



COUNCIL DIGEST

An update on the key decisions made and matters discussed by Council at its meeting on Thursday 8 April 2021.

STRATEGY

Vice-Chancellor's Strategy and Enterprise Performance Report

The Vice-Chancellor provided a report and presentation on the University's strategy and enterprise performance.

Council discussed and noted the report and presentation, including a status update on the progress of key priorities for each of the program streams under the Operating Plan 2020 – 2024.

Marketing and Brand Strategy / Alumni and Philanthropy / Corporate Engagement / MPID and Innovation Presentation

The Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Engagement) provided a report and presentation covering Brand health, reputation and rankings, philanthropy and campaign, and the Macquarie Park Innovation District (MPID) and Incubator.

Council discussed the report, including the University's footprint, pathway opportunities, the University's alumni network, philanthropy targets for 2021, objectives and targets for both the Incubator and MPID in 2021, and changes to the Engagement Portfolio.

REPORTS/RECOMMENDATIONS

Vice-Chancellor's Report

Council discussed and noted the Vice-Chancellor's report.

Health and Safety Report

Council discussed and noted the Health and Safety report.

Report for the Audit and Risk Committee – 18 March 2021 Meeting

The Chair of the Audit and Risk Committee provided a report of the Committee meeting held on 18 March 2021, including the recommendation of the 2020 Financial Statements to Council, presentation of the report on Foreign Interference to the next meeting of Council, and submission of the Committee's annual report for 2020.

Council discussed and noted the report and resolved to receive and accept the annual report from the Audit and Risk Committee for 2020.

Student Experience Committee Report and Recommendations – 25 March 2021 Meeting

The Chair of the Student Experience Committee provided a report of the Committee meeting held on 25 March 2021.

Council discussed the report, noting a review of the operation of the Student Representative Committee, and resolved to accept the recommendation that no amendments are considered necessary to the Student Experience Committee's Terms of Reference at this time.

Academic Senate Report and Recommendations – 23 February 2021 Meeting

The Chair of the Academic Senate provided a report of the Senate meeting held on 23 February 2021, including recommendations for the award of Professor Emerita and Professor Emeritus titles and the submission of the 2020 annual report of the Academic Senate in fulfilling its duties and responsibilities.

Council resolved to approve the award of Professor Emerita and Professor Emeritus titles and to receive and accept the 2020 annual report of the Academic Senate.

Annual Report on Student Discipline Matters

Council received an annual report on student discipline matters for the period 1 January to 31 December 2020.

Council noted and discussed the report, including improved data which will provide a baseline for future trending analysis of incidents relating to student misconduct and any subsequent disciplinary action, and the international growth in contract cheating sites.

Report on TEQSA Re-Registration

Council discussed and noted the report, including the progress of the activities for action.

OTHER MATTERS FOR DISCUSSED/APPROVED

Annual Financial Statements 2020

Council discussed and approved the financial report for the period ended 31 December 2020.

Annual Report 2020

Council reviewed and approved the 2020 Macquarie University Annual Report to Parliament.

Nominations and Remuneration Committee Recommendations - Council Committee Memberships

The Chair of the Nominations and Remuneration Committee spoke to the recommendations for memberships of the Finance and Facilities Committee and the Audit and Risk Committee.

Council discussed the recommendations and resolved to approve an amendment to the Finance and Facilities Committee Terms of Reference and the appointments to the membership of the Finance and Facilities Committee and the Audit and Risk Committee.

Report on Commercialisation Activity and Strategy

The Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Research) introduced the report and referred to the Pro Vice-Chancellor (Research Innovation) who provided a presentation on the University's research commercialisation strategy and activity.

Council discussed and noted the report.