New Chancellor and Deputy Chancellor appointed for USQ Council

The USQ Chancellor, Mrs Bobbie Brazil, today announced her forthcoming retirement from the position of Chancellor when her current term ends in March next year.

Mrs Brazil has been Chancellor since 2006 and, before that, served as a member of the USQ Council from 1995 to 2001.

Speaking on behalf of Council, Deputy Chancellor Mr John Dornbusch said Mrs Brazil’s contributions and close association with USQ over many years have been untiring and extremely valuable.

“During her time as Chancellor she has gained the admiration and support of all those across the University for her tireless work and wise counsel.”

Mr Dornbusch said Mrs Brazil’s association with USQ went beyond her official duties as titular head of the University, making an important contribution to education, the community and management and bringing extensive experience in areas central to leading the University’s governing body.

“USQ is in an exceptionally sound financial position and is moving in a very positive direction as seen by our growing undergraduate and postgraduate enrolments, excellent academic programs and the continued accolades given to the University for its support to students.”

“All this relates to the quality and dedication of staff and to the professional guidance and advice that members of Council bring to the University.”

Mrs Brazil said the first meeting of USQ’s 9th Governing Council held today in Toowoomba unanimously voted in a new leadership team of Chancellor and Deputy Chancellor.

“The person the Council has unanimously chosen as Chancellor has integrity, commitment, superior professional qualifications and experience, and an impressive record of careful oversight of the finances of the University – in fact a
wealth of knowledge about the USQ and its regions - and perhaps most importantly has always demonstrated respect for his fellow councillors – always willing to listen yet always willing to lead.”

“I have been incredibly fortunate as Chancellor to have had the support of Deputy Chancellor John Dornbusch who I am delighted to announce is the next Chancellor of USQ – The Chancellor Designate.”

“The Council also finalised its appointment of the Deputy Chancellor and again the Council applied the same principles to its consideration of the best person for that very important role.”

“Again the Council has chosen someone with demonstrated integrity and commitment in over a decade of service as a Council member of USQ. Her professional experience in senior roles in the Education department is extremely valuable around the Council table and her understanding of HR and public policy matters particularly within the education sector has proved invaluable. She has acted as mentor to a number of aspiring candidates within the University on more than one occasion and is always well prepared and informed for the many issues that arise during Council deliberations. Importantly also she has the respect and liking of all her fellow Councillors.

“It is my great pleasure to announce that Ms Jan Boys is the next Deputy Chancellor – the Deputy Chancellor designate,” Mrs Brazil said.

Mrs Brazil said USQ was entering a new phase of growth with strong research and teaching links being formed, an academic restructure well underway and renewed commitment made to its presence across Springfield, Fraser Coast and Toowoomba.

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