Outcomes from the 2 October 2019 meeting of Monash University Council

Philanthropy and Alumni Engagement
Mr Damien Farrell, Vice-President (Advancement) and Mr Marcus Ward, Chief Philanthropy Officer, External Relations, Development and Alumni presented to Council on Philanthropy and Alumni Engagement.

Matters presented to Council included:

- an explanation of the approach taken in relation to alumni engagement, the unique global positioning of Monash University to undertake engagement activities, measures of engagement and an overview of key projects and learning;
- achievements and future targets in philanthropy activities.

Philanthropy Update (2019 Philanthropy Report Q2)

Chancellor’s Report to Council
The Chancellor reported to Council on the following matters:

- expressed his appreciation for the contribution made to the Monash University Council by Jane McLoughlin, Vice-President Strategy and Governance;
- reported that the selection process for new Council members is progressing and a meeting of the Membership Committee is to be held shortly to consider the two preferred candidates and the reappointment of two Council members. The Minister’s office will be briefed appropriately;
- noted the receipt of an email from the Department of Education and Training communicating changes to the process of appointing Council members. Council members were directed to contact the Secretary to Council if they require more information;
- announced his intention to attend a meeting of the University Chancellors next week.

Councillors’ University Activities
Peter Marriott visited the Department of Diabetes at the Alfred Centre in July.

John Simpson attended the memorial service for David William (Bill) Rogers, AO, Monash University’s fifth Chancellor.

The Vice-Chancellor, Christine Nixon and Chris Davies recently attended a MUMA dinner with artist Mariana Castillo Deball.

Simon Crean recently attended the exhibition Return; the way back home at the Sir Louis Matheson Library. The Vice-Chancellor also attended and opened the event.

Vice-Chancellor’s Report
The Vice-Chancellor reported to Council on the following matters:

- Acknowledged the resignation of Jane McLoughlin, Vice President Strategy and Governance and thanked Jane for her service and many contributions to Monash University.
- The recent announcement in relation to Federal Government performance-based funding model including weighting applied to indicators and a focus on employability.
Monash’s Global Engagement
Professor Abid Khan, Deputy Vice-Chancellor & Vice-President (Global Engagement) presented to Council an update on Global Engagement at Monash University. Matters presented to Council included:
- University responsiveness to trends and customer needs;
- the importance of governance and adoption of University practises;
- country by country strategy plans.

TEQSA Renewal of Registration & Governance Review Update
Council:
- noted the information provided; and
- endorsed the draft ‘Governance & Accountability’ context statement ahead of its inclusion in Monash’s TEQSA renewal of registration application.

Update on University Financials August and July 2019
Council received the Financial Reports for the period ending August and July 2019.

Governance Arrangements for Controlled Entities
Council approved the recommendations relating to Governance Arrangements for Controlled Entities.

Workplace Gender Equity Strategy
Council:
- Approved Monash University’s Workplace Gender Equity Strategy;
- Noted the report on gender equity data.

Proposed Naming of a Physical Entity
Council approved of the proposed naming of a physical entity in accordance with the University’s ‘Naming of Physical Entities’ policy.

Academic Board
Professor Chris Davies, President of the Academic Board presented his annual report to Council. Matters presented to Council included:
- focus areas and achievements of the Academic Board mapped to the Higher Education Standards Framework and spanning admission, participation and attainment, progression, retention and completion.