

## Summary of Decisions

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The Dental Council (Council) is the statutory body constituted under the Health Practitioners Competence Assurance Act 2003 (The Act) to maintain the health and safety of members of the public by providing mechanisms to ensure that health practitioners are competent and fit to practise. Council endeavours to keep its key stakeholders up to date with key decisions.

This document is a summary of Council's decisions from the meeting held in September 2016.

### Australian Dental Council/Dental Council (NZ) Accreditation Committee appointment

Associate Professor Lyndie Foster Page was reappointed as the New Zealand representative on the joint ADC/DC(NZ) Accreditation Committee for another term of three years.

Council also discussed the appointment process for members on the accreditation committee. It agreed that it would call for nominations within Council. However in the event there are unsuitable members or members are unable to make a commitment to the committee, then it would approach potential candidates.

### University of Otago – postgraduate programmes 2015 annual report

The University of Otago Doctor of Clinical Dentistry & Master of Community Dentistry programmes' 2015 annual reports were accepted as satisfactory. The Council also accepted the ADC/DC(NZ) Accreditation Committee's recommendation that the following recommendation can be closed:

*R7-1: The University urgently commences the construction of a new dental building or a substantial upgrade and refurbishment of the existing building with an arrangement for additional space to allow for an adequate footprint to ensure appropriate clinical space.*

However, the recommendation R7-2 (Appropriate and equitable study space be provided for all postgraduate students) will remain open and be revisited at completion of the postgraduate suites in the new building.

### University of Otago – Postgraduate Diploma Clinical Dental Technology 2015 annual report

The Council accepted the ADC/DC(NZ) Accreditation Committee's recommendations that the University of Otago Postgraduate Diploma Clinical Dental Technology 2015 annual report be accepted as satisfactory.

The Council also accepted that recommendation 2 - for increased exposure to partial denture design with an increased prosthodontic involvement in the teaching of these appliances - be closed.

## University of Otago – building report

The Council considered the University of Otago's first Building Report (August 2016). The purpose of the report is for the Council to assure themselves that the accreditation standards are continued to be during the rebuild of the new dental school. The Council agreed to develop a risk-based template for future building reports, allowing for monitoring against the accreditation standards for all the accredited programmes.