



## UOW COUNCIL MEETING SUMMARY

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*The following non-confidential matters, which may be of interest to the staff and students of the University, were considered by the University Council at its meeting of 11 October 2019.*

### **Vice-Chancellor's Report**

The Vice-Chancellor briefly highlighted the following items:

- The Vice-Chancellor has been asked to continue chairing a group of five Vice-Chancellors advising the Federal Minister for Education, the Hon. Dan Tehan MP on strategic issues related to post-school education and research.
- A substantial upswing in early admission applications was experienced this year due to more sophisticated recruitment activities including Open Day.
- In relation to commencing student numbers, the Vice-Chancellor noted that domestic student commencing numbers has been slightly lower than target with international student commencing numbers slightly higher.
- A recent change to UOW's engagement strategy resulted in a large number of events taking place in India including business developments, new partnerships, recruitment activities and alumni events, being attended by various teams across the University. The amount of energy and action is beginning to take effect. Delegations visited the University of Delhi, Indian Institute of Science and the Institute of Finance and International Management and an MOU was signed with Dedicated Freight Corridor Corporation of India (DFCCIL) and the Association of Indian Medical Device Manufacturers. These new links have the potential to bring on other various activities.
- The Academic Staff Enterprise Agreement has been finalised and has been lodged with the Fair Work Commission. The Professional Staff Enterprise Agreement has returned from the Fair Work Commission.
- In relation to Research, the Vice-Chancellor noted the following:
  - A UOW-led research team was recently awarded the 2019 Eureka Prize for Environmental Research.
  - High quality applications have been submitted to the NHMRC which has resulted in an upward shift in funding. UOW was awarded \$4.8M in Health and Medical Research funding.
  - UOW research has been recognised in the *Australian* research magazine supplement.
  - UOW researchers will contribute to the newly established ARC Centre for the Digital Child. This is an important achievement for UOW as it is the first time funding for an ARC Centre has gone to the social sciences discipline, historically this type of funding goes to science and engineering disciplines. The ARC Centre will connect with Early Start, the Discovery Space and the School of Education.
- In relation to South Western Sydney & Metro Campuses, an EOI tender process to create a longer-term UOW campus in the Liverpool CBD is underway.

### **Draft 2020-2025 Strategic Plan**

The Vice-Chancellor provided Council with an overview of the draft 2020-2025 Strategic Plan. The draft Strategic Plan is the by-product of 18 months of reflection, consultation and discussion on the University's place, position and purpose looking towards 2030 and beyond, involving feedback from hundreds of members of the University's community. The draft has been developed in the context of the long-term "2030 and Beyond: A Purposeful Future" strategic direction document (<https://www.uow.edu.au/about/2030vision/>) and the related White Paper (<https://www.uow.edu.au/about/2030vision/>). The draft 2020-2025 Strategic Plan commits the University to inspiring a better future through education, research and partnership. The final Plan will be presented to Council for approval at the December meeting.

### **Presentation to Council**

Council received a presentation from Professor Jennifer L Martin AC, Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Research & Innovation), on the strategies and achievements of the Research & Innovation portfolio.

## **2020 University Budget**

Council approved the 2020 Budget for the University.

### **Reports to Council**

Council received the following reports and updates:

- UOW Key Performance Indicators Report;
- UOW Finance Report Quarter Three 2019;
- WHS Report for July and August 2019;
- Collaborative Delivery Summary Report 2019;
- Annual Academic Policy Approval Report;
- The use of the UOW Common Seal;
- UOW Pulse Ltd Progress Report; and
- Student Representation: an update on activities for the Student Advisory Council, WUSA and WUPA, including draft 2020 budgets for the two student associations.

### **Academic Senate**

Council received the unratified Academic Senate minutes from its 4 September meeting. More information about Academic Senate is found here:

<https://www.uow.edu.au/about/governance/governance-structure/academic-senate/>

### **Committee Business**

Council received unratified minutes from the 4 September 2019 meeting of the Finance and Resources Committee for noting and the unratified minutes from the 19 September 2019 meeting of the Risk, Audit and Compliance Committee. For more information about Council Committees see:

<https://www.uow.edu.au/about/governance/governance-structure/university-council/>

*The next meeting of Council is scheduled for Friday, 6 December 2019.*