

SENATE DIGEST FOR MEETING OF 29 AUGUST 2024

1. Welcome and Apologies

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

2. Report from Chancellor

The Chancellor noted that the written report contains a summary of the events and meetings in which he had participated since the previous meeting. Senators reviewed priorities established in the previous day's planning session.

3. Report from Vice-Chancellor and President

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

- Enrolment numbers are strong, with positive trends in both Domestic and International Cohorts;
- ACU hosted the Association of Southeast and East Asian Catholic Colleges and Universities (ASEACUU) from 21 – 23 August 2024, at the North Sydney Campus, attended by over 200 delegates;
- ACU hosted the Strategic Alliance of Catholic Research Universities (SACRU), a network of Universities dedicated to research and teaching excellence, on 19 August 2024; and
- Successful delegations to India.

4. Appointment of Chief Operating Officer

Senate approved the appointment of Mr Patrick Woods as Chief Operating Officer.

5. Mission and Identity

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

- A new pilot within the Clemente Program, for low-risk inmates at Parklea Correctional Centre; and
- Mission week and the introduction of diverse spiritual teachings through Campus Ministry.

6. Renewal of Registration

Senate noted the ACU Reregistration Program 2024 – TEQSA Scope provided to ACU for its Renewal of Registration application.

7. Report from Provost

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

- New courses currently within the pipeline; and

- Government proposals for visa caps and changes to academic workload.

Senate noted the Provost Report.

8. Financial Forecast

The Chief Financial Officer provided an overview of the written report and highlighted the following:

- Strong EFTSL growth has contributed to an increase in the revenue forecast and the overall budget position.

Senate noted the Forecast Financial Statements.

9. Wage Compliance Program

Senate noted the Wage Compliance Program.

10. Positive Duty Action Plan

Senate noted the Positive Duty to Prevent Sexual Harassment – Action Plan.

11. Independent Review of the Governing Body ('Niland Review') – Action Plan: Progress Report

Senate discussed and noted the further progress against the Recommendations contained in the report of the Independent Review of Corporate Governance by Emeritus Professor John Niland.

12. Foreign Bribery Reforms: *Crimes Legislation Amendment (Combatting Foreign Bribery) Act 2024*

Senate noted Management's actions to comply with the new foreign bribery laws as set out in the *Crimes Legislation Amendment (Combatting Foreign Bribery) Act 2024*.

13. Report of the Academic Board

Senate noted the Academic Board Report.

14. Report of the Senate Standing Committee

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15. Report of the Audit and Risk Committee

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16. Strategic Risk Development – Update

Senate noted the progress on the development of updated ACU Strategic Risks in line with Vision 2033 and changes to the sector as a result of Government implementation of University Accord findings.

17. Cyber Security

The Chief Information & Digital Officer provided an overview of the written report and highlighted that ACU's overall risk profile remains unchanged. Senate noted that work is underway regarding storage of identity documents and sensitive information.

Senate noted the Cyber Security Report – July 2024.

18. Sexual Harm and Wellbeing

The Director, Student Experience provided an overview of the written report consistent with the biannual reporting on student and staff concerns and highlighted the following:

- Rates of disclosure and trends; and
- Works underway to equip pre-placement students to recognise problematic behaviours.

Senate noted the Sexual Misconduct Report ACU Staff and Students – Semester 2 2023.

19. Reports from State Chapters

Senate noted the Report of the ACT State Chapter.

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