

**COUNCIL NEWS**  
**UNIVERSITY COUNCIL MEETING**  
**10 JUNE 2019**

**VICE CHANCELLOR'S REPORT**

The Vice Chancellor presented her June Report to Council and briefed members about the following matters:

***Leiden Ranking 2019***

The Leiden Ranking measures and ranks universities based on research volume and quality. Based on the volume of research in the global Top 10%, Griffith's position on the Leiden Ranking 2019 had improved by 35 places to 264<sup>th</sup> in the world (299<sup>th</sup> in 2018).

***Progress on the strategic planning process***

The Phase One consultation process is complete. Feedback from the May Council Retreat informed the final version of the Phase Two strategic discussion paper. The Vice Chancellor will undertake a series of 'town hall' meetings at each campus during June and the Nous Group has been engaged to undertake consultations with external stakeholders, including industry and alumni. Feedback from Stage Two consultations will inform development of the draft Strategic Plan, to be considered at the special Council meeting on 12 September.

***Federal election outcomes and the implications for the University.***

There is stability in higher education ministerial portfolios following re-election of the coalition government, with Minister for Education, Hon Dan Tehan MP, and the Minister for Industry, Science and Technology, Hon Karen Andrews MP continuing in their roles. Ms Andrews and Hon Stuart Robert MP are local Members in cabinet positions. Eight alumni were elected to the House of Representatives and one alumna was elected to the Senate. The Vice Chancellor advised that she would engage with all local members and letters of congratulation had been sent to them as well as to newly elected Queensland senators, elected Griffith alumni, relevant senior ministers and shadow ministers. The Vice Chancellor advised Council that Griffith and other universities will engage with reviews being undertaken by the government into aspects of the higher education system and would seek to work collaboratively to meet current and future student demands for higher education. The Vice Chancellor advised that the fiscally constrained higher education policy settings of the current government may require the University to make difficult decisions about student enrolment numbers in future given reduced funding arrangements. Council was advised that recommendations would be brought forward for consideration next year.

***Recruitment processes currently underway:***

Deputy Vice Chancellor (Research)

Pro Vice Chancellor (Arts, Education and Law)

***Senior staffing arrangements effective 13 May:***

Professor Debra Henly, Senior Deputy Vice Chancellor, retaining responsibility for the Academic portfolio, effective 13 May.

Professor Sheena Reilly, Pro Vice Chancellor (Health), acting Head, Gold Coast campus up to end of 2019, effective 13 May.

Professor Andrea Bishop, Pro Vice Chancellor (Research) acting as Deputy Vice Chancellor (Research) pending resolution of the recruitment process for the position.

Professor Scott Harrison, acting Pro Vice Chancellor (Arts, Education and Law), pending resolution of the recruitment process for the position, effective from departure of Professor Mazerolle on 18 June.

Professor Gemma Carey, acting Director, Queensland Conservatorium while Professor Scott Harrison is acting Pro Vice Chancellor (Arts, Education and Law).

Professor Ruth Bereson, appointed as Dean, Engagement (Creative Arts), Arts, Education and Law Group;

Professor Susan Forde, acting Dean (Academic), Arts, Education and Law Group pending resolution of the recruitment process for the position.

## **PROFESSOR NED PANKHURST**

Council **resolved to confer** the title Professor Emeritus on Professor Ned Pankhurst effective from the date of his retirement from the University, and **agreed to adopt** a minute of appreciation in recognition of his outstanding leadership and contributions during his many years of distinguished service.

## **PROFESSOR PAUL MAZEROLLE, PRO VICE CHANCELLOR (ARTS, EDUCATION AND LAW)**

Council noted that this would be the last meeting that Professor Mazerolle would attend before commencing his appointment as Vice-Chancellor and President, University of New Brunswick, Canada.

Council noted that a formal minute of appreciation in recognition of Professor Mazerolle's outstanding leadership and contributions would be brought forward for Council's adoption at the August 2019 meeting.

## **APPOINTMENT OF DEANS**

Council **resolved to offer** the following re-appointments:

Associate Professor Michelle Whitford as Dean (Learning and Student Outcomes) for a further appointment up to and including 31 December 2020.

Professor Nick Buys as Dean (Learning and Teaching), Griffith Health for a further appointment up to and including 31 December 2020.

## **COUNCIL MEMBERSHIP – ELECTED POSTGRADUATE STUDENT**

Council noted that Mr Vincent Tawiah, elected postgraduate student member, having submitted his PhD thesis, was no longer enrolled as a student of the University and had submitted his formal resignation to the Chancellor. Council **resolved** to place on record its appreciation of the contributions of Mr Tawiah during his term as a Council member (October 2017 to May 2019).

Council noted that the next elections for student positions on Council would be conducted in September 2019, with new members to commence from late October 2019.

## **IAN O'CONNOR BUILDING**

Council noted the proposal to name the Griffith Health Centre (G40) at the Gold Coast campus after Professor Emeritus Ian O'Connor AC. Council agreed that this was a fitting way to honour Professor O'Connor in recognition of his outstanding contributions to the University, and, his distinguished service as Vice Chancellor and President for the fourteen-year period from 2005 to 2018.

Council resolved to approve that the Griffith Health Centre be renamed the *Ian O'Connor Building* on a date to be determined by the Chancellor and the Vice Chancellor.

## **2019 CORPORATE RISK REGISTER AND REVISED RISK MATRIX**

Council resolved to endorse the 2019 Corporate Risk Register (2019/0000091) and the revised risk matrix. Council noted the addition of new risk 12 Digital Learning Environment and updates to controls and mitigating actions across the risk register. It was noted that the new Enterprise Risk Management Framework, Risk Management Policy and Risk Appetite Statement would be recommended to August Council on the recommendation of the Finance, Resources and Risk Committee.

## QUEEN'S BIRTHDAY HONOURS

The Chancellor congratulated the following members of the University community who were recognised in this year's Queen's Birthday honours:

Professor Mark von Itzstein AO, Director of the Institute for Glycomics, was appointed an Officer of the Order of Australia (AO) in the General Division for distinguished service to medical research and education in the field of structural biology and glycochemistry, and as a mentor.

The Honourable Justice Debra Mullins AO DUniv was appointed an Officer of the Order of Australia (AO) in the General Division for distinguished service to the law, and to the judiciary, to professional development and legal education, and to women.

Mr Li Cunxin AO DUniv was appointed an Officer of the Order of Australia (AO) in the General Division for distinguished service to the performing arts, particularly to ballet, as a dancer and artistic director.

Associate Professor Alexander Forrest AO, formerly of the School of Environment and Science, was appointed an Officer of the Order of Australia (AO) in the General Division for distinguished service to dentistry, particularly to forensic odontology, and to education in the field of head and neck anatomy.

Ms Janine Walker AM, former Director of Human Resources Management, was appointed a Member of the Order of Australia (AM) for significant service to education, to community health, and to the media.

Dr Steven Nisbet OAM, formerly of the School of Education and Professional Studies, was awarded a Medal of the Order of Australia (OAM) in the General Division for service to the community through music, and to education.

Professor Alan Cowman AC, graduate of the University and currently Deputy Director and Head of Infection and Immunity at The Walter and Eliza Hall Institute in Victoria, was awarded a Companion of the Order of Australia (AC) for eminent service to the biological sciences, notably to molecular parasitology, to medical research and scientific education, and as a mentor.

## PRESENTATION – ARC RESEARCH HUB FOR DRIVING FARMING PRODUCTIVITY AND DISEASE PREVENTION

The Chancellor thanked Professor Yongsheng Gao, Director, Institute for Integrated and Intelligent Systems for his very interesting and information presentation about the activities of the ARC Research Hub for Driving Farming Productivity and Disease Prevention.

## POLICY REVIEW

Council **resolved to approve** the following policies:

- Amended Closed Circuit Television and Surveillance Policy (2019/0000088) with immediate effect, noting that minor updates had been made to reflect terminology changes associated with current technology and to reflect that footage is now cloud hosted rather than physically stored on premises.
- Endorsed the Placement of Memorials on Site Policy for a further five-year period to 2024. Council noted that no changes of any nature were required to be made to the policy following its regular review.
- Amended Authority to Sign Contracts and Agreements: Schedule of Delegations (2019/0000066) with immediate effect. Council noted that substantive changes to delegations related to authority to sign student placement agreements, deeds and schedules; sponsorship contracts, agreements or deeds; and confidentiality or non-disclosure deeds or agreements.

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