

CIT Board Communique – Meeting 1/2018 – 21 February 2018

This document is a public summary of matters considered by the CIT Board. It is not intended to be a detailed set of minutes and does not cover all matters considered by the Board.

The CIT Board met on Wednesday 21 February 2018 at CIT Reid.

Evolving Together

The Board noted the success of the Evolving Together event held on 1 February 2018 and were particularly pleased to hear that the event was used to launch the 2018 priority areas for CIT – achieving sustainable growth and market share; driving contemporary teaching and learning practices to improve student experiences; creating and maintaining a high performing workforce; and transforming systems, technology and facilities.

Campus Modernisation

Members were pleased with the progress of the campus modernisation strategy with key decisions on the way forward currently before Government and noted the relocation of the Music department from Woden to Reid campus is on schedule for mid-semester. Members also noted that a Project Coordination Committee had been established by the ACT Government to progress discussions regarding the proposed new University of New South Wales Campus in Reid and were pleased that the CIT CEO was represented on the Committee.

Measures of Quality

Members welcomed Ms Paula McKenry, the new Executive Director of Education and Teaching Services. Ms McKenry provided a comprehensive overview of the CIT VET Quality framework and Members were pleased to note that the framework was more than just Australian Skills Quality Authority (ASQA) compliance but incorporated the building blocks of quality across all areas of CIT. Members also noted the re-registration audit without rectification in 2017 and the shift in ASQA focus from regular auditing to annual self-reporting by the RTO. Members were confident that CIT had appropriate quality measures in place.

Industry Engagement

Members were interested in progressing industry engagement and welcomed the new Executive Director, Industry Engagement and Strategic Relations. The Board was confident that this new focus, including responsibility for overseeing the development and implementation of industry engagement strategies, brand positioning and marketing strategies, would be of tremendous benefit to CIT by strengthening ties with industry through greater understanding of industry needs, and generating new partnerships.

Student Activity

Members noted the significant improvement in the 2017 profile activity from the performance of 2016, which coincided with skilled capital and the introduction of VET FEE-HELP. Members were pleased to note that early indicators for 2018 showed increased student activity across all areas of CIT, with nursing and children's services performing particularly well. Members also noted the low take up of recognition of prior learning (RPL) and discussed strategies to increase market share.

Planning Day

Organisational planning provides a framework within which a company can successfully grow, compete and react to challenges. The Board is committed to ensuring it has the right strategies in place for 2018 and beyond and is holding a planning day on 22 March 2018. Outcomes from the planning day will shape the strategic direction for the Board for the coming years.

Statement of Intent

The CIT Statement of Intent (SOI) forms part of the ACT Government budget papers. It outlines CIT's corporate objectives, priorities for the coming year and how the appropriation to CIT will be spent. Members discussed the 2018-2019 SOI and provided valuable feedback prior to the document being finalised, for sign off by the CIT Board Chair, the Minister for Higher Education, Training and Research and the Treasurer.