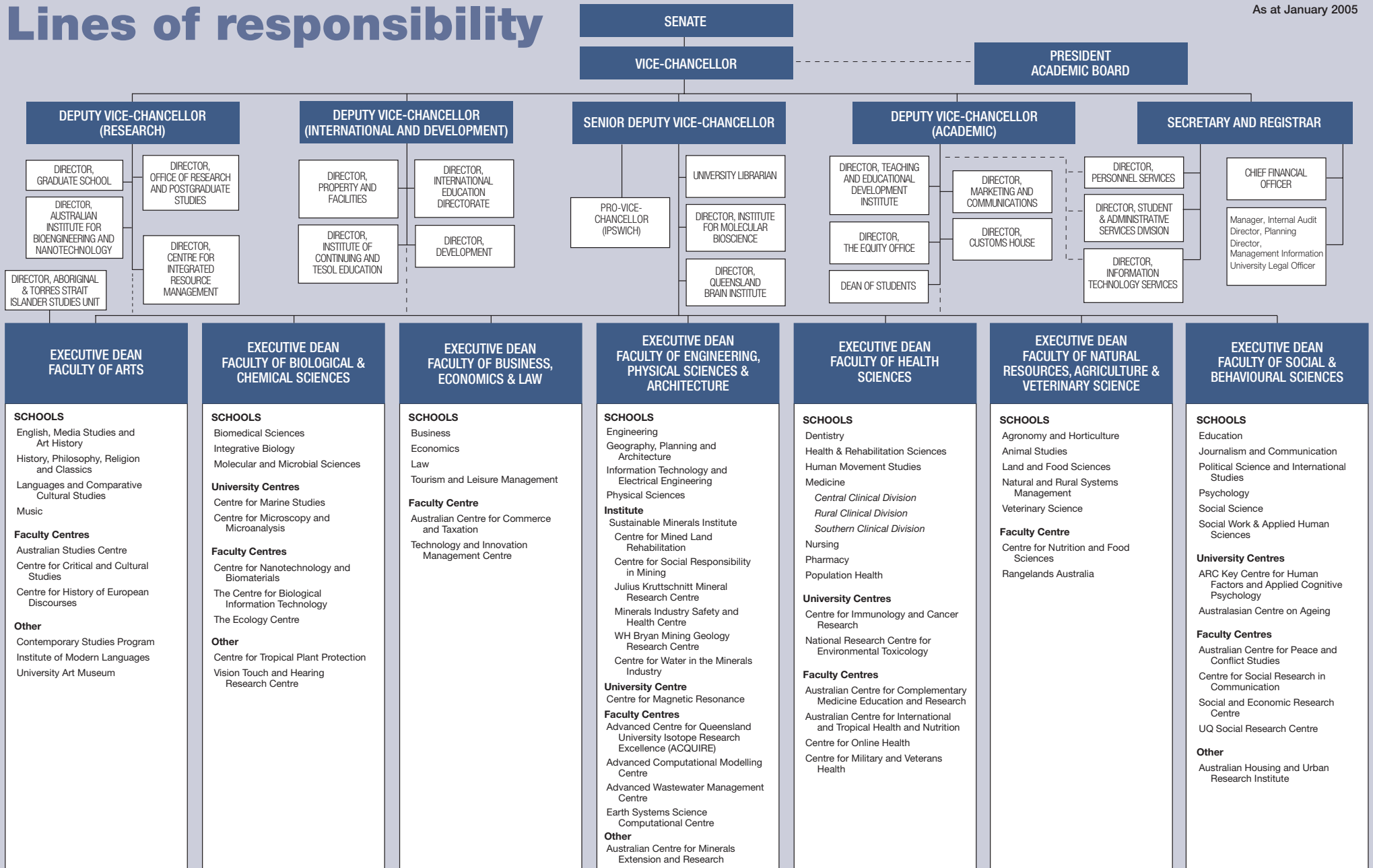


Organisation



Lines of responsibility

As at January 2005



Basis of authority

The original *University Act* was proclaimed in 1909 – the 50th anniversary of Queensland’s separation from New South Wales. In 1910 we were gazetted as Australia’s fifth university, and in 1911 we opened for business.

Basis of authority

The University is governed by the *University of Queensland Act 1998*, which replaced the 1965 Act. The Act was amended in 2005 because of the Commonwealth *Higher Education Support Act 2003*.

This year the Act was administered by the Honourable Anna Bligh MLA until July 27 and thereafter by the Honourable Rod Welford MLA as Ministers for Education and the Arts.

Under sections 4-6 of the Act the University is constituted as a body corporate with the usual powers of a body corporate. It has a seal, and it may sue and be sued in its corporate name.

Our functions

The University’s functions are to:

- disseminate knowledge and promote scholarship;
- provide education at university standard;
- provide facilities for and encourage study and research;
- encourage the advancement and development of knowledge and its application;
- provide courses of study or instruction (at levels of achievement Senate considers appropriate) to meet community needs;
- confer higher education awards;
- provide for the wellbeing of staff, students and others taking courses;
- exploit commercially, for the University’s benefit, university facilities and resources such as study,

- research or knowledge belonging to the University (or their practical applications), whether alone or with someone else; and
- perform other functions given to the University under this or another Act.

Our powers

The University has all the powers of an individual and these may be exercised inside or outside Queensland and Australia. For example the University may:

- enter contracts;
- acquire, hold, dispose of and deal with property;
- appoint agents and attorneys;
- engage consultants;
- fix charges and other terms for services supplied; and
- do anything else necessary to or in connection with its functions.

The University’s powers are elaborated by other parts of the Act and by other Queensland Acts, particularly the *Statutory Bodies Financial Arrangements Act 1982*.

Our governing body

Under sections 7-10 of the Act, the University Senate (pages 12-14, 18) is the governing body responsible for management and control of University affairs. The Act also defines financial responsibilities and specifies matters on which Statutes can be made.



◀ The Foundation Building, UQ Gatton... more than a century old and the first building on a 1068-hectare campus now offering some of the nation’s best programs in agribusiness, agriculture, animal studies, environmental management, horticulture and veterinary science

Controlled entities

Commercialisation of intellectual property, via dozens of independent operations established under the Corporations Law, advances our strong research tradition.

The following independent operations were established under the Corporations Law as empowered by the University Act, to benefit the University and help carry out its functions.

Each prepares a set of financial statements for audit by the Queensland Audit Office. Once approved, the figures are consolidated with those for the University to produce data showing our consolidated financial position (see annual financial statements, Appendix A, second volume of this Annual Report).

These entities were established under the Corporations Law.

Comquest Group

- Comquest Pty Limited
- Comquest No. 1 Pty Limited

Companies in the Comquest Group carry out specific research and development, and commercialise the results of that research.

UQ Holdings Group

The UQ Holdings Group is made up as follows.

UQ Holdings Pty Limited

The company oversees and monitors the University's interests in corporations formed to exploit or commercialise University assets. It also administers and acts as trustee of The University of Queensland Foundation Trust.

UniQuest Group (pages 49, 51-52, 65)

- UniQuest Pty Limited
- Activetorque Pty Ltd
- Antepodi Technologies Pty Limited
- Bireme Pty Limited
- Combinomics Pty Limited
- Dendright Pty Limited
- Diabax Pty Limited
- First Investor Pty Limited
- Herdvac Pty Limited
- Hydrexia Pty Limited
- Leximancer Pty Limited
- Lucia Publishing Systems Pty Limited
- Neurotide Pty Limited
- SORBS Technologies Pty Limited
- Spin Systems (Qld) Pty Limited
- Thrombostat Pty Limited
- Vascam Pty Limited
- Vacquel Pty Limited
- Wave Instruments Pty Limited
- Xerocoat Pty Limited

The UniQuest Group markets the University's intellectual resources and services on a commercial basis for the benefit of the University and the community.

CiTR Group

- CiTR Pty Limited
- CiTR Incorporated

The CiTR Group has a long history of professional services and bespoke software development. In recent years the company evolved into a specialised software products organisation. It successfully developed the CiTR accesspoint product gaining significant market share with the technology. The product, customer base and CiTR staff transferred to a new company in 2004 to enable continued growth of CiTR accesspoint in the Australian market and expansion into overseas markets. The new company, ISMC Solutions Pty Limited, is owned by UQ Holdings Pty Limited (20 percent) and the Hydro Group (80 percent), an Australian group of companies with strategic alliance partnerships in Canada, India and New Zealand.

SARV Pty Limited

SARV holds an investment in land held for resale on behalf of The University of Queensland.

IMBcom Group (page 53)

- IMBcom Pty Limited
- Kalthera Pty Limited
- Cyclagen Pty Limited

IMBcom, the University's commercialisation company for the Institute for Molecular Bioscience (IMB), is owned by UQ Holdings Pty Limited. IMBcom has 14 employees and an independent board of directors. It operates as a separate commercial entity with strong links to the University, focusing on licenses, contracts and the formation of start-up companies. Outcomes include better health for humans, superior plant and animal health, and wealth creation for researchers, University, investors, the state and the nation.

JKTech Pty Ltd (pages 50, 53-54)

The company was formed in 1986 to take viable research outcomes from the Julius Kruttschnitt Mineral Research Centre (JKMRC) and to develop them as high technology tools and services to provide specialised expertise to the Australian and international mining industries. This expertise is directed towards improving the productivity and profitability of mining and mineral processing operations. It is delivered in the form of software, hardware, consulting and laboratory services.

Corporate governance

Implementation of new National Governance Protocols for the higher education sector built on our long-standing commitment to accountability and transparency in managing our economic, social and environmental responsibilities.

Our leaders

Our University is governed by a Senate representing University and community interests and led by the Chancellor and Deputy Chancellor.

This was the final year of our 30th Senate (page 18) comprising 35 members. The 31st Senate, which takes office for four years from January **2006**, will comprise 22 members in accordance with National Governance Protocols outlined in the *Higher Education Support Act 2003*.

- The Act grants Senate wide powers to
- appoint University staff,
 - manage and control University affairs and property, and
 - manage and control finances so as to promote University 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.

The Vice-Chancellor is supported by an Executive (pages 16-17) comprising a

- Senior Deputy Vice-Chancellor,
- Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Academic),

- Deputy Vice-Chancellor (International and Development),
- Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Research),
- Pro-Vice-Chancellor (Ipswich),
- Secretary and Registrar, and
- President, Academic Board.

Our Senate

www.uq.edu.au/senate

Applying new protocols

In December 2003, Federal Parliament passed the *Higher Education Support Act*. The Bill requires universities to comply with 11 National Governance Protocols www.dest.gov.au in order to receive additional funding.

This year we submitted to the Commonwealth Department of Education, Science and Training (DEST) a Statement of Certification demonstrating compliance with the Protocols, and qualified for the additional five percent funding in **2006**.

Changes to university governance structures include a maximum of 22 members (and limited ex-officio positions) for governing bodies such as our Senate, whose membership until now has numbered 35.

In April 2004 we applied to the Queensland Government for necessary changes to the *University of Queensland Act 1998*. However, as the amended Act was not promulgated until May 19, 2005, Government extended the term of our serving 30th Senate (page 18) until December 2005.

Amendments to the Act changed the size, composition and terms of Senate and consequently our University Statutes. We amended Statute One – *Election of Elected Members of Senate* – to reflect changes to the method of counting votes and Senate membership. Statute Two – *Membership of Convocation* – was revoked following removal of the body of Convocation from the Act.

This year, in accordance with the amended Act and Statute One, we conducted elections for the following positions on the 31st Senate, to serve from January **2006**:

- (a) one member of the Academic Board;
- (b) one member of full- or part-time academic staff;
- (c) one member of full- or part-time general staff;
- (d) one undergraduate;
- (e) one postgraduate;
- (f) three graduates, other than persons eligible for membership under (a), (b), (c), (d) or (e).

Key governance and management bodies

(December 2005)

BODY	COMPOSITION
Senate (governing body)	35 members*
official members	7
appointed members	11
elected members	15
additional members	2
Vice-Chancellor and executive	8 members
Academic Board	125 members ⁺
Faculties	7 units
Central services and divisions	10 units
Schools	32 units
Research institutes	4 units

* a restructured 22-member Senate takes office in 2006 – see this page

⁺ may include individuals in dual roles and some vacancies