

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 its controlled entity, Innovation Centre Sunshine Coast, (ICSC) for, the year ended 31 December 2008.

It is recommended that this report be read in conjunction with the full details published in the 2008 Annual Report. The Annual Report provides a comprehensive record of the University's performance in 2008, plans for the future and achievements documented against the aims and objectives of the University's Strategic Plan 2005 – 2010.

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	
John DOBSON OAM	
Deputy Chancellor	
Mr Tim FAIRFAX AM, FAICD	
Vice-Chancellor and President	
Professor Paul THOMAS AM, BSc(Hons), DipEd <i>Wales</i> , MA <i>Lough.</i> , PhD <i>Qld</i> , FACE, LRPS	
Chairperson of the Academic Board	
Professor Greg HILL, CertTeach, BA(Hons), PhD <i>Qld</i> .	
Six members appointed by the Governor in Council	
Mr Tim FAIRFAX AM, FAICD	
Dr Suzanne INNES, BA(Hons) BEdSt <i>Qld</i> , GradCertTESOL <i>UNE</i> , MSchM EdD <i>CQU</i>	Appointed: 4 April 2008
Emeritus Professor Phil MEADE, BSc BEd <i>Qld.</i> , MA(Hons) <i>La Trobe</i> , PhD <i>NSW</i>	Resigned: 21 July 2008
Ms Julie-Anne MEE, FCPA, BBus <i>CQU</i> , MAdmin <i>Griff.</i>	
Dr Keith STEELE, BAgSc, MAgrSc(Hons) <i>Massey</i> , D Phil <i>Waikato</i>	
Mr Michael WILLIAMS	
Two members of the University's academic staff	
Professor Robert ELLIOT, BA(Hons) <i>UNSW</i> , MA <i>La Trobe</i> , DipEd <i>Melb</i> , PhD <i>Qld</i>	
Associate Professor Julie MATTHEWS, BA(Hons) <i>Brookes</i> , PGCE <i>Leic.</i> , PhD <i>S.Aust</i>	
One member of the University's full-time general staff	
Miss Heather CARNEY, BA(Comn) <i>Sunshine Coast</i>	Resigned: 6 February 2008
Mr Keith CUNNINGTON	Elected: 20 February 2008
Two members of the student body	
Mr Marcus BUSSEY, BEd <i>USQ</i> , DipEd <i>Melb</i> , BA(Hons) <i>UWA</i>	Resigned: 17 December 2008
Ms Elyse WOHLING	
Four additional members appointed by Council	
Mr Scott FORSDIKE, BBus <i>Sunshine Coast</i>	

Mr Phillip HARDING

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

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

Meetings of Members

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

In 2008, meetings were held on 19 February, 15 April (two meetings), 17 June, 19 August, 14 October, 9 December and 23 December.

Four (4) ordinary meetings and one special meeting of the Audit and Risk Management Committee (ARMC) were held during the year. In 2008, ARMC meetings were held on 20 March (two meetings), 29 May, 25 September and 20 November.

Five (5) ordinary meetings of the Planning and Resources Committee (PRC) were held during 2008. In 2008, PRC meetings were held on 20 March, 29 May, 31 July, 25 September and 20 November.

Member Listing	Board (Council) Meetings	
	A	B
John DOBSON OAM	8	8
Mr Tim FAIRFAX AM, FAICD	6	8
Professor Paul THOMAS AM, BSc(Hons), DipEd <i>Wales</i> , MA <i>Lough.</i> , PhD <i>Qld</i> , FACE, LRPS	8	8
Professor Greg HILL, CertTeach, BA(Hons), PhD <i>Qld</i> .	6	8
Dr Suzanne INNES * BA(Hons) BEdSt <i>Qld</i> , GradCertTESOL <i>UNE</i> , MSchM EdD <i>CQU</i>	0	7
Emeritus Professor Phil MEADE, BSc BEd <i>Qld.</i> , MA(Hons) <i>La Trobe</i> , PhD <i>NSW</i>	4	4
Ms Julie-Anne MEE, FCPA, BBus <i>CQU</i> , MAdmin <i>Griff.</i>	7	8
Dr Keith STEELE, BAgrSc, MAgrSc(Hons) <i>Massey</i> , D Phil <i>Waikato</i>	5	8
Mr Michael WILLIAMS	4	8
Professor Robert ELLIOT, BA(Hons) <i>UNSW</i> , MA <i>La Trobe</i> , DipEd <i>Melb</i> , PhD <i>Qld</i>	6	8
Associate Professor Julie MATTHEWS, BA(Hons) <i>Brookes</i> , PGCE <i>Leic.</i> , PhD <i>S.Aust</i>	7	8
Miss Heather CARNEY, (BAComn) <i>Sunshine Coast</i>	0	0
Mr Keith CUNNINGTON	4	7
Mr Marcus BUSSEY, BEd <i>USQ</i> , DipEd <i>Melb</i> , BA(Hons) <i>UWA</i>	4	7
Ms Elyse WOHLING	6	8
Mr Scott FORSDIKE, BBus <i>Sunshine Coast</i>	3	8
Mr Phillip HARDING	6	8
Mr David JEFFRIES, BCom <i>Qld</i> , FCA, FAICD, FFin	7	8
Mr Paul LUNN, BBus <i>USQ</i> , CPA, <i>CAAffil</i>	7	8

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

* Leave of absence was granted to Dr Innes for an extended period to the end of 2008.

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; and
- to provide facilities for, and encourage, study and research; and
- to encourage the advancement and development of knowledge, and its application to government, industry, commerce and the community; and
- to provide courses of study or instruction, at the levels of achievement the council considers appropriate, to meet the needs of the community; and
- to confer higher education awards; and
- to disseminate knowledge and promote scholarship; and
- to provide facilities and resources for the wellbeing of the university's staff, students and other persons undertaking courses at the university; and
- 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; and
- to perform other functions given to the university under the Act or another Act.

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

Review of Operations

The University commenced triennial planning and budgeting in 2008. The establishment of the 2009-2011 Functional Planning and Budgeting process greatly enhanced the Universities ability to manage resources.

In accordance with the University's Quality – Institutional and Governing Policy and the associated guidelines and schedules, reviews were conducted in relation to Information Services (excluding Records Management Services) and Events & Catering.

During 2008 the Innovation Centre grew from strength to strength with the Accelerator project coming on line. The signing of the major gaming industry enterprise, 'Big Ant' as a client was an exciting way to end the 2008 year that will bring opportunities for the Universities' Students and provide regional engagement opportunities.

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.

It is noted that in December 2008, the Review of Australian Higher Education Report was published and submitted to the Australian Government for consideration. A special Council Meeting was held in December 2008 to discuss the recommendations contained in the report. The members are agreed that the appropriate course of action will be determined once the Australian Government formally responds to the review in March 2009.

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 2008, the University of the Sunshine Coast held comprehensive insurance policies in relation to its Executive Members and Officers.

The annual premium of \$9,448 for Directors and Officers Insurance covered the period 1 November 2007 to 1 November 2008. (\$8,819 for the period 1 November 2006 to 1 November 2007.)

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 and President
University of the Sunshine Coast



John Dobson OAM
Chancellor
University of the Sunshine Coast

	Notes	Consolidated		Parent entity	
		2008 \$'000	2007 \$'000	2008 \$'000	2007 \$'000
Revenue from continuing operations					
Australian Government financial assistance					
Australian Government grants	2	49,246	41,035	49,246	41,035
HECS-HELP- Australian Government payments	2	17,714	15,176	17,714	15,176
FEE-HELP	2	1,036	843	1,036	843
State and Local Government financial assistance	3	1,536	1,766	1,473	1,581
HECS-HELP- Student payments		2,251	2,042	2,251	2,042
Fees and charges	4	15,432	12,938	15,097	12,564
Investment income	5	1,020	590	1,017	584
Royalties, trademarks and licences	6	-	6	-	-
Consultancy and contracts	7	2,006	1,760	1,999	1,759
Other revenue	8	5,117	2,937	5,155	2,837
Total revenue from continuing operations		95,358	79,093	94,988	78,421
Income from continuing operations					
Gains on disposal of assets		26	5	26	5
Total income from continuing operations		26	5	26	5
Total revenue and income from continuing operations		95,384	79,098	95,014	78,426
Expenses from continuing operations					
Employee related expenses	9	50,389	43,717	49,991	43,225
Depreciation	10	5,398	4,511	5,393	4,507
Repairs and maintenance	11	1,896	1,481	1,894	1,478
Finance costs	12	1,505	1,582	1,505	1,582
Impairment of assets	13	117	22	111	47
Losses on disposal of assets		32	98	32	98
Other expenses	14	22,726	19,600	22,768	19,357
Total expenses from continuing operations		82,063	71,011	81,694	70,294
Operating result before income tax		13,321	8,087	13,320	8,132
Income tax expense		-	-	-	-
Operating result after income tax for the period and attributable to members of the University of the Sunshine Coast		13,321	8,087	13,320	8,132

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