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## **COUNCIL DIGEST**

An update on the key decisions made and matters discussed by Council at its meeting on Thursday 14 December 2023.

### **STRATEGY**

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

Council discussed and noted the report, including activity in several policy areas of the Universities Accord, such as the Support for Students Policy Guidelines, the proposal to establish a Federal Student Ombudsman and discussions regarding early offers by universities. The Council also discussed the recent release of the Government's migration strategy and the various aspects of this, including student visas.

#### **Focused Report on International Strategy, Alumni and Engagement Strategy, Marketing And Brand Strategy**

Council discussed and noted the report and presentation focused on student recruitment, marketing and brand strategy.

#### **2024 Budget and 2024 Capital Management Plan**

Council received and discussed the submission regarding the 2024 Budget and Capital Management Plan and approved the Macquarie University Group Budget 2024.

### **REPORTS/RECOMMENDATIONS**

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

Council discussed and noted the report, including student accommodation and research funding achievements.

#### **Academic Senate Report and Recommendations – 21 November 2023 Meeting**

Council discussed and noted the report from the Chair of Academic Senate on the meetings held on 21 November 2023, including matters related to policy and reports on Graduate Research Student Success and Satisfaction, Open Universities Australia and Course Reaccreditation.

Council approved the award of the title of Professor Emerita/Emeritus.

#### **Nominations and Remuneration Committee Report and Recommendations – 23 November 2023 Meeting**

Council discussed and noted the report from the Chancellor, in his capacity as Chair of the Nominations and Remuneration Committee, on the Committee's meeting held on 23 November 2023, and approved matters recommended to Council for decision, including reappointments to the membership of Council and its committees and the Board of Access Macquarie Limited, as well as amendments to the Nominations and Remuneration Committee Terms of Reference.

#### **Finance and Facilities Committee Report and Recommendations –21 November 2023 Meeting**

Council discussed and noted the report from the Chair of the Finance and Facilities Committee on the meeting held on 21 November 2023, including matters pertaining to the financial performance of the University and the campus masterplan.

#### **Audit and Risk Committee Report and Recommendations –16 November 2023 Meeting**

Council discussed and noted the report from the Chair of the Audit and Risk Committee on the meeting held on 16 November 2023, including the review of the Committee's Terms of Reference, and reporting on student complaints, Respect@Work and the University's compliance with the new legislation, wage assurance, and the work achieved in the IT cyber security space.

Council approved the amendments to the Audit and Risk Committee Terms of Reference.

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

Council discussed and noted the Health and Safety report.

### **Diversity and Inclusion Update**

Council discussed the report on the progress against the University's diversity and inclusion strategies, including key initiatives implemented in 2023.

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

#### **Independent Review of the Effectiveness of Council and Academic Governance Processes**

Council discussed and accepted the final Response and Implementation Plan following the Independent Review.

#### **Review of Intellectual Property Policy**

Council resolved to approve the revised Intellectual Property Policy.

#### **Council Annual Agenda Plan 2024**

Council resolved to approve the Council Annual Agenda Plan 2024.