

SENATE DIGEST FOR MEETING OF 2 NOVEMBER 2023

1. Welcome and Apologies

The Chancellor welcomed Senators and attendees to the meeting and apologies were noted.

2. Report from Chancellor

The Chancellor observed that the written Report contains a summary of the events and meetings in which he had participated since the previous meeting and discussed the Universities Accord Interim Report.

3. Report from Vice-Chancellor and President

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

- ACU has secured almost \$11.5 million in new research funding in 2023;
- A number of events across ACU including Blessings of the Saint Teresa of Kolkata Building;
- The unique relationship in Townsville with the Australian Defence Force is set to grow with additional defence force personnel. It is setup for current and ex-serving members and their families to study at ACU with additional support; and
- Hungarian President Katalin Novák visited ACU's North Sydney campus as a guest of PM Glynn Institute.

4. Recovery Taskforce

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

- Vice-Chancellor Staff Talks have been held on Melbourne, Brisbane, Ballarat and Canberra campuses; and
- Progress has been made on the Education, Academic and Operations Change Management Plans.

Senate noted the progress and risk elements of Recovery Taskforce.

5. ACU Vision 2023

The Chief Financial Officer provided an overview of written Report and highlighted the following:

- The Vision 2033 Strategy Execution Framework and how that flows to operational budgeting and planning, and individual contributions at each level across the organisation; and
- Improved reporting by distilling different measures into two separate 'Strategic' and 'Operating' categories.

Senators noted and discussed the update and Strategy Execution Framework.

6. Bi-annual Performance Report

The Chief Data and Insights Officer provided a presentation and overview of:

- Work underway to increase enrolment of Higher Degree by Research (HDR) students; and
- University rankings.

Senate discussed and noted the enclosed ACU Biannual Performance Report.

7. **Appointment of Provost**

Senate approved the appointment of Professor Juie Cogin as Provost.

8. **Mission and Identity**

The Vice-President and Director, Identity and Mission presented and facilitated discussion on Trustees in Catholic Higher Education - Components of a Strong Catholic Mission.

Senate noted the report from the Vice President.

9. **Report from Interim Provost**

The Interim Provost provided an overview of the written Report and highlighted:

- Commencing student enrolments are tracking well and have increased compared with the same time last year; and
- Continuing students are declining which shows many continue to be enrolled under load.

Senators discussed enrolment targets and noted the Provost Portfolio Report.

10. **Renewal of Registration**

The Institutional Lead, Renewal of Registration provided an overview of the written Report and highlighted the following:

- ACU's registration with TEQSA and upcoming assessment;
- Regular reporting will be provided to Senate and the Vice-Chancellor's Advisory Committee (VCAC).

Senators discussed and noted the Renewal of Registration: Program of Work 2024.

11. **Report from Chief Operating Officer**

Senate discussed and noted the following reports:

- Deeds of Access, Indemnity and Assurance;
- Contract Execution Register; and
- Melbourne Campus Development Report.

12. **Report of the Academic Board**

The Chair of Academic Board (AB) provided an overview of the Academic Board meeting of 13 September 2023 and highlighted the following:

- ACU's major academic innovation, the Thrive Program;
- The Global Resilience Plan; and
- The Academic Board Misconduct Report.

Senate noted the Digest of Academic Board meeting 05/2023.

13. **Report of the Senate Standing Committee**

Senate noted the Report of the Senate Standing Committee from its meeting of 4 September 2023.

Senate approved the revised Statute 2.6 – The Faculties and Statute 8.2 – Elections to Faculty Boards, as presented, with immediate effect.

14. Report of the Finance and Resources Committee

The Pro-Chancellor provided an overview of the written Report and highlighted the following:

- The Scheme of Arrangement Voting (Catholic Church Insurance); and
- The discussion of IDP shares.

Senate noted the Report of the Finance and Resources Committee from its meeting of 9 October 2023.

15. Report of the Audit and Risk Committee

The Secretary provided a brief overview of the meeting of 20 September 2023. Senate noted the Report.

16. Report of the ACT State Chapter

Senate noted the Report of the ACT State Chapter meeting of 17 August 2023

17. Report of the NSW State Chapter

Senate noted the Report of the NSW State Chapter meeting of 7 August 2023.

18. Report of the QLD State Chapter

Senate noted the Report of the QLD State Chapter meeting of 15 August 2023

19. Report of the VIC State Chapter

Senate noted the Report of the VIC State Chapter meeting of 8 August 2023