

Council is the governing body of the University of the Sunshine Coast and is responsible for the governance of the affairs and concerns of the University. Its powers, duties and authorities are prescribed by the *University of the Sunshine Coast Act 1998*.

The members of the Council present their report on the consolidated entity consisting of the University of the Sunshine Coast and the entities it controlled at the end of, or during, the year ended 31 December 2007.

Members of the University Council and Record of Attendance

The following persons were members of the Council during the year and up to the date of this report.

Name and Qualifications	Resignation / Appointment / Election
Chancellor Mr Ian KENNEDY AO	Resigned: 31 March 2007
John Dobson OAM	Appointed: 1 April 2007
Deputy Chancellor Mr Tim FAIRFAX AM, FAICD	
Vice-Chancellor Professor Paul THOMAS AM, BSc(Hons), DipEd <i>Wales</i> , MA <i>Lough.</i> , PhD <i>Qld</i> , FACE, LRPS	
Professor Greg HILL, CertTeach, BA(Hons), PhD <i>Qld</i> .	Acting 3 September – 2 December 2007
Chairperson of the Academic Board Professor Greg HILL, CertTeach, BA(Hons), PhD <i>Qld</i> .	
Professor Rod SIMPSON, BSc(Hons), PhD <i>Qld</i> .	Acting 3 September – 2 December 2007
Six members appointed by the Governor in Council Mr Tim FAIRFAX AM, FAICD	
Ms Jenny HADDRELL, MEd <i>Qld</i>	Resigned: 11 December 2007
Emeritus Professor Phil MEADE, BSc BEd <i>Qld.</i> , MA (Hons) <i>La Trobe</i> , PhD <i>NSW</i>	
Ms Julie-Anne MEE, FCPA, BBus UCQ, MAdmin <i>Griff</i> .	
Dr Keith STEELE, BAgrSc, MAgrSc(Hons) <i>Massey</i> , D Phil <i>Waikato</i>	
Mr Michael WILLIAMS	
Two members of the University's academic staff Dr Karen BROOKS, BA(Hons) <i>La Trobe</i> , CertEd, PhD <i>W'gong</i> .	Resigned: 30 October 2007
Dr Paul CORCORAN, MEdAdmin(Hons), <i>NE</i> , PhD <i>Sunshine Coast</i>	Resigned: 20 July 2007
Professor Robert ELLIOT, BA(Hons) <i>UNSW</i> , MA <i>La Trobe</i> , DipEd <i>Melb</i> , PhD <i>Qld</i>	Appointed: 23 July 2007
Associate Professor Julie MATTHEWS, BA(Hons) <i>Brookes</i> , PGCE <i>Leic.</i> , PhD <i>S.Aust</i>	Elected: 1 November 2007

One member of the University's full-time general staff

Miss Heather CARNEY, BA(Comn), *Sunshine Coast*

Two members of the student body

Ms Carolyn SIDDEL, BSc(BiomedSc) *Sunshine Coast*

Resigned: 8 December 2007

Mr Marcus BUSSEY, BEd *USQ*, DipEd *Melb*, BA(Hons) *UWA*

Re-elected: 9 December 2007

Ms Elyse WOHLING

Elected: 9 December 2007

Four additional members appointed by Council

Mr Scott FORSDIKE, BBus *Sunshine Coast*

Mr Phillip HARDING

Mr David JEFFRIES, BCom *Qld*, FCA, FAICD, FFin

Mr Paul LUNN, BBus *USQ*, CPA, CAAffil

Appointed: 29 August 2007

Meetings of Members

Six (6) ordinary meetings and one special meeting of Council were held during the year. Confirmed non-confidential minutes of the meetings are available to members of the University community for perusal.

In 2007, meetings were held on 20 March, 15 May, 3 July, 28 August, 18 September, 30 October and 11 December.

Member Listing	Board (Council) Meetings	
	A	B
Mr Ian KENNEDY AO	1	1
John DOBSON OAM	7	7
Mr Tim FAIRFAX AM, FAICD	3	7
Professor Paul THOMAS AM, BSc(Hons), DipEd <i>Wales</i> , MA <i>Lough.</i> , PhD <i>Qld</i> , FACE, LRPS *	5	5
Professor Greg HILL, CertTeach, BA(Hons), PhD <i>Qld</i> . *	7	7
Professor Rod SIMPSON, BSc(Hons), PhD <i>Qld</i> . *	2	2
Ms Jenny HADDRELL, MEd <i>Qld</i> **	0	6
Emeritus Professor Phil MEADE, BSc BEd <i>Qld.</i> , MA (Hons) <i>La Trobe</i> , PhD <i>NSW</i>	5	7
Ms Julie-Anne MEE, FCPA, BBus <i>UCQ</i> , MAdmin <i>Griff</i> .	5	7
Dr Keith STEELE, BAgSc, MAgrSc(Hons) <i>Massey</i> , D Phil <i>Waikato</i>	6	7
Mr Michael WILLIAMS	4	7
Dr Karen BROOKS, BA(Hons) <i>La Trobe</i> , CertEd, PhD <i>W'gong</i>	2	6
Dr Paul CORCORAN, MEdAdmin(Hons), <i>NE</i> , PhD <i>Sunshine Coast</i>	2	3
Professor Robert ELLIOT, BA(Hons) <i>UNSW</i> , MA <i>La Trobe</i> , DipEd <i>Melb</i> , PhD <i>Qld</i>	3	4
Associate Professor Julie MATTHEWS, BA(Hons) <i>Brookes</i> , PGCE <i>Leic.</i> , PhD <i>S.Aust</i>	1	1
Miss Heather CARNEY, BA(Comn), <i>Sunshine Coast</i>	7	7
Ms Carolyn SIDDEL, BSc(BiomedSc) <i>Sunshine Coast</i>	6	6
Mr Marcus BUSSEY, BEd <i>USQ</i> , DipEd <i>Melb</i> , BA(Hons) <i>UWA</i>	4	6
Ms Elyse WOHLING	1	1
Mr Scott FORSDIKE, BBus <i>Sunshine Coast</i>	2	7
Mr Phillip HARDING	3	7
Mr David JEFFRIES, BCom <i>Qld</i> , FCA, FAICD, FFin	7	7
Mr Paul LUNN, BBus <i>USQ</i> , CPA, CAAffil	3	3

A = Number of meetings attended

B = Number of meetings held during the time the member held office or was a member of the council during the year

* The Vice-Chancellor was on sabbatical leave from 3 September to 3 December 2007. During that time Professor Greg Hill was Acting Vice-Chancellor. During the same period Professor Rod Simpson was Acting Chairperson of the Academic Board and therefore, a member of Council.

** Leave of absence was granted to Ms Haddrell for an extended period.

Principal Activities

The University of the Sunshine Coast was established under *The Sunshine Coast University College Act 1994* and officially opened in 1996. Full university powers were granted to the University under the *University of the Sunshine Coast Act 1998*.

The main functions of the University as set out in the Act are:

- to provide education at university standard;
- to provide facilities for, and encourage, study and research;
- to encourage the advancement and development of knowledge, and its application to government, industry, commerce and the community;
- to provide courses of study or instruction, at the levels of achievement the council considers appropriate, to meet the needs of the community;
- to confer higher education awards;
- to disseminate knowledge and promote scholarship;
- to provide facilities and resources for the wellbeing of the university's staff, students and other persons undertaking courses at the university;
- to exploit commercially, for the university's benefit, a facility or resource of the university, including, for example, study, research or knowledge, or the practical application of study, research or knowledge, belonging to the university, whether alone or with someone else;
- to perform other functions given to the university under this Act or another Act.

There were no significant changes in the nature of the activities of the University during the year.

Review of Operations

All Australian universities are currently being audited for quality and accountability by Australian Universities Quality Agency (AUQA). Each audit covers all areas of University operations. The University undertook its first AUQA audit in October 2006 and the subsequent report was released in February 2007.

As a result of a review of a University subsidiary, Multi Access Productions Pty Ltd, operations were discontinued, and the company was deregistered with ASIC.

Significant Changes in the State of Affairs

During the year there were no significant changes in the state of the affairs of the University.

Matters Subsequent to the End of the Financial Year

No matters or circumstances have arisen since the end of the financial year which significantly affected or may significantly affect the operations of the University or the consolidated entity, the results of those operations or the state of affairs of the University in future financial years.

Likely Developments and Expected Results of Operations

Disclosure of information regarding likely developments, future prospects and business strategies of the operations of the University in future financial years and the expected results of those operations is likely to result in unreasonable prejudice to the University. Accordingly, this information has not been disclosed in this report.

Environmental Regulation

The University's operations are not regulated by any significant environmental regulation under a law of the Commonwealth or a State or Territory.

Insurance of Officers

In 2007, the University of the Sunshine Coast held comprehensive insurance policies in relation to its executive members and officers.

The annual Directors and Officers Insurance premium of \$8,819 covered the period 1 November 2006 to 1 November 2007 (\$10,512 for the period 1 November 2005 to 1 November 2006).

Proceedings on behalf of the University of the Sunshine Coast

There are no significant legal matters other than those referred to in the financial statements and notes following.

This report is made in accordance with the resolution of the members of the Council of the University of the Sunshine Coast.



Professor Paul Thomas AM
Vice-Chancellor
University of the Sunshine Coast



John Dobson OAM
Chancellor
University of the Sunshine Coast

	Notes	Consolidated		Parent entity	
		2007 \$'000	2006 \$'000	2007 \$'000	2006 \$'000
Revenue from continuing operations					
Australian Government financial assistance					
Australian Government grants	2	41,035	30,041	41,035	30,002
HECS-HELP- Australian Government payments	2	15,176	13,438	15,176	13,438
FEE-HELP	2	843	645	843	645
State and Local Government financial assistance					
HECS-HELP- Student payments	3	1,766	4,859	1,581	4,734
Fees and charges	4	2,042	2,004	2,042	2,004
Investment income	4	13,742	11,460	13,368	11,289
Royalties, trademarks and licences	5	590	996	584	992
Consultancy and contracts	6	6	23	-	11
Other revenue	7	1,760	1,005	1,759	992
	8	2,728	2,906	2,628	2,765
Total revenue from continuing operations		79,688	67,377	79,016	66,872
Income from continuing operations					
Gains on disposal of assets		5	1	5	1
Total income from continuing operations		5	1	5	1
Total revenue and income from continuing operations		79,693	67,378	79,021	66,873
Expenses from continuing operations					
Employee related expenses	9	43,717	35,986	43,225	35,542
Depreciation	10	4,511	3,234	4,507	3,230
Repairs and maintenance	11	1,481	1,448	1,478	1,445
Finance costs	12	1,582	1,451	1,582	1,451
Impairment of assets	13	22	20	47	20
Losses on disposal of assets		98	104	98	104
Other expenses	14	20,195	19,504	19,952	19,432
Total expenses from continuing operations		71,606	61,747	70,889	61,224
Operating result before income tax		8,087	5,630	8,132	5,649
Income tax expense		-	-	-	-
Operating result after income tax for the period and attributable to members of the University of the Sunshine Coast		8,087	5,630	8,132	5,649

The above income statement should be read in conjunction with the accompanying notes.