

COUNCIL BULLETIN

MAY 2022

SIGNIFICANT ITEMS APPROVED BY COUNCIL AT THE 9 MAY MEETING:

USQ Modern Slavery Statement for 2021 | February 2022 Financial Statements
2023 Domestic and General Fee Schedules | 2023/2024 International Fee Schedules

**The next meeting of the USQ Council is scheduled for Monday 27 June 2022
at the USQ Toowoomba Campus**

The 9 May 2022 Council meeting was conducted in the Council Chamber, USQ Toowoomba, as well as via Zoom.

The Chancellor advised Council that he had approved conferral of awards in absentia for the University's Semester 3, 2021 graduating cohort.

REPORTS

The Vice-Chancellor provided detailed reports on activities and issues since the March 2022 Council meeting. An update on the Early Retirement Scheme was also provided. It was noted that due to the impending departure of Professor Grant Daggard a process to identify a replacement Chair of Academic Board was about to commence.

Professor Karen Nelson, Provost joined the meeting to present the final Student Load Report for Semester 3, 2021, the Student Load Report for Semester 1, 2022 and reforecasting of the full-year 2022 Student Load as at Quarter 1, 2022. The COVID-19 pandemic, closure of international borders, and environmental factors including bushfires, floods, high levels of unemployment and a Federal election, have all impacted on load. A number of initiatives aimed at addressing student load issues are underway, including engaging with students from Low-SES and rural and regional backgrounds, and students from Year 6 and 7, as well as a pilot tertiary preparation program embedded into Years 11 and 12 for schools in the region (Ipswich and west).

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

A report on the key initiatives and activities of Academic Board was provided to Council, including an update on work that is about to commence on the next TEQSQ Re-registration submission. Council noted the USQ Animal Ethics Committee Annual Report for 2021, and the Annual Student Complaints, Grievances and Appeals Report for 2021.

Council also received the following reports:

- Risk Management Report
- Report on Student Services and Amenities Fee (SA Fee)
- University Student Endowment Fund Report
- Quarterly Safety and Wellbeing Report
- Workplace Relations Report
- Policy and Procedure Status Report.

USQ STUDENT GUILD

Mrs Helen Nolan, Executive Director (Strategic Liaison Education Community) was appointed as Council's Representative on the USQ Student Guild Board for a further two year term from 9 May 2022.

SAFETY PRESENTATION

Professor Karen Nelson (Provost), Mr Michael Thomas (Deputy Vice-Chancellor, Enterprise Services), Mrs Robyn Fallon (Executive Director, Facilities Management) and Dr Christie White (Director, Safety, Security and Sustainability) joined the Council meeting to provide a presentation on Work Health and Safety obligations (including for Council, Senior Executives, Managers and Supervisors, and all University members and students).

RESOLUTIONS PASSED

Council approved the following:

- USQ Modern Slavery Statement for 2021
- February 2022 Financial Statements
- 2023 Domestic and General Fee Schedules
- 2023/2024 International Fee Schedules.

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