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Dr Jane Wilson is a distinguished leader who has devoted her prodigious knowledge and energy to the promotion of prosperity, health, education and innovation.

A graduate of medicine and surgery at The University of Queensland, Dr Wilson spent the first phase of her career as a clinician in Brisbane and then London's Harley Street. There she was exposed to the transformative patient benefits of innovations in medical diagnostics and clinical treatments.

Realising she wanted to use her skills to fix health system problems and assist the translation of research into clinical practice, Dr Wilson was drawn to the United States. The country was a world leader in biotechnology, pharmaceuticals and medical device technology, and also offered her a chance to study for a Masters of Business Administration at Harvard University Business School. So it was that in 1987 she was one of only a handful of medical doctors to attain a Harvard MBA.

Returning to Brisbane, Dr Wilson began taking on executive banking and finance roles. This experience sharpened her business and commercial acumen, and helped her recognise the value of new technologies.

She was an early member of the Queensland Biotechnology Task Force and the Premier's Smart State Council, and flourished as an independent non-executive director.

Over the years, Dr Wilson has contributed to the governance of some of Australia's most consequential companies and government bodies. Among them are Australia's sovereign wealth fund, the Future Fund, of which she has been a Guardian since 2015.

In the private sector, Dr Wilson is a director of Transurban, a top-20 listed Australian Stock Exchange company operating in Australia and North America; and Sonic Healthcare, a top-50 listed ASX medical diagnostics company with interests across Australia and internationally.

She also co-chairs a new Australian Government advisory board promoting healthcare technology and intellectual property collaborations between Australia and the United States, and is a director of the foundation which administers the prestigious John Monash scholarships.

For UQ, she has fulfilled a range of board duties, including as chair and a director of IMBcom, a company established to commercialise research in the Smart State era.

She was also a director of UQ Holdings, the main company overseeing the University's various commercialisation entities; a director of Union College; and a member of the UQ Art Museum board.

Crucially, Dr Wilson gave a decade of honorary service to UQ's overarching governing body, the University Senate. She served on a variety of Senate committees, and held the elected position of Deputy Chancellor from 2014 until her resignation in 2016. For six months she acted as Chancellor.

Such contributions reflect a dedication to community service which is a hallmark of Dr Wilson's approach. Her not-for-profit commitments have involved scholarships for Indigenous students, education, the arts, health research – and much more.

In 2012 Dr Wilson was named in the inaugural Australian Financial Review Top 100 Women of Influence, and in 2016 the

Australian Institute of Company Directors awarded her its prestigious Gold Medal.

Amidst all this, she has had five children – and all came to UQ.

Chancellor, I present to you Dr Jane Wilson, Bachelor of Medicine and Bachelor of Surgery of this University, Master of Business Administration of Harvard University, and Fellow of the Australian Institute of Company Directors, for the award of Doctor of Business honoris causa, bestowed by the Senate of The University of Queensland.