**Citation – Andrew Spence**

Tuesday, 11 October 2022 – 12.00pm

Chancellor, it gives me great pleasure to present Andrew Spence to you for an Honorary Fellowship of the University for his outstanding contribution to the University through his membership over many years on Senate’s investment committees.

Andrew graduated from the University of East Anglia with a Bachelor of Science (Honours) in Accountancy and Finance and was subsequently awarded the prestigious London School of Economics Executive Education Scholarship.

Andrew’s sterling career over 30 years has covered all aspects of professional money management. In 2008 he was appointed as the inaugural Chief Investment Officer at Qantas Super where he has executive responsibility for all aspects of Qantas Super’s $8 billion investment program.

For over 10 years, Andrew devoted his time to the University in a voluntary capacity and brought this wealth of experience and expertise to the Investment Committee, with responsibility for monitoring and advising the University on all matters relating to its investment portfolio and providing recommendations for the University’s Future Fund and major capital expenditure projects and strategic initiatives.

Andrew’s considerable financial acumen, professionalism and valued input into the management of the University's financial portfolio has helped to ensure the University’s strong financial position. Under Andrew’s guidance the University’s funds have weathered market forces and achieved significant positive performance. Andrew also provided the University with useful insights on activities in other sectors due to his extensive networking.

Andrew was a reliable, consistent and engaged committee member and made himself available as a sounding board for the University’s Investment and Capital Management team. He was also involved in the evolution of the University’s Environmental, Social and Governance policy, including the establishment of an innovative target to reduce portfolio carbon emissions.

Andrew has generously volunteered his time and expertise to help sustain the University now and into the future, and for this we are most grateful. Andrew’s personable and diplomatic style combined with his knowledge and experience has meant he is well liked and respected by all at the University with whom he has worked.

Chancellor, I present to you Andrew Spence and invite you to confer the title of Honorary Fellow of the University upon him.