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## **COUNCIL DIGEST**

An update on the key decisions made and matters discussed by Council at its meeting on Thursday 27 October 2022.

### **STRATEGY**

#### **Vice-Chancellor's Strategy and Enterprise Performance Report**

Council discussed and noted the report, including the University's improved Times Higher Education (THE) World University ranking and the key drivers for the improvement; the University's results of the National Student Safety Survey; and the positive results for the University from the QILT Student Experience Survey 2021 – outcomes for learning, resources and teaching quality (Undergraduate and Postgraduate).

#### **Indigenous Strategy (Presentation)**

Council discussed and noted the presentation on the Indigenous Strategy by the Pro Vice-Chancellor (Indigenous Strategy), which included the focus areas of the Indigenous Strategy, the Mudang-Dali Indigenous Connected Curriculum Framework; Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander student engagement; Industry engagement; Indigenous Research; and the refresh of the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Workforce Plan 2018 – 2021.

#### **International Strategy, Alumni and Engagement Strategy, Marketing and Brand Strategy Report**

Council discussed and noted the report and presentation from the Vice-President, Professional Services on the International Strategy and Brand and Marketing Strategy, and the report from the Vice-Chancellor on Global and Alumni Engagement.

### **REPORTS/RECOMMENDATIONS**

#### **Vice-Chancellor's Report**

Council discussed and noted the Vice-Chancellor's report, including the review of the Australian Research Council (ARC) mandated by the Federal Government and the achievements of staff, including research funding.

#### **Academic Senate Report and Recommendations – 30 August and 11 October 2022 Meetings**

The Chair of the Academic Senate provided a report of the Academic Senate meetings held on 30 August and 11 October 2022, including the continuing review and approval of policies; consideration and endorsement of another round of Quality and Standards Review reports; recommendation to Council of amendments to the Higher Doctoral Degree Rules and a consequential amendment to the Academic Costume Rules relating to the replacement of the Doctor of Medicine with the Doctor of Medical Science; and recommendation to Council of a Professor Emeritus nomination.

Council discussed and noted the Academic Senate Report and recommendations, including the report on the Quality and Standards reviews relating to Domains 2, 3, 4 and 5 of the Higher Education Standards Framework (Threshold Standards) 2021, and resolved to approve the award of Professor Emeritus, and the amendments to the Higher Doctoral Degree Rules and the Academic Costume Rules.

#### **Finance and Facilities Committee Report and Recommendations – 17/18 and 22 August Extraordinary Meetings and 27 September 2022 meeting**

The Chair of the Finance and Facilities Committee provided a report of the Committee's extraordinary meetings held on 17/18 and 22 August, and the Committee meeting held on 27 September 2022.

Council discussed and noted the report, including the Level 5 Macquarie University Hospital Short Stay Orthopaedic Centre transaction, and the ongoing review of some of the University's property assets.

#### **Health and Safety Report**

Council discussed and noted the Health and Safety report.

### **Report on Student Misconduct/Discipline Matters**

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

### **TEQSA Registration Renewal Update**

Council discussed the report on the progress of the University's renewal of registration with the Tertiary Education Quality and Standards Agency (TEQSA), including the reporting and monitoring framework for third party arrangements (TPAs).

### **OTHER MATTERS DISCUSSED/APPROVED**

#### **Revised Tuition Fees and Charges Rules**

Council approved the Tuition Fees and Charges Rules, with effect upon publication in Policy Central, and that the Fee Rules and the Tuition Fee Setting Policy be expired upon publication of the Tuition Fees and Charges Rules in Policy Central.

#### **Access Macquarie Limited Constitution**

Council approved the amended Constitution of the University controlled entity, Access Macquarie Limited.

#### **Calendar of Governance 2023 – 2025**

Council endorsed the Macquarie University Council and Reporting Committees Calendar of Governance 2023 – 2025.

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