

## SENATE DIGEST FOR MEETING OF 14 DECEMBER 2023

### 1. Strategic Session

Rachael Falk, CEO of the Cyber Security Cooperative Research Centre, presented on the evolving cyber threat landscape.

### 2. Welcome and Apologies

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

### 3. Report from Chancellor

The Chancellor noted the Report contained a summary of the events and meetings in which he had participated since the previous meeting, and highlighted the following:

- The Julien O'Connell Lecture Theatre Opening and Ethos 2023 Panel Discussion on 2 November;
- 2023 ACU Federal Parliamentary Interfaith Breakfast on 16 November.

### 4. Report from the Vice-Chancellor and President

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

- ACU has been awarded a Carnegie Community Engagement Classification;
- The newly constructed Blacktown Exercise, Sports and Technology (BEST) facility was officially opened on 19 November;
- Building of the state-of-the-art human metabolic chamber on the Melbourne Campus has been completed;
- ACU has met and exceeded philanthropy targets for 2023. Gratitude to those supporting the education of others was acknowledged;
- ACU has secured funding as part of the Department of Veterans' Affairs (DVA) Veteran Wellbeing Grants (VWG) One-Off Program, to support ACU Veterans and Families;
- ACU has signed off on the establishment of the STEM Centre of Educational Excellence at the Strathfield Campus;
- ACU Co-Lab has secured funding from Investment NSW across four years;
- ACU's new Enterprise Clinic continues to grow commercial opportunities;
- ACU's received a Bronze award for ACU Thrive in the Blended and Presence Learning category at the QS Reimagine Education Awards.

### 5. ACU Vision 2033

The Vice-Chancellor presented the final version of ACU Vision 2033, outlining the university's 10-year vision with a distinct focus on its mission as a Catholic institution through six key focus areas.

Senate approved *ACU Vision 2033*.

## **6. Measures and Benchmarks**

The Vice-Chancellor provided an overview on the measures and benchmarks that are a priority to the University in realising Vision 2033.

Senate noted the current draft of the strategic measures.

## **7. November 2023 Financial Forecast**

The Chief Financial Officer provided an overview of the November 2023 Financial Forecast.

## **8. Budget**

The Chief Financial Officer provided an overview of the budget.

Senate approved the 2024 Budget.

## **9. Mission and Identity**

The Vice-President and Director, Identity and Mission provided a summary of the events and meetings in which he had participated since the previous meeting.

Senate noted the report from the Vice President.

## **10. Senate Formation Day**

The Vice-President and Director, Identity and Mission facilitated discussion regarding a Senate Spirituality Day in 2024 with the aim of Understanding and Enriching our Catholic Identity.

Senate noted the advice from the Vice-President regarding a Senate Spirituality Day in 2024.

## **11. Report from the Interim Provost**

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

- Continuing students are declining which shows many continue to be enrolled under load.
- Early data indicate the ACU Thrive first-year success model has proven effective in improving commencing the undergraduate pre-census retention rate, improving satisfaction with learning and teaching quality, and increasing satisfaction with overall first year experience.

Senate discussed enrolment targets and noted the Provost Portfolio Report

## **12. Renewal of Registration**

The Institutional Lead, Renewal of Registration provided an overview of the written report circulated with the agenda and highlighted the following:

- ACU's registration with TEQSA and upcoming assessment

Senate noted the Renewal of Registration: Program of Work 2024.

### **13. Report from the Chief Operating Officer**

Senate discussed and noted the following reports:

- Delegations of Authority Policy and Register
- Protected Disclosures
- Contract Execution Register
- Work Health and Safety Report

### **14. Report of the Academic Board**

The Chair of the Academic Board took the Academic Board report as read.

Senate noted the Digest of Academic Board meeting 06/2023 held on 15 November 2023.

### **15. Report of the Senate Standing Committee**

Senate noted the Report of the Senate Standing Committee from its meeting of 10 November 2023.

### **16. Report of the finance and Resources Committee**

Senate noted the Report from Meeting 06/2023 (13 November) of the Finance and Resources Committee

### **17. Report of the Audit and Risk Committee**

Senate noted the Report from Meeting 05/2023 (20 September) of the Audit and Risk Committee.

### **18. Report from the Honorary Awards Committee**

Senate noted the Report from the Honorary Awards Committee from its meeting of 10 November 2023.

Senate approved the awarding of the Honorary Degree of Doctor of the University [Duniv(HonorisCausa)] to three nominees.

Senate approved the granting of the title of Emeritus Professor to one nominee.

### **19. Reports from State Chapters**

Senate noted the following Reports:

- ACT State Chapter meeting of 26 October 2023;
- NSW State Chapter meeting of 20 November 2023;

- Queensland State Chapter meeting of 14 November 2023; and
- Victorian State Chapter meeting of 21 November 2023.