

SENATE DIGEST FOR MEETING OF 22 FEBRUARY 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 the following:

- A Private Audience with the Holy Father in which the Chancellor extended a blessing from ACU which was received positively; and
- Participation in the International Federation of Catholic Universities Conference in Rome: *The University and the Church. The future of Catholic Universities on the occasion of the IFCU Centenary.*

3. Report from Vice-Chancellor and President

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

- The launch of Vision 2033;
- Launch of the Loyola Institute in partnership with the Australian Jesuits at the ACU Melbourne Campus;
- QILT Survey Results which rank ACU within the top eight for undergraduate students in full time employment alongside five other Group of Eight universities;
- Appointment of Michelle Lopez as the inaugural Director of the Graduate Research School; and
- Consistent upward trends in ACU's scholarly output, particularly in high quality publications.

4. Advancement and Alumni Report

The Vice-Chancellor and President (VC) provided an overview of the written report and highlighted improved philanthropic performance, and alumni engagements.

Senate noted and discussed the Advancement and Alumni Report.

5. Appointment of Pro Vice-Chancellor (Indigenous)

Senate approved the appointment of Kelly Humphrey as Pro Vice-Chancellor (Indigenous).

6. Fethullah Gülen Chair in the Study of Islam and Muslim-Catholic Relations

The Vice-Chancellor and President (VC) provided an overview of the written report and highlighted the relationship between ACU and the Australian Intercultural Society (AIS).

Senate discussed and noted the Fethullah Gülen Chair in the Study of Islam and Muslim-Catholic Relations.

7. January 2024 Financial Forecast

The Vice-Chancellor and President (VC) provided an overview on the January 2024 Financial Forecast.

Senate discussed and noted the January 2024 Financial Forecast.

8. Presentation: State of Play

The Vice-Chancellor and President (VC) provided an overview of the presentation and highlighted ACU's achievements in 2023 and 2024 goals.

Senate discussed and noted the Presentation *State of Play 2024: At a strategic inflection point*.

9. Mission and Identity

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

- The ACU *Mission in the Media Report* highlights ACU's impact within Catholic and secular media; and
- The Centre for Liturgy is having a significant impact in Laos hosting liturgical workshops;

Senate noted the report from the Vice President.

10. 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

11. Report from Interim Provost

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

- ACU is on track to meet annual revenue and EFTSL targets with commencing and continuing enrolments in Semester 2 open until mid-year;
- Continuing student load has exceeded expectations with improved retention; and
- Load figures are changing daily as students approach Census.

Senate noted the Provost Portfolio Report January 2024.

12. Report from the Corporation Secretary

The Corporation Secretary provided an update on the written report Senate Effectiveness and Senator Appraisal Update and highlighted the Senate self-review survey is to be released shortly.

Senate noted the Senate Effectiveness and Senator Appraisal Update.

13. 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:

- TEQSA's indication to request a credible action plan on ACU's response to Artificial Intelligence;
- The development of an action plan following 2024 Governance Day; and
- The results of the Board member self-evaluation survey.

Senate noted the 2023 Annual Academic Board Report.

14. Reports from State Chapters

Senate noted the 2023 Annual Report of the ACT State Chapter.

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