



COUNCIL BULLETIN

JUNE 2022

SIGNIFICANT ITEMS APPROVED BY COUNCIL AT THE 27 JUNE MEETING:

Appointment of Chair, Academic Board | April 2022 Financial Statements
Revised Governance Policy Suite | Honorary Award and Title Policy Suite

**The next meeting of the USQ Council is scheduled for Monday 15 August 2022
at the USQ Toowoomba Campus**

The 27 June 2022 Council meeting was conducted in the Council Chamber, USQ Toowoomba, as well as via Zoom.

REPORTS

The Vice-Chancellor provided detailed reports on activities and issues since the May 2022 Council meeting, and shared a video prepared for the launch of the new USQ Brand.

Professor Tony Dreise, Pro Vice-Chancellor (First Nations Education and Research) joined the meeting to speak to Placing **uni** in community: A Blueprint – future directions in first nations education, research, and engagement at the University of Southern Queensland 2022 – 2025.

Professor John Bell, Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Enterprise Services) provided a presentation to Council on the establishment of the Trailblazer Universities Program Innovative Launch, Automation, Novel Materials, Communications, and Hypersonics (iLAUNCH) Hub.

Professor Karen Nelson, Provost, joined the meeting to present the Strategic Education Report for 2022, which highlights key activities aligned to pillars of the Academic Plan 2019 – 2022, and Council noted the progress towards the development of the Education Plan 2022 – 2025.

Mr John Dowling, Elected Student Member on Council, provided a report to Council on activities he has been involved in since the May 2022 meeting.

A report on the key initiatives and activities of Academic Board was provided to Council, including the ratification of nominations for the appointment of the new Chair of Academic Board.

Council approved a number of Governance policies including the Council Election Policy and Procedure, Policy on Complaints Involving Council Members, the Use of the University Seal Policy and Procedure, and the repeal of the Instruments of Delegation of Authority and Vice-Chancellor Policy. Council also approved the revised Honorary Award and Title Policy, Schedule and Procedure.

Council also received the following reports:

- Risk Management Report
- Quarterly Safety and Wellbeing Report
- Discrimination, Bullying, Harassment and Sexual Misconduct Report
- Policy and Procedure Status Report.

USQ STUDENT GUILD

Council received a report from Mrs Helen Nolan, Executive Director (Strategic Liaison Education Community) in her role as Council's representative on the USQ Student Guild Board.

Council also received the 2021 USQ Student Guild Annual Report which was presented by Ms Amanda Kenafake, Chair of the Student Guild Board.

APPOINTMENT OF CHAIR, ACADEMIC BOARD

In accordance with the Academic Board Terms of Reference (Section 3.5 Appointment of Chair and Deputy Chair), Council members considered nominations for the position of Chair, Academic Board for the remainder of the Board's current term. Following a discussion of the process and the nominations, Associate Professor Fernando Padro was appointed as Chair of Academic Board with effect from 1 July 2022, for the remainder of the current term which is up to but not including the regular meeting of Academic Board in July 2024.

HONORARY AWARDS

The Chancellor announced the following Honorary Awards awarded by Council, which will be conferred at an Honorary Awards function to be held at USQ Toowoomba in October 2022:

- His Honour Judge Ian Dearden - Doctor of Laws
- Professor Grant Daggard - Professor Emeritus
- Phia Damsma, MA - Fellow of the University
- Brent Finlay – Doctor of the University
- Mr Michael Hayes - Fellow of the University

RESOLUTIONS PASSED

Council approved the following:

- April 2022 Financial Statements
- Revised Governance Policies
- Revised Honorary Awards Policy Suite

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