



COUNCIL DIGEST

An update on the key decisions made and matters discussed by Council at its meeting on Thursday 8 December 2022.

STRATEGY

Vice-Chancellor's Strategy and Enterprise Performance Report

Council discussed and noted the report, including external factors that have implications on the higher education sector, such as Government's University Accord Review, the introduction of the Secure Jobs and Better Pay Bill 2022 into Parliament in November and the review of Australia's migration system, and University early entry programs in relation to concerns raised through the NSW Education Standards Authority (NESA).

2023 BUDGET AND 2022 CAPITAL MANAGEMENT PLAN

Council received and discussed the submission regarding the 2023 Budget and Capital Management Plan and approved the Macquarie University Group Budget 2023.

REPORTS/RECOMMENDATIONS

Vice-Chancellor's Report

Council discussed and noted the Vice-Chancellor's report, including the notable achievements of staff who have been recognised for their work/leadership, the commencement of the new Executive Dean, Faculty of Science and Engineering, and the appointment to the Executive Dean, Faculty of Arts role.

Academic Senate Report and Recommendations – 21 November 2022 Meeting

The Chair of the Academic Senate provided a report of the Academic Senate meeting held on 21 November 2022, including the 2022 annual report on course accreditation activities, and the Quality and Standards Review reports for the Education Services for Overseas Students (ESOS) Foundation Program Standards Instrument 2021 and the English Language Intensive Courses for Overseas Students (ELICOS) Standards 2018.

Council discussed and noted the Academic Senate Report and the Quality and Standards Review reports.

Nominations and Remuneration Committee Report and Recommendations – 15 November 2022 meeting

The Chancellor, in his capacity as Chair of the Nominations and Remuneration Committee, provided a report on the Committee's meeting held on 15 November 2022, including matters recommended to Council for decision.

Council discussed and noted the report and approved the recommendation from the Nominations and Remuneration Committee relating to the appointment of a new member of the Nominations and Remuneration Committee, the new Chair of the Audit and Risk Committee and directors of controlled entities. Council also accepted the recommendation from the Nominations and Remuneration Committee that no amendments are considered necessary to the Committee's Terms of Reference at this time.

Finance and Facilities Committee Report and Recommendations – 15 November 2022 meeting

The Chair of the Finance and Facilities Committee provided a report of the Committee's meetings held on 15 November 2022 meeting, including a matter recommended to Council.

Council discussed and noted the report, and accepted the recommendation from the Finance and Facilities Committee that no amendments are considered necessary to the Committee's Terms of Reference at this time.

Audit and Risk Committee Report and Recommendations – 17 November 2022 Meeting

The Chair of the Audit and Risk Committee provided a report of the Committee meeting held on 17 November 2022, including a matter recommended to Council for approval.

Council discussed and noted the report, including the report from the 24 August and the 27 September 2022 Information Management and Technology Special Purpose Committee (IMTC) meetings.

Health and Safety Report

Council discussed and noted the Health and Safety report.

Enterprise Risks and Risk Appetite

Council noted and discussed the report on the continuous review process of the University's Enterprise Risk Register and the revision of the University's Risk Appetite Statement.

Student Visibility of Reporting Pathways and Responses to Allegations of Sexual Assault

Council received and discussed the report on the pathways for students in relation to the reporting of unwanted behaviour, complaints or other grievances, including access to support services provided through the University's Wellbeing team and the handling of investigations.

Report on Student Misconduct/Discipline Matters

Council discussed and noted the report on student misconduct/discipline matters, including the reduction in the matters heard by the University Discipline Committee following the implementation of the Academic Integrity Breach Procedure.

TEQSA Registration Renewal Update

Council discussed the report on the progress made in preparation for the upcoming Tertiary Education Quality and Standards Agency (TEQSA) and Commonwealth Register of Institutions and Courses for Overseas Students (CRICOS) registration renewal processes and correspondence from TEQSA.

Report on Microcredentials

Council noted the report on the activities relating to developing and delivering the University's microcredentials.

OTHER MATTERS DISCUSSED/APPROVED

Council Annual Agenda Plan 2023

Council resolved to approve the Council Annual Agenda Plan 2023.