University Senate and Executive

Our University is governed by a Senate of 35 members (page 16) representing University and community interests. Senate is led by the Chancellor and the Deputy Chancellor, elected from its ranks.

The University of Queensland Act 1998 grants Senate wide powers to:

- appoint the University's staff,
- manage and control the University's affairs and property, and
- manage and control finances so as to promote the University's interests.

Senate may delegate power to a Senator, University staff member, or committee including one or more Senators. Senate can nominate members and the chair of any committee, and determine a quorum. Senate may not delegate its power to make University Statutes or Rules, adopt the University's Annual Budget, or approve spending of bequests, donations or special grants.

The Vice-Chancellor is our Chief Executive Officer and responsible to the Senate for the overall direction of strategic planning, finance and external affairs.

Monitoring quality

The Australian Universities Quality Agency (AUQA) audit reported online at www.auqa.edu.au/qualityaudit/sai_reports/index.shtml commended our outstanding leadership and exceptional quality performance.

The report, based on an AUQA audit panel visit in June, found our quality processes to be of a very high standard, and concluded that we monitor ourselves effectively and continuously. It endorsed the positive relationship between our Senate, Executive and wider University community.

Nineteen commendations singled out our outstanding strategic management, teaching and learning processes, and strong support for researchers, noting that our research excellence is “not achieved at the expense of teaching”.

The report made 16 recommendations for action, acknowledging that we had already identified (in our Performance Portfolio) most areas requiring action.

Our 30th Senate (page 16) approved an action plan in November for implementing these recommendations and submitted the plan to AUQA. We will report around April 2004 on our progress.

A Senate Retreat in September, in line with Senate’s 2002 action plan for self-improvement, focused on:

- a review of strategic pressures and priorities;
- amendments (related to equity and access) to our Key Operational Priorities;
- our future size and student mix; and
- financial and budgetary implications of the Nelson reforms.

In addition to regular self-reviews (pages 13, 26), we completed a strategic review of UQ Ipswich covering its initial operating period of 1999-2003, to advise our Vice-Chancellor about directions the campus might take over the next five to 10 years. Results will be available in 2004.

The eight-member review committee (supported by a steering committee comprising four
members of the Vice-Chancellor’s Executive) represented the University, the Ipswich community and UQ Ipswich students. Members met four times in 2003 and again in February 2004. They interviewed key staff involved in development of the campus, and considered information gathered via
- focus groups representing staff (academic and general) and key external stakeholders,
- surveys of students and graduates, and
- 39 submissions from University staff and key external groups.

Ethical standards

Our Code of Conduct www.uq.edu.au/hupp/contents/view.asp?s1=1, launched in 1997, remains unchanged. We disseminate its principles through our Staff Development Program via leadership and management training courses and regular staff induction seminars.

We maintain high ethical standards for research and teaching involving animals and humans. The following three committees are executive committees reporting to the Vice-Chancellor through the Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Research).

Our Animal Ethics Committee and its subcommittees determine animal welfare policy and procedures. All relevant activities must have Animal Ethics Clearance from the Animal Ethics Committee and comply with all State and Federal Acts and guidelines governing such activities. Our Animal Welfare Unit administers these requirements. The University is registered under the Animal Care and Protection Act 2001 as a scientific user of animals (User Number 0020).

Our Human Experimental Ethical Review Committee (a registered Human Research Ethics Committee) and its subcommittees determine our policy on research and teaching involving human subjects or human-related materials. These policies are based on the National Statement on Ethical Conduct in Research Involving Humans (1999) and are administered by our Ethics Office.

Our Institutional Biosafety Committee reviews all research as prescribed by the Gene Technology Act 2000. It is also responsible for regulating (1) use of high-risk biological material that is not genetically modified; (2) importation of quarantine material (regulated by the Australian Quarantine Inspection Service); (3) export of high-risk material (regulated by the Department of Defence); and (4) transport of biological material by air, post and road. The secretary of the Committee is a member of our Occupational Health and Safety Unit.

In addition, our Institute for Molecular Bioscience and Faculty of Social and Behavioural Sciences employ a director of public policy and ethics, to research and comment on ethical and policy issues raised by bioscience research and biotechnology. This is an advisory rather than a regulatory position, and shows our commitment to fostering ongoing research and collaborations between the social and other sciences.

Whistleblowers

We received two complaints under the Whistleblowers Act this year (the first since 2000, when two complaints proved to be unsubstantiated). Staff from our Internal Audit Office and Personnel Services investigated. Both investigations prompted improvements to processes and procedures and, in one case, to the organisational structure.

Internal audit

Internal Audit Office (IAO) staff completed 69 reports on audits of faculties, schools, centres, IT systems and University-wide areas. Complex reviews included:
- mySI-Net applications;
- my.UQ system;
- business continuity planning (Central Administration);
- firewall security (Central Administration);
- hire of University facilities;
- real estate and rental properties;
- Management Information Systems – data warehouse;
- Development Office – IT environment;
- International Education Directorate – database management;
- e-business implementations;
- the University’s Traffic and Parking information systems;
- Student and Administrative Services – database management;
- IMB – IT environment; and
- University of Queensland Press and Bookshop.

We used our self-assessment questionnaire approach to increase audit coverage and encourage good business practice in the following University-wide areas:
- database security;
- local area network management;
- travel expenses compliance;
- delegations of authority compliance; and
- compliance with policy and procedure.

IAO staff continued to provide advice to various organisational areas on the implementation of an expanded risk management framework.

Risk management

We have managed health and safety and insurance risks through our Risk Management Committee for several years; and we have adopted a risk assessment approach in planning and executing major projects and in prioritising the work of our IAO.

In 2003, we moved significantly towards embedding a risk management culture University-wide.

Our Senate approved a Corporate Risk Profile and Management Plan prepared after advice from PricewaterhouseCoopers. This gives the Vice-Chancellor’s Executive responsibility for managing University-wide risk and for implementing our Risk Management Plan.

Faculties and central services now include identification and management of business risk in their operational plans. The Manager, Internal Audit is coordinating the establishment of a framework for reporting on the management of risk, both at the corporate/strategic and operational levels.

Freedom of information

Twenty-six people (17 staff, four students and five members of the public) accessed University documents under the Queensland Freedom of Information Act 1992. Most staff and students sought personal information and external applicants generally sought non-personal information about our activities.

We also gave access to many documents (usually personal to the applicant) as part of routine administrative processes not subject to formal FOI procedures.
Senior officers

The Chancellor and Deputy Chancellor lead our 35-member University Senate and are elected from its ranks. The Vice-Chancellor is our Chief Executive Officer. He is supported by a six-member Executive as detailed on these pages.

The Honourable Sir Llewellyn Edwards, AC
MB BS Qld., Hon LLD Qld., Hon DUniv QUT, FFRACMA, FAIM

Chancellor
Leads the University Senate and presides at Senate meetings

Re-elected to his fourth three-year term as Chancellor from 2002. Member of Senate since 1984. Executive consultant to Jones Lang LaSalle in commercial real estate. Director of several public companies. Former chair and chief executive officer of World Expo ’88 Authority. Elected to Queensland Parliament as MLA (Lib.) for Ipswich in 1972; served terms as health minister, deputy premier and treasurer before leaving Parliament in 1983. Member of the Queensland Government’s Forde Foundation Advisory Council; chair of UQ Holdings Pty Ltd 1998-; chair of the Asia Pacific Economic Forum.

Professor Robert Wensley
QC, BE(Hons), MEngSc, LLB(Hons) Qld.

Deputy Chancellor
Acts as Chancellor in the absence of the Chancellor or when the office of Chancellor is vacant

Re-elected to his second three-year term as Deputy Chancellor from 2002. Senate member 1978-86 and 1988-. A Queen’s Counsel, barrister, practising arbitrator and mediator. Adjunct Professor T.C. Beirne School of Law. Director of UQ Holdings Pty Ltd. Annual Appeal President 1998-99. Former chair Queensland Building Tribunal. Memberships: Institute of Arbitrators and Mediators Australia; the University’s Audit, Discipline Appeals, Honorary Degrees, Honorary and Adjunct Professorial Appointments Committees; the Business, Economics and Law Faculty Board; Women’s College Council; King’s College Council.

Professor John Hay, AC
BA(Hons) W.Aust. and Camb., MA Camb., PhD W.Aust., Hon LrTD Deakin, FACE

Vice-Chancellor
CEO, responsible to Senate for overall direction of strategic planning, finance and external affairs

Vice-Chancellor and ex officio member of Senate since 1996. Previously Vice-Chancellor and President, Deakin University 1992-95; Deputy Vice-Chancellor, Monash University 1988-91; and Dean of Arts, Monash 1987, establishing National Key Centre for Australian Studies. Chair of Universitas 21 and Australian Universities’ Teaching Committee. Deputy Chair of the Brisbane Institute. Memberships: Brisbane City Council Economic Development Committee; Board of Trustees, Queensland Performing Arts Trust. Board member Australian Institute for Commercialisation. General editor of Bibliography of Australian Literature project.

University committees

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Research Centre Ltd; and a board member for ARCMeritage Ltd; Australian Housing and Urban Research Ltd; Australian Canopy Crane Research Facility Pty Ltd; Grants Committee 1994. Directorships: Australian Academy of Technological Sciences and Engineering, Australian Pain Society.

Queensland Senate. Member of the PeopleSoft Commission 2000-.

Former deputy chair, Occupational Therapy Journal of Research 2001-. Member of President’s Advisory Committee of Queensland Industrial Relations Commission 2000-.

Responsible for international development and policy, UQ Ipswich, fundraising and development, capital management and space planning.

Appointed Deputy Vice-Chancellor (International and Development) in 2000. Previously University of Queensland Pro-Vice-Chancellor (Academic) 1997-99; Dean of Business, Queensland University of Technology 1995-97; University of Queensland Head, Graduate School of Management 1992-94. Directorships: Brisbane Water Advisory Board; CRC for Sustainable Tourism Pty Ltd; Carisgold Pty Ltd; iTEL Community Telco Ltd; Queensland Education and Training Export Board; CRC Sustainable Tourism Holdings Pty Ltd.

Responsible for strategic planning and overall management of faculties, IMB, Queensland Brain Institute and Library.

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Depository Vice-Chancellor (Research)

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President of the Academic Board

Chairs and coordinates the Board’s work on policies relating to academic programs, teaching and learning, assessment, research, academic staff promotions, prizes and scholarships. Oversees reviews of academic schools, centres and other organisational units offering teaching and research programs.


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University Senate

2003 was the second year in the term of the 30th Senate of The University of Queensland, beginning January 1, 2002 and ending December 31, 2004. Senate met formally on seven occasions in 2003.

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The Honourable Sir Llewellyn Edwards, AC, MB BS Qld., Hon.LLD Qld., Hon.DUniv QUT, FRACMA, FAIM

Deputy Chancellor
Professor Robert N. Wensley, QC, BE(Hons) Qld., MEEngSc Qld., LLB(Hons) Qld.

Vice-Chancellor
Professor John A. Hay, AC, BA(Hons) WAust., MA Camb., PhD WAust., Hon.LittD Deakin, FACE

In attendance at Senate but not members of Senate
Senior Deputy Vice-Chancellor
Professor Paul F. Greenfield, BE(Hons) NSW, PhD NSW, BEcon Qld., FTSE, FICE, FIEAust, MAICheE

Deputy Vice-Chancellor (International and Development)
Professor Trevor J. Grigg, BE(Hons) Qld., BEcon Qld., PhD Qld., CPEng, MIEAust, FAICD

Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Academic)
Professor Margaret Gardner, BEng(Hons) Syd., PhD Syd., FAIM

Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Research)
Professor David Siddle, BA(Hons) Qld., PhD Qld., FASSA, FAPS

Secretary and Registrar
Mr Douglas Porter, BA(Hons) Durh., FAIM

Official members
Vice-Chancellor
Professor John A. Hay, AC, BA(Hons) WAust., MA Camb., PhD WAust., Hon.LittD Deakin, FACE

Director-General of Education
Mr Ken Smith, BSW(Hons) NSW, MSW NSW

President of the Academic Board
Professor Jenny Strong, BSc(Hons) Qld., MOccThy Qld., PhD Qld.

President of The University of Queensland Academic Staff Association
Dr Andrew Bonnell, BA(Hons) Syd., PhD Syd. (Acting President to June 2003, President thereafter)

President of The University of Queensland Union
Mr Aaron Marsham

Anglican Archbishop of Brisbane
The Most Reverend Dr Philip Aspinall, BSc Tas., GDipRE BCAE, BD(Hons) Mellis C.Div., PhD Monash, GDipMan Deakin, MBA Deakin

Roman Catholic Archbishop of Brisbane
The Most Reverend John A. Bathersby, DD, STD Greg., DUniv Griff.

Appointed members
Eleven members appointed by the Governor-in-Council
– Ms Eleanor Davidson, BBus Queens, FAIM
– Mr G.H. (Ted) Edwards, FAICD
– The Honourable Sir Llewellyn Edwards, AC, MBBS Qld., Hon.LLD Qld., FRACMA, FAIM
– Mr David Gray, BSc Newcastle (UK)
– Dr Peter Ho, BSc(Hons) Warwick, PhD Qld., MICE, MInstuctE, MIEAust, MHIKE
– Ms Rachel G. Nolan, MP BA(Hons) Qld.
– Ms Renaye Peters, BAppSc, Qld., QUT
– Mr A.E. de Norbury Rogers, AQ, BCom Qld., AAUQ Qld., FCA, FAICD
– Dr David J.H. Watson, MP, BCom(Hons) Qld., AAUQ Qld., MA Ohio State, PhD Ohio State, FCPA, FCA
– Ms Lilla Watson, BA Qld.
– The Honourable Justice Margaret J. White, LLB Adel.

Elected members
One member of the Academic Board
Professor John de Jersey, BSc(Hons) Qld., PhD Qld.

Three members of the full-time graduate staff
– Professor Gordon C. Grigg, BSc(Hons) Qld., PhD Oregon, DSc Syd., FRZS NSW, FAIB
– Mr Jan Massey, BA(Hons) Qld., MAdmin Griff.
– Ms Diane J. Zetlin, BA(Hons) Qld.

One member of the full-time non-graduate staff
Ms Kay Whitley

Two students
– Mr Matthew S. Collins
– Ms Juliana E. Virine

Eight members of Convocation
– Mr Donald S. Barrett, BA(Hons) Qld., MA Qld.
– Mr Denis J. Brosnan, BA(Hons) Qld., MLitSt Qld.
– Mr John A. Desmarchelier, AM, ED, BCom NSW, BEcon Qld., MBA NE, FAIM, FAICD
– Dr John M. Fenwick, BE(Hons) Qld., DPhil Oxh., MIEAust
– Dr Mary D. Mahoney, MB BS Qld., GDipClinEd NSW, FRACGP, FAIM, FAMA
– Professor Ray E.B. Saunders, AM, BA(Hons) Qld., PhD Qld.
– Dr Frederick Schubert, BSc Qld., MBBS Qld., BA Qld., FRANZCR, FRCR, DDU, FAMA, FASMF, FAIM
– Professor Robert N. Wensley, QC, BE(Hons) Qld., MEngSc, LLB(Hons) Qld.

Additional members
– Mr Peter G. Annand BA, LLB Qld., BCL Oxh.
– Mr Nicholas W. Stump, MAppSc Adel.

Changes to Senate membership during 2003
– March: Dr Andrew Bonnell represented the Academic Staff Association throughout 2003, first as Acting President (to June) and thereafter as President following elections in July. He succeeded Associate Professor George Lafferty, who retired as President in December 2002.
– December: Mr Aaron Marsham retired as President of The University of Queensland Union. His successor was Ms T. Margot Balch.