

**AUSTRALIAN CATHOLIC UNIVERSITY  
DIGEST OF SENATE MEETING 3/2010  
HELD ON 16 SEPTEMBER 2010**

## **Presentations**

Senate received presentations as follows:

- Professor Elizabeth More AM, Foundation Dean of Business regarding the strategic direction of the Faculty of Business; and
- Mr David Craig, Director, Marketing and External Relations (MER) regarding issues and current and future directions of MER.

## **Meeting with members of the Indigenous Education Committee (IEC)**

Senate met with members of the IEC. Senate discussed a number of matters including the following:

- the Centre for Indigenous Education and Research – 18 months on;
- provision of courses for Indigenous students – for example, proposed Master of Indigenous Leadership and Associate Degree in Indigenous Health;
- ACU leadership initiatives in Indigenous higher education, including:
  - Australian Learning and Teaching Council grants
  - Indigenous Staff Research Scholarships
  - other research and consulting initiatives; and
- community issues.

## **Marketing and admissions**

Senate noted that, compared with 2009, there had been an increase in attendance at Open Days at all campuses. Senate further noted that application numbers for international students, for mid-year entry in 2010, had increased by 18% when compared with the same time in 2009. Senate was pleased to note that the application numbers for domestic enrolments for mid-year had increased by 56% over 2009 even though a smaller number of courses were offered in 2010.

## **Commonwealth Structural Adjustment Fund (SAF)**

Senate noted that the University had prepared an application for \$35m in capital funding to enable consolidation of its health courses in Sydney. It was anticipated that recipients would be notified by the May budget in 2011.

## **Top rankings in the *2011 Good Universities Guide***

Senate noted that the University had received the following rankings in *The Good Universities Guide for 2011*:

- five stars, the highest possible rating, for Indigenous Participation; and
- four stars for Getting a Job after graduation, Student Demand, Staff Qualifications, Cultural Diversity and Access by Equity Groups.

## **Senior staff**

Senate noted details regarding the Vice-Chancellor's announcement regarding the forthcoming retirement of Professor Gabrielle McMullen, Pro-Vice-Chancellor (Academic). Senate further noted that Mr Chris Riley had been appointed as Executive Director, International and would be based at North Sydney campus. Mr Riley has over ten years' experience in senior management

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positions in higher education, including Assistant Academic Registrar, ACU and Deputy Director, International Office at the University of Sydney.

### **Nomenclature of senior officers**

Senate resolved that, effective immediately:

- (i) the University's four Pro-Vice-Chancellors would be re-designated as Deputy Vice-Chancellors within their existing portfolios;*
- (ii) the University's five Faculty Deans would be re-designated as Executive Deans of their Faculties; and*
- (iii) the Statutes of the University would be amended as necessary to reflect these changes.*

### **Meeting calendar for 2011**

Senate received a meeting calendar for 2011 and noted that Senate meetings had been scheduled for:

Thursday 7 April;  
Friday 17 June;  
Thursday 15 September; and  
Thursday 3 November.

### **Course proposal**

Senate approved the course proposal for the Master of Clinical Exercise Physiology and Master of Clinical Exercise Physiology (Honours) for implementation from semester 1, 2011 at the Melbourne and Strathfield campuses and from semester 1, 2012 at the Brisbane campus.

### **Revisions to Statute 10 – Student Conduct and Discipline**

Senate approved the revisions to Statute 10 – Student Conduct and Discipline effective from 1 January 2011.

### **Proposals to award the title of Adjunct Professor**

Senate awarded the following persons the title of Adjunct Professor for a period of three years to 16 September 2013:

Emeritus Professor Tony Johns; and  
Dr Robert Dixon.

### **Revised membership and terms of reference for the Identity and Mission Committee**

Senate approved revised membership and terms of reference for the Identity and Mission Committee (formerly Goals Committee).

### **Tour of inspection of 115 Victoria Parade and precinct site**

Mr Chris Sheargold, Associate Vice-Chancellor (Melbourne) hosted members on a tour of inspection of 115 Victoria Parade, the site of the proposed National Centre for Health and Wellbeing and also the bicycle factory site.

## **Reports**

Senate received and noted the following reports:

- ACT Chapter meetings held on 20 August and 3 December 2009 and 25 February and 10 June 2010;
- Victorian Chapter meetings held on 1 June and 10 August 2010;
- New South Wales Chapter meeting held on 5 July 2010;
- Academic Board meeting held on 21 July 2010;
- Identity and Mission Committee meeting held on 26 July 2010;
- Ceremonial and Protocols Committee meeting held on 28 July 2010;
- Standing and Finance Committee meeting held on 5 August 2010; and
- Queensland Chapter meeting held on 24 August 2010;

John Cameron  
Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Administration and Resources)