

SENATE DIGEST FOR MEETING OF 24 FEBRUARY 2022

1. Report from Chancellor

The Chancellor provided an introduction and a summary of the events and meetings in which he had participated since commencement, including:

- Fr Richard Leonard SJ Installation Mass;
- Recording of Chancellor welcome video;
- ACU Book of Prayer Launch;
- Chancellors Mass of Installation;
- NSWVCC | NSW and ACT Chancellors and Vice-Chancellors Working Lunch;
- Sir Peter Cosgrove Lecture; and
- Senate Standing Committee.

2. Report from Vice-Chancellor and President

The Vice-Chancellor and President (VC) provided an overview of the Report from the Vice-Chancellor and highlighted the following:

- The Young University Rankings 2022 has placed ACU number 39 in the world, up three places from 42 last year;
- An Innovation Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with the NSW Government was signed. ACU was one of several NSW universities to sign the MOU, which seeks to improve collaboration between the government and the university sector on projects that will deliver social and economic benefits to the people of NSW;
- Prof Belinda Tynan, former Provost departed ACU in Jan 2022;
- Prof Meg Stuart has been appointed as Interim Provost;
- Attended Book of Prayer launch;
- Attended Mass of Installation of ACU Chancellor;
- Prof Mary Ryan has commenced as Executive Dean, Faculty of Education and Arts;
- Prof. Andrew Condon has been appointed to the new role of Industry Professor, Veterans and Their Families;
- Resumption of campus activities and face to face teaching is underway;
- Plans of a Rome Campus visit in March and campus activation; and
- An update was provided in relation to 2022 VC Priorities and the Strategic Plan. The Plan expires in 2024. Internal discussions have commenced and it will come to Senate later in the year.

Senate:

- discussed and noted the Vice-Chancellor and President's Report to Senate.

3. Report from Interim Provost

The Vice-Chancellor provided a brief overview of the Report from Interim Provost.

Senators discussed the following:

- A large cohort of international students is currently taking English language tests in order to enrol;
- Exceeded target of international research students;
- ACU's response to the increased demand for nurses; and
- The mental health impact of COVID in young people and the importance of pastoral care.

Senate:

- noted the submission of the Report from Interim Provost.

4. Report from the Chief Operating Officer

The Chief Operating Officer provided a brief overview of the reports on the agenda under the Report from the Chief Operating Officer.

Senate:

- discussed Melbourne Campus Development;
- noted the Student Services and Amenities Fee Annual Report;
- noted the Contract Execution Register;
- amendments to clause 6.5 of the Delegations of Authority Policy and Register (Delegations) approved by the Chief Operating Officer in accordance with clause 1.12 of the Delegations; and
- the publication of version 11a of the Delegations as a result of these amendments

5. Report from Academic Board

The Chair of Academic Board provided an overview of the Report of the Academic Board and highlighted the following:

- Academic Board held its annual Governance Day;
- Eight courses were submitted for approval.

Senate:

- approved the New Course Proposals for:
 - Bachelor of Early Childhood Education (Birth to Five Years) (Accelerated);
 - Bachelor of Commerce (Accounting);
 - Bachelor of Commerce (HRM and Management);
 - Bachelor of Commerce (Marketing);
 - Bachelor of Commerce (Data Analytics);
 - Bachelor of Criminology and Criminal Justice (Honours);
 - Bachelor of Criminology and Criminal Justice / Bachelor of Laws; and
 - Doctor of Ministry.
- noted the Digest of Academic Board meeting 01/2022; and
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6. Report of the Senate Standing Committee:

Dr Stephen Weller, Secretary to Corporation and Chief Operating Officer, provided a brief overview of Senate Standing Committee meeting and highlighted the following key discussion topics:

- Senate Charter;
- Statute 2.5 amendments; and
- Senator Term Expiration

Senate:

- noted the expiration of terms of office for select Senate members appointed under Clauses 13.2(f), 13.2(g) and 13.2(h) of the ACU Constitution and renominations under clauses 13.2(f) and 13.2(g), referred to Members for election at the 2022 AGM.

7. Report of the Audit and Risk Committee

The Secretary provided an overview of the Report of the Audit and Risk Committee (ARC) and highlighted that new legislation should criminalise making ransomware payments.

Senate:

- noted the report from meeting 05/2021 of the Audit and Risk Committee, held on 8 December 2021.

8. Reports from State Chapters

It was noted that Mr David Hutton OAM tendered his resignation from the role of Chair, QLD Chapter. Most Reverend Mark Coleridge BA DSS, Archbishop of Brisbane has appointed Ms Margaret Vider DSG as Interim Chair, QLD Chapter.

9. General Business

The Chancellor provided an update on the Constitution Review.