COUNCIL DIGEST
An update on the key decisions made and matters discussed by Council at its meeting on Thursday 24 June 2021.

STRATEGY
Vice-Chancellor’s Strategy and Enterprise Performance Report
The Vice-Chancellor provided a report on the University’s strategy and enterprise performance, including a proposal by the NSW Vice-Chancellor’s Committee for an international student corridor; the University’s compliance with legislative reporting requirements relating to existing foreign interference arrangements; and the academic staff workplace changes. The Vice-President, Finance and Resources provided a presentation on the University’s financial results year to date as of May 2021.

Council discussed and noted the Vice-Chancellor’s Strategy and Enterprise Performance Report, including the year to date financial results.

Education Principles Report and Presentation
The Vice-Chancellor introduced the report on education principles providing a background on the education innovation work of a group of early career academics which had led to the convening of the four Executive Deans under a project co-chaired by the Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Medicine and Health) and the Interim Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Academic).

The Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Medicine and Health) provided a presentation on the key elements being explored under the education principles initiative.

Council discussed the presentation and noted that this initiative was still in its infancy and will be brought back to Council for further exploration and consultation.

International Recruitment and Global Engagement Report
The Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Engagement) introduced the report and the Pro Vice-Chancellor, International provided a presentation on international student cohort management; recruitment of international students; and future strategies for Macquarie International.

Council discussed and noted the report.

Professional Services Transformation – Ways of Working Report
Council discussed and noted a high level update provided by the Vice-President, People and Services on the latest academic change phase of the Professional Services Transformation program. Council agreed that a detailed report on the Professional Services Transformation program would be held over to the next meeting.

REPORTS
Vice-Chancellor’s Report
Council discussed and noted the Vice-Chancellor’s report, including the University’s first time ranking in the top 200 positions in the QS 2021 world rankings and the Vice-Chancellor’s update on the University’s response to the latest developments in the COVID-19 outbreak in Sydney.

Health and Safety Report
Council discussed and noted the Health and Safety report.

Finance and Facilities Committee Report and Recommendations – 25 May 2021 meeting
The Chair of the Finance and Facilities Committee provided a report of the Committee meeting held on 25 May 2021, including a recommendation for the Faculty of Arts – Law School capital works project.

Council discussed and noted the report.
Council noted the use of tied funding for the Law School capital works project as well as the strategic and operational benefits for the University and its students and resolved to approve a total project budget for the Law School.

Honorary Awards Committee—1 June 2021 meeting
The Chair of the Honorary Awards Committee provided a report of the Committee meeting held on 1 June 2021, including the recommendation on the conferral of the title of Doctor of Letters (*honoris causa*).

Council discussed and noted the report and resolved to approve the conferral of the title of Doctor of Letters (*honoris causa*).

Audit and Risk Committee Report and Recommendations —10 June 2021 Meeting
The Chair of the Audit and Risk Committee provided a report of the Committee meeting held on 10 June 2021, including recommendation of the University’s inaugural Modern Slavery Statement.

Council discussed and noted the report and resolved to approve the Modern Slavery Statement.

Student Experience Committee Report and Recommendations —10 June 2021 Meeting
The Chair of the Student Experience Committee provided a report of the Committee meeting held on 10 June 2021.

Council discussed and noted the report, including the recent review of the Student Representative Committee (SRC) and report of this to the next meeting of Council.

Academic Senate Report and Recommendations —25 May 2021 Meeting
The Chair of the Academic Senate provided a report of the Senate meetings held on 6 April and 25 May 2021, including recommendations for award of the Emerita / Emeritus Professor title and amendments to the Higher Degree Research (HDR) Policy and Procedure.

Council discussed and noted the report and resolved to approve the award of the titles of Professor Emerita/Emeritus.

Report on Student Misconduct Matters
Council discussed and noted the report on student misconduct matters, including incidents relating to general misconduct and the educative processes for students particularly relating to solicitation of contract cheating services by external agencies.

Report on TEQSA Re-Registration
Council discussed and noted the report, including the activities underway to deliver assurance of compliance with the Higher Education Standards Framework (Threshold Standards) 2021.

MATTERS FOR DISCUSSION/APPROVAL

Council Communication and Engagement
Council discussed and noted the report on communication of Council business and engagement opportunities for Council members.

Rescission of Awarded Diploma of Engineering
Council discussed the report, including the rationale for the rescission, and resolved to approve rescission of an award of Diploma of Engineering.

Report on Foreign Interference
The Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Research) introduced the report and referred to the Executive Director, Research Services who provided a presentation on the activities of the University’s Countering Foreign Interference Working Group in addressing the themes and objectives of the ‘Guidelines to counter foreign interference in the Australian university sector’ produced by the University Foreign Interference Taskforce (UFIT).

Council discussed and noted the report.