Matters Reserved to Council

1. Appointments
a. Appointment of the Chancellor (Section 11 of the Curtin University Act 1966 (‘the Act’))
b. Appointment of the Vice-Chancellor (Section 14 of the Act)
c. Appointment of co-opted members to Council (Section 9(1)(h) of the Act)
d. Appointment of members of the Kalgoorlie Campus Council (Section 21M(1) of the Act)
e. Appointment and removal of the Council Secretary (Section 8 of Statute No 7)
f. Establishment of Council committees (Section 16 of the Act)
g. Appointment of members to Council committees (Section 16 of the Act)
h. Approval of Constitutions of committees of Council (Section 16 of the Act)
i. Suspension and removal of members of Council (Section 10AA of the Act)

2. Council and Executive management
a. Approval of organisational structure policies
b. Approval of remuneration and incentive policies for the Vice-Chancellor and relevant policies for Executive Managers (Section 21 of the Act generally; and Appointment, Performance and Remuneration of Executive Managers Procedures; in relation to the Vice-Chancellor, Section 14 of the Act and Statute 6)
c. Approval of succession plans for the Vice-Chancellor
d. Assessment of the organisation's and Vice-Chancellor’s performance (Section 21 of the Act, Section 14 of the Act in relation to the Vice-Chancellor)
e. Approving and monitoring systems of control and accountability
f. Matters concerning the governance of the organisation
g. Recording interests for inclusion in the Council Disclosure of Interests Register
h. Annual assessment of Council’s conformance with the Voluntary Code of Best Practice for the Governance of Australian Universities
i. Biennial evaluation and review of Council’s performance

3. Relations with stakeholders
a. Approval of Annual Report including annual accounts, report on Key Performance Indicators, reports as required by the Treasurer’s Instructions (including compliance with key legislation)
b. Dealing with or review of matters relating to reports as required by law to be approved by Council
c. Oversight of controlled and associate entities and approval of relevant policies
d. Approval of honorary awards and related policies
e. Approval of naming rights policies

4. Academic Governance
a. Establishment of an Academic Board as a Council committee (Statute 21)
b. Oversight and monitoring of the academic activities and performance of the University
c. Approval of major new educational activities or initiating major changes to the field of the University’s educational activities

5. Financial Matters
a. Approval of accounting policies
b. Approval of borrowings or the giving of security over assets in excess of $5 million
c. Approval of investment policies, including strategic asset allocation ranges
d. Approval of major transactions outside budget or the ordinary course of business
e. Approval of capital expenditure for amounts in excess of $20 million (excluding GST) for any single asset or project
f. Approval of all significant operational expenditure outside budget
g. Applications to the Minister in relation to commercial agreements under a University development proposal (Sections 22F, 22G, and 22I of the Act)
h. Approval of significant commercial activities
i. Approval of research agreements valued at greater than $20 million
6. Strategic Direction
   a. Approval of strategic plan, including strategic objectives and priorities, including planning policies
   b. Approval of budget, 5 year financial plan, including performance indicators

7. Real and leasehold property
   a. Approval of the capital expenditure budget including priorities

8. Risk
   a. Oversight and monitoring of strategic risk and material business risk, including approval of risk management policies and compliance policies
   b. Assessment of risk arising from the University’s part ownership of any entity, or its involvement in a partnership, or joint venture

9. Noting the Use of the Common Seal (Statute 1)

10. Legislative
   a. Make recommendations on changes to the Curtin University Act 1966
   b. Make, alter and/or repeal statutes, by-laws, and rules (Sections 20A and 34 of the Act and Statute 3)
   c. Delegations and the revocation of delegations of Council powers, duties (Section 15 of the Act)
   d. Establishment of policy and procedural principles, consistent with legal requirements and community expectations

Approved by Council on 19 March 2008