



COUNCIL DIGEST

An update on the key decisions made and matters discussed by Council at its meeting on Thursday 30 June 2022.

STRATEGY

Vice-Chancellor's Strategy and Enterprise Performance Report

Council discussed and noted the report including changes arising from the new Federal Government and several policy initiatives of relevance to universities.

Professional Services Transformation (PST) / Ways of Working Report (Presentation)

Council discussed and noted the presentation from the Vice-President, Professional Services on the PST/ Ways of Working focusing on the key objectives of the PST and key delivery elements, an update on workplace changes, progress against the objectives, challenges and risk, and the Shared Services model.

Corporate Engagement / Macquarie Park Innovation District (MPID) And Innovation Report

Council discussed and noted the presentation from the Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Research) and Pro Vice-Chancellor (Research, Innovation and Enterprise) on Corporate Engagement/MPID and Innovation, including National policy direction, Innovation and enterprise at the University, Connect MPID, the University's Incubators, and recent and emerging major research consortia.

REPORTS/RECOMMENDATIONS

Vice-Chancellor's Report

Council discussed and noted the Vice-Chancellor's report, including organisational structure updates and business continuity. Council acknowledged the achievements of staff in securing substantial research funding and grants.

Academic Senate Report and Recommendations – 24 May 2022 Meeting

The Chair of the Academic Senate provided a report of the Academic Senate meeting held on 24 May 2022, including the work of Academic Senate on the review and development of academic and research policy and procedures and a recommendation to Council of a Professor Emerita nomination,

Council discussed and noted the report and approved the award of Professor Emerita.

Finance And Facilities Committee Report and Recommendations – 24 May 2022 Meeting and 9 June 2022 Extraordinary Meeting

The Chair of the Finance and Facilities Committee provided a report of the Committee meeting held on 24 March 2022 and extraordinary meeting held on 9 June 2022, including matters recommended to Council for approval.

Council discussed and noted the report, and resolved to approve:

- a total project budget for the Physics, Astronomy, Engineering and AAO project; and
- the 2022 Budget Restatement.

Audit and Risk Committee Report and Recommendations – 9 June 2022 Meeting

The Chair of the Audit and Risk Committee provided a report of the Committee meeting held on 9 June 2022, including the matter recommended to Council for approval.

Council discussed and noted the report and approved the Modern Slavery Statement 2021.

Annual Review of Student Experience Committee Terms of Reference

Council discussed and noted the review of the Student Experience Committee's current Terms of Reference.

Council agreed that further information would be provided to the next meeting to inform Council's consideration of the restructuring or disestablishment of the Committee.

Student Experience Committee Report and Recommendations – 9 June 2022 Meeting

The Chair of the Student Experience Committee provided a report of the Committee meeting held on 9 June 2022.

Council discussed and noted the report.

Honorary Awards Committee Report and Recommendations – 31 May 2022

The Chancellor, in his capacity as Chair of the Honorary Awards Committee, provided a report of the Committee meeting held on 31 May 2022.

Council discussed and noted the report and approved the conferral of the Honorary Degrees - Doctor of Letters (honoris causa).

Nominations and Remuneration Committee Report and Recommendations – 13 May 2022

The Chancellor, in his capacity as Chair of the Nominations and Remuneration Committee, spoke to a matter approved by the Committee on 13 May 2022, for recommendation to Council.

Council discussed the recommendation and, subject to Council's approval of the key governance documents required for the formation of a controlled entity (the Company), resolved to approve, upon incorporation of the Company, the appointment of its Chair, Directors and Chief Executive Officer.

Health and Safety Report

Council discussed and noted the Health and Safety report.

Report on Student Misconduct/Discipline Matters

Council noted and discussed the report on student misconduct/discipline matters.

TEQSA Registration Renewal Update

Council discussed and noted the update on the progress of the TEQSA registration renewal and TEQSA Risk Assessment for Macquarie University 2021, including the TEQSA Request for Information regarding Macquarie University Professional Services Transformation (PST).

OTHER MATTERS DISCUSSED/APPROVED

Voluntary Deregistration of Dormant Company

Council considered the recommendation from the Directors of the dormant controlled entity of Macquarie University (the Company) and, on behalf of Macquarie University as a member of the Company, agreed to the voluntary deregistration of the Company.

Approval of Key Governance Documentation prior to Formation of Entity

Council discussed the proposal pertaining to the key governance documentation for the formation of a controlled entity, and resolved to approve the recommendations, including the approval of the Constitution and the Delegations of Authority Register of the entity, and that if needed, and whilst the entity is a controlled entity, funds will be provided by the University to the entity to enable it to meet its obligations as they fall due during 2022 (noting that assurance on this matter for future years will be provided as part of the annual Council budget resolutions covering all controlled entities).