From the Council

At its meeting on 1 December 2011, Council received a report from the Vice-Chancellor on a number of key matters, including:

- Tertiary Education Quality and Standards Agency (TEQSA) Audit and University Registration
- Funding of Commonwealth supported postgraduate places
- Commonwealth funding for pre-bachelor degree programs
- Flexibility in Academic Work Policy – Education–focused roles
- Establishment of the Office for Learning and Teaching
- Strategic Professors
- Australian Research Council (ARC) and National Health and Medical Research Council (NHMRC) Grant Outcomes
- Flinders in China
- Knight Review – Strategies for the Student Visa Program 2011
- International Network of Universities (INU)
- International Enrolments
- Ministerial press release on university surpluses
- Universities Australia Plenary
- Honours for Staff and Students

Council approved:

- The re-appointment of Mr Allen Bolaffi and Ms Elizabeth Moran as members of the Audit and Risk Committee for two year terms commencing 1 January 2012.

- The appointment of Ms Diané Ranck, Director Marketing and Communications, as a member of the Sir Ewen Waterman Foundation Management Committee, commencing 1 January 2012.

- The rescission of the delegation to the Vice-President (Strategy and Planning) to establish prizes and scholarships and the rules and conditions governing them, and delegated this authority to the Vice-Chancellor, or nominee(s).

- Amendments to the composition of Academic Senate to include, ex officio, the Pro-Vice-Chancellor (Information, Communication and Technology Services), the Dean of Graduate Research and the Dean of Indigenous Strategy and Engagement.

- The establishment of new courses:
  - Doctor of Medicine
  - Bachelor of Engineering (Electrical), The Degree of
  - Bachelor of Mathematical Sciences, The Ordinary and Honours Degrees of
• The change of name of a course:
  • Change in title of the ‘Bachelor of Clinical Sciences/Bachelor of Medicine and Bachelor of Surgery, The Degrees of’, to ‘Bachelor of Clinical Sciences/Doctor of Medicine, The Degrees of’

• The discontinuation of courses:
  • Master of Educational Administration
  • Master of Educational Studies
  • Master of Education (Special Education)

Council noted:
  • A presentation from the Vice-President (Strategy and Planning).
  • Progress on the implementation of the University Operational Plan 2011.
  • The Vice-Chancellor’s Management Report.

Further information about the items listed above can be found in the non-confidential Agenda Papers for Council meeting 4/11, which is available on the University website at: http://www.flinders.edu.au/compserv/ucs/public/

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