBA in the world, and second in Australia, by the international business publication CEO Magazine.

A final Student Load Report for Semester 1, 2018 was noted by Council.

Mr Peter Becker, Student Member on Council, provided a report on student activities and acknowledged the benefits of the USQ Student Forum to student representatives across the University.

Key initiatives and activities of Academic Board were highlighted by Associate Professor Alexander Kist, Acting Chair of Academic Board. It was noted that the next term of Academic Board commences on 31 July 2018 and the process for electing members and appointing the Chair for the next term is currently underway.

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

CHANGES TO UNIVERSITY LEGISLATION

Following recent changes to university legislation in Queensland, the revised USQ Act will come into effect from 1 August 2018. The legislative amendments remove the ability for university governing bodies to make university statutes. USQ will therefore replace its Council Elections Statute with a policy and related procedure, expected to be in place by 1 August.

RESOLUTIONS PASSED

Council approved the following:

- March 2018 Financial Statements;
- 2019 Domestic Fees (including Residential College Fees and various Service Fees), 2019 / 2020 International Fees (onshore and offshore) and International Partner Fees;
- Revised Financial Delegations Schedule (Section 3.3 Contracts and Legal Agreements).

The changes to the Financial Delegations Schedule will allow the Vice-Chancellor in some circumstances to sign contracts above the current delegation level, providing the USQ contribution to the contract is below the Vice-Chancellor's delegation. This will provide a much more flexible arrangement for executing research funding contracts in particular. Details of any contracts signed under the new arrangement are to be reported to Council.

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