COUNCIL DIGEST

An update on the key decisions made and matters discussed by Council at its extraordinary meeting on Thursday 9 September 2021.

MATTERS DISCUSSED/APPROVED

**Freedom of Speech and Academic Freedom Policy**
The Vice-Chancellor spoke to the submission regarding minor changes to the Academic Senate Statement on Academic Freedom and the amalgamation of the Statement into a single Freedom of Speech and Academic Freedom Policy.

Council resolved to approve the Freedom of Speech and Academic Freedom Policy and to adopt the Attestation Statement template approved by the University Chancellors Council in preparing a Macquarie University Attestation Statement for inclusion in the University’s Annual Report for 2021.

**University Chancellor’s Council – Vice-Chancellor and Senior Staff Remuneration Code**
The Chancellor spoke to the submission regarding the Vice-Chancellor and Senior Staff Remuneration Code, which was developed by the University Chancellor’s Council working group and is designed to provide increased transparency around executive remuneration.

Council discussed and resolved to adopt the voluntary Australian Universities Vice-Chancellor and Senior Remuneration Code, as recommended by the University Chancellor’s Council.

**Re-Framing Council Strategy Session**
Council noted and agreed with the key themes identified for the Strategy Session, which will be held in early 2022.

**Curriculum Framework**
Council noted the forthcoming report to the next meeting of Council relating to the establishment of the curriculum lifecycle framework and the development of course lifecycle related policies.