

COUNCIL BULLETIN

SEPTEMBER 2018

SIGNIFICANT ITEMS APPROVED BY COUNCIL AT THE 3 SEPTEMBER 2018 MEETING:

June 2018 Financial Statements | Amended Library Fees and Charges
2019 USQ Meeting Schedule

The next meeting of the USQ Council is scheduled for Monday 22 October 2018
at the USQ Toowoomba Campus

The 3 September 2018 Council meeting was held at the USQ Springfield Campus. Prior to the meeting, Council members joined with staff, students and local community members to celebrate the official opening of USQ's newly refurbished Springfield Library.

The Chancellor welcomed Professor Grant Daggard to his first Council meeting as Chair of Academic Board. Professor Daggard was recently appointed to the role of Chair of Academic Board for a three year term from 31 July 2018.

The Chancellor commended the 2018 Alumnus of the Year Awards function held on 17 August 2018, which highlighted the significant achievements of many of USQ's graduates.

REPORTS

The Vice-Chancellor provided a detailed report on activities and issues since the July 2018 Council meeting, including the University Performance Report – September 2018, an update on the Enterprise Bargaining negotiations, the launch of the University's 'Become More' marketing and recruitment campaign, and the various political changes at the Federal level that are relevant to USQ.

Professor Mark Harvey, Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Research and Innovation) joined the Council meeting to present his Research Report, the second of three strategic reports to be provided to Council this year. An Education Report was presented by Professor Helen Partridge, Pro Vice-Chancellor (Education) to the 9 July meeting and an Enterprise Report from Mr Michael Thomas, Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Enterprise Services) is scheduled for the 22 October meeting.

Professor Harvey outlined the main research focus and initiatives for 2018 which include the new structure for Research Institutes and Centres, the proposed Graduate Research School, Excellence in Research for Australia (ERA) research outputs with a focus on journal articles, Engagement and Impact submission for national assessment, and strategies to improve USQ's international rankings particularly in the QS (Quacquarelli Symonds) and THE (Times Higher Education) global university rankings.

Mr Peter Becker, Student Member on Council, provided a report on student activities and issues, noting the essential role played by Phoenix Central in providing a sense of belonging for students through the various activities they organise that are funded by the Student Amenities Fee.

Key initiatives and activities of Academic Board were highlighted by Professor Grant Daggard, Chair of Academic Board. It was noted that a working group has been established to consider academic risk management processes and provide updates to the TEQSA Implementation Group, and that work is progressing on an Academic Risk Register. Work is also underway on development of a specific Academic Delegations Schedule which will provide clarity around responsibilities for academic matters. This detail is currently embedded within relevant policies and procedures.

Council also received a half-yearly report on the USQ Student Endowment Fund (USEF), as well as the Queensland College of Wine Tourism (QCWT) 2017 Annual Report, Risk Management Report, and Policy and Procedure Status Update.

RESOLUTIONS PASSED

Council approved the following:

- June 2018 Financial Statements;
- Amendments to the Administrative and Service Fees Schedule (Library Fees and Charges);
- 2019 USQ Meeting Schedule*.

*The 2019 Meeting Schedule is available on the Governance website:

[Governance > Terms of Reference > Meeting Dates](#)

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