



# COUNCIL BULLETIN

October 2022

## SIGNIFICANT ITEMS APPROVED BY COUNCIL AT THE 10 OCTOBER MEETING:

July 2022 Financial Statements | Council Committees – Terms of Reference  
Enterprise Risk Management Policy | Integrated Planning and Performance Policy

**The next meeting of the University of Southern Queensland Council is scheduled for Monday 5 December 2022 at the Queensland College for Wine Tourism (QCWT), Stanthorpe**

The 10 October 2022 Council meeting was conducted in the Council Chamber, Toowoomba Campus, as well as via Zoom.

### REPORTS

The Vice-Chancellor provided an update on activities and issues arising since the August 2022 Council meeting, including updates on student enrolments and international activities.

Council received a report from Mr John Dowling, Elected Student Member on Council, detailing activities he has been involved in since the August 2022 meeting.

Professor Karen Nelson, Provost, presented a detailed Student Load Report for Semester 2, 2022 and information relating to the 2023 student load and estimates.

An update was provided on the TEQSA Re-registration Project, which has been established to prepare the University for the process of re-registration in 2025.

Professor John Bell, Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Research and Innovation) presented the Research and Innovation Division Annual Report and provided updates on progress towards the high-level research goals identified in the Research Plan 2021-2025.

Council received an update on activities of Academic Board and received the Annual Academic Integrity Report for 2021, and the Academic Board Annual Self-Assessment Survey 2022 results.

Council authorised the Vice-Chancellor to sign the Participants Agreement for iLAUNCH, and subsequent project and ancillary agreements where the total value exceeds the Vice-Chancellor's financial delegation.

Council reviewed and approved updated Terms of Reference for the following Council committees and sub-committees:

- Finance and Facilities Committee
- Audit and Risk Committee
- Chancellor's Committee
- Remuneration Sub-committee

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Council received the following:

- Risk Management Report for the period to 19 August 2022
- Queensland College of Wine Tourism (QCWT) Annual Report 2021
- An update on development of the 2023 Annual Plan and Budget
- An update on the University's Insurance Renewal Strategy 2022 – 2023
- Mid-Year Strategic Plan Performance Report

Professor Ren Yi, Pro Vice-Chancellor (International) gave a presentation on the University's international strategy and implementation.

### POLICIES

Council approved the following policies:

- Enterprise Risk Management Policy
- Integrated Planning and Performance Policy

### RESOLUTIONS PASSED

Council approved the following:

- July 2022 Financial Statements
- Updated Terms of Reference for Council Committees and sub-committees
- Updated Assurance Charter
- Updated Charter of University Governance
- Updated Guidelines for the Conduct of Meetings of Council and Committees
- Updated Guidelines for the Nominations and Skills Audit Process (for Council and Council Committee members)

### TIMES HIGHER EDUCATION (THE) WORLD UNIVERSITIES RANKINGS 2023

In the 2023 THE World Rankings, released subsequent to the Council meeting, the University is now amongst the top 301-350 universities in the world. This significant improvement from our previous ranking is a remarkable achievement for which we congratulate the University's leadership and staff, particularly our researchers.

The University of Southern Queensland acknowledges the traditional custodians of the lands and waterways where the University is located. Further, we acknowledge the cultural diversity of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples and pay respect to Elders past, present and future.