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## COUNCIL DIGEST

An update on the key decisions made and matters discussed by Council at its meeting on Thursday 18 August 2022.

### STRATEGY

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

Council discussed and noted the report including the Government's allocation of an additional 20,000 Commonwealth supported places to be provided to students from under-represented groups (such as First Nations people, people with a disability and those from low-socioeconomic backgrounds), the introduction of legislation to establish Jobs and Skills Australia on an interim basis, the new Student Shared Services function, and the key performance indicators relating to student success.

#### **Our People Report**

Council discussed and noted the report on Our People from the Vice-President, Professional Services and the presentation from the Faculty Executive Director, Faculty of Medicine, Health and Human Services, in his capacity as Program Lead for the corresponding focus area of the Operating Plan, regarding the key features of the Flexible Work Framework, and noting the University's FlexReady Extended Level Certification for the Framework.

#### **Macquarie Business School Report and Strategic Initiatives (Presentation)**

Council discussed and noted the report and presentation from the Executive Dean, Macquarie Business School on the Macquarie Business School and its strategic initiatives.

### REPORTS/RECOMMENDATIONS

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

Council discussed and noted the report including the diversity of accomplishments across many areas of the University, including research.

#### **Academic Senate Report and Recommendations – 26 July 2022 Meeting**

The Chair of the Academic Senate provided a report of the Academic Senate meeting held on 26 July 2022, including the review and approval of academic policies, a Student Success and Cohort Monitoring Report from the Faculty of Science and Engineering, a report on the MQ Way for Education and Employability, an update on Research Integrity operations, and the recommendation to Council of a Professor Emeritus nomination.

Council discussed and noted the Academic Senate Report and Recommendations, the Academic Integrity Report, and the Academic Quality and Standards Review Reports, and resolved to approve the award of Professor Emeritus.

#### **Finance and Facilities Committee Report and Recommendations – 26 July 2022 Meeting**

The Chair of the Finance and Facilities Committee provided a report of the Committee meeting held on 26 July 2022, including the Committee's endorsement to Council of a proposed new Naming of Facilities Policy to replace the aged Physical Facilities Naming Policy.

Council discussed and noted the report and resolved among other things to approve the Naming of Facilities Policy to replace the Physical Facilities Naming Policy, with immediate effect.

#### **Nominations and Remuneration Committee Report and Recommendations – 26 July 2022 Meeting**

The Chancellor in his capacity as Chair of the Nominations and Remuneration Committee provided a report of the Committee meeting held on 26 July 2022, including the matters recommended to Council for approval.

Council discussed and noted the report and resolved to:

- reappoint Mr Frank Zipfinger as an external Council appointed graduate member for a four-year term;

- reappoint Ms Jingmin Qian as an external Council appointed member for a four-year term;
- reappoint Ms Anne Garlick as an external member of the Audit and Risk Committee for a two-year term; and
- approve amendment of the Honorary Awards Committee Terms of Reference.

### **Audit and Risk Committee Report and Recommendations – 4 August 2022 Meeting**

The Chair of the Audit and Risk Committee provided a report of the Committee meeting held on 4 August 2022, including the presentation provided on patient safety and clinical systems at Macquarie University Hospital, the annual report on allegations of sexual assault and harassment, and provision of the TEQSA Request for Information concerning the management of financial risk.

Council discussed and noted report, including the Internal Auditor's reports.

### **Student Experience Committee Report and Recommendations – 4 And 5 August 2022 Meeting**

The Chair of the Student Experience Committee provided a report of the Committee meeting held over two sessions on 4 and 5 August 2022.

Council discussed and noted the report.

### **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 and noted the continued progress made in collating evidence for the University's renewal of registration with the Tertiary Education Quality and Standards Agency (TEQSA) and the re-registration of the University on the Australian Commonwealth Register of Institutions and Courses for Overseas Students (CRICOS).

## **OTHER MATTERS DISCUSSED/APPROVED**

### **Delegation to Finance and Facilities Committee in relation to the MQ Health Joint Venture**

Council noted an urgent matter endorsed by the MQ Health Board on 16 August 2022 and considered by the Finance and Facilities Committee at extraordinary meetings held on 17/18 August 2022, regarding the proposed short stay orthopaedic Ambulatory Specialist Centre (ASC) on Level 5 of the Macquarie University Hospital.

Council resolved to delegate authority to the Finance and Facilities Committee to approve finalisation of the agreements with the joint venture parties of the proposed ASC.

### **Power of Attorney**

Council resolved to revoke the existing Macquarie University Power of Attorney dated 2 September 2020, registered in the New South Wales General Register of Deeds as Book 4778 No 358 and approved the new Power of Attorney.

### **External Review of Council and Academic Governance Processes**

The Chancellor noted that an external review of Council and academic governance processes has been initiated with the independent reviewers.