

SENATE DIGEST FOR MEETING OF 3 APRIL 2024**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 highlighted his attendance at the Evening Easter Vigil at the Holy Spirit Chapel on the Banyo Campus.

3. Report from Vice-Chancellor and President

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

- A VC-led ACU delegation visited Nepal and India with the primary objective of establishing and fostering relationships with educational institutions, Government officials and local industry representatives;
- Signing of memorandum of understanding with the Kathmandu University;
- Increased activity in research innovation and commercialisation, with a number of projects on the cusp of commercialisation and spin-off; and
- ACU's citation performance remaining high.

4. Measures Benchmarks and Targets

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

Senate approved, on an interim basis, the targets for strategic measures for Impact Phase 1 (2024-2026).

5. Accord Presentation

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

- The Accord Final Report is recognised for its focus on 'building skills through equity; and
- Uncertainty regarding future Government actions arising from the Accord which in turn pose challenges for planning and resource allocation.

Senate noted and discussed the Accord Presentation.

6. 2023 Financial Statements.

Senate approved the 2023 Annual Financial Statements, including Directors' Report for presentation to the Corporation AGM.

7. 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: Q1 Progress Update.

8. Mission and Identity

The Vice-President and Director, Identity and Mission provided an overview on the written Report and highlighted the following:

- The recently held *Ex Corde* Retreat for senior and emerging senior leaders;
- The continuation of ACU's annual celebrations of "the supreme poet" Dante Alighieri at the third Dante Symposium in North Sydney on 22 March 2024 in collaboration with the Italian Institute of Culture; and
- Collaboration with Learning and Teaching within the Faculty of Law and Business on *Ex Corde* and embedding Mission in the curriculum..

Senate noted the report from the Vice President.

9. Report from Provost

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

- Revenue and EFTSL have grown for all Faculties compared to the end of 2023; and
- The use of the Graduate Outcomes Survey as an operational benchmark

Senate noted the Provost Report.

10. Senate Effectiveness and Senator Appraisal Update

Senate noted the Senate Effectiveness and Senator Appraisal Update.

11. Senate Academic Staff By-Election

Senate noted the election to Senate of Associate Professor Leah Kaufmann (Faculty of Health Sciences).

12. Report of the Academic Board

The Chair of Academic Board (AB) provided an overview of the 2023 Academic Board Annual Report and highlighted the following:

- Academic risk was discussed during a recent OzCABS national forum (comprising Chairs of Academic Boards from all Australian universities); and
- The Chair, Academic Board has been elected to join the OzCABS TEQSA Academic Risk Project Group, which will form a foundational body for sector representation.

Senate noted the 2023 Annual Academic Board Report.

13. Report of the Senate Standing Committee

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14. Positive Duty under the *Sex Discrimination Act 1984 (Cth)*

Senate discussed and noted the Positive Duty on organisations and businesses to prevent workplace sexual harassment, sex-based harassment, sex discrimination, hostile work environments and victimisation.

Senate discussed and noted the development of an Action Plan in response to the Positive Duty.

15. Statute 6.1 Conferral of Awards

Senate approved the revised Statute 6.1 – Conferral of Awards, with affect from 3 April 2024.

16. Report of the Finance and Resources Committee

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17. Report of the Audit and Risk Committee

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18. Report of the Honorary Awards Committee

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19. Sexual Misconduct Report

Senate discussed and noted the Sexual Misconduct Report.

20. Reports from State Chapters

Senate noted the report of the NSW State Chapter.