

# COUNCIL BULLETIN

DECEMBER 2019

SIGNIFICANT ITEMS APPROVED BY COUNCIL AT THE 16 DECEMBER MEETING:

October 2019 Financial Statements | 2020 Annual Plan and Budget  
Appointment of new Deputy Chancellor and new Additional Member on Council

The next meeting of the USQ Council is scheduled for Friday 21 February 2020  
at the USQ Toowoomba Campus

The 16 December 2019 Council meeting was held at the Queensland College of Wine Tourism (QCWT), Stanthorpe. Council received a presentation from Mr Peter O'Reilly, Chief Executive Officer, QCWT on activities and developments involving the College. Council also met with members of the local community at a reception following the meeting.

Ms Jan Boys, Deputy Chancellor, attended her final Council meeting having tendered her resignation from Council effective 31 December 2019. The Chancellor and Council members extended sincere thanks and appreciation to Ms Boys for her 20 years of service to the USQ Council and its various Committees, including almost six years as Deputy Chancellor.

Following a nomination process, Mr George Fox was appointed as Deputy Chancellor from 1 January 2020 for the remainder of the term of the current Council (ie to 6 October 2021). Council also appointed Ms Heidi Dugan to fill the vacancy for one additional member in the category "graduate of the university" (University of Southern Queensland Act 1998 s.16(3)).

## REPORTS

The Vice-Chancellor provided a detailed report on activities and issues since the October 2019 Council meeting, including the University Performance Report – December 2019, an update on recruitment processes underway for a number of senior management positions and an update on various capital works including the enhancements to the front entrance of USQ Toowoomba, the executive area of A Block (Level 6) and expansion of F Block (Engineering facilities) at USQ Springfield, and refurbishment of R Block at USQ Toowoomba to create a new student hub.

Council received an update on work that is being done across the University to address the components of the TEQSA Re-registration Condition. It was noted that various frameworks and strategies are now embedded into business-as-usual processes, with oversight and monitoring by the relevant academic governance and management committees.

A report on the key initiatives and activities of Academic Board was provided to Council, along with a copy of the draft USQ Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander People's Education Strategy 2019-2020.

Council also received the following reports:

- Student Services and Amenities Fee Report
- USQ Student Endowment Fund – progress update
- Risk Management Report
- Employee Relations Report
- University Safety Report
- Draft 2019 USQ Annual Report
- Policy and Procedure Status Update.

## USQ INTERNATIONAL STRATEGY 2020-2024

Professor Ren Yi, Pro Vice-Chancellor (International) presented the USQ International Strategy 2020-2024 to Council. The Strategy seeks to build USQ's international reputation, brand and profile through strategic partnerships, and identifies ten key priorities, with every member of Vice-Chancellor's Executive (VCE) to take responsibility for USQ's internationalisation. Council endorsed the International Strategy and will receive regular updates on progress.

## ACADEMIC INVESTMENT PLAN

Professor Karen Nelson, Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Academic) joined the Council meeting to provide a presentation on various initiatives proposed as part of the Academic Investment Plan, which will build capacity and fast track a number of initiatives included in the USQ Academic Plan 2019-2022 (recently approved by the Vice-Chancellor's Executive to provide the framework for strengthening quality and excellence in the University's education product portfolio, learning and teaching, and the student experience).

## 2020 ANNUAL PLAN AND BUDGET

Mr Michael Thomas, Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Enterprise Services) and Mr Athol Kerridge (Chief Financial Officer) presented the draft 2020 USQ Annual Plan and Budget which outlines five priority areas to be focused on and the investment requirements needed to support the implementation of the USQ Academic Plan and to support growth in international student revenue.

## RESOLUTIONS PASSED

Council approved the following:

- 2020 Annual Plan and Budget
- October 2019 Financial Statements
- Removal of Residential Colleges Application Fee
- Updated Terms of Reference for Honorary Awards Committee.

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