



## 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 6 December 2019.*

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

The Vice-Chancellor briefly highlighted the following items:

- National / Regional Policy and Engagement:
  - In addition to the Green Gown, two additional awards have been won by the Desert Rose House project.
  - The University has achieved AACSB accreditation.
  - Over \$6.8M of ARC funding was awarded to 18 research grants, with UOW achieving a success rate of 31%, well above the national success rate of 23%, ranking UOW 6<sup>th</sup> in Australia.
- The UOW Men's Soccer team represented Australia at the inaugural FISU World Cup in China. They lost in the Final to Uruguay 2-1; nevertheless their success as National Champions is a testament to the players, UOW Pulse and the coaches.
- Three UOW academic staff members were appointed as Fellows of the Academy of Social Sciences in Australia. Professor Colin Picker has been elected as Fellow of the Australian Academy of Law.
- The 2019 Big Ideas Festival, held on 16 October 2019, was a huge success, with over 600 visitors attending the Festival to hear about the latest research at UOW.
- UOW alumna Susan Zhang has won the 2019 Young Australia China Alumni of the Year Award.

### **UOW Global Enterprises Update**

Council received a presentation and progress report by Mr Peter Robson, Chair of the UOW Global Enterprises (UOWGE) Board, and Ms Marisa Mastroianni, Group CEO and Managing Director of UOW Global Enterprise, which included an overview of UOWGE activities, performance and strategies for the UOWGE group and an end of year progress report.

### **2019 Review of Academic Portfolio and Key Performance Indicators.**

Professor Joe Chicharo, Senior Deputy Vice-Chancellor gave a presentation on 2019 Review of Academic Portfolio and Key Performance Indicators.

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

The Vice-Chancellor reported that since the October Council meeting, consultation with staff and students, including through the Academic Senate, had been completed on the draft 2020-2025 Strategic Plan. Council approved the 2020-2025 Strategic Plan pending final edits to be made prior to moving it through the design phase for production and release.

### **Draft 2020-2025 Key Performance Indicators (KPIs) Framework**

Council approved the Draft 2020-2025 Key Performance Indicators Framework. The framework includes 12 KPIs that align to the Strategic Plan and will comprise several metrics and performance measures for each KPI. The final version of the 2020-2025 Key Performance Indicators Framework will return to Council for approval at the April 2020 meeting.

### **Population Growth and Market Share in UOW Key Regional Catchments**

Council received a summary of the projected population growth and change across UOW's key regional catchments, to inform a range of strategic planning pathways including future student recruitment and business growth opportunities.

### **Update on Recent Legislative and Other Sector Developments**

Council noted information regarding three significant areas the University is currently monitoring and managing its response to: the Independent Review of Freedom of Speech in Higher Education (the French Review); Draft Guidelines to Counter Foreign Interference in the University Sector; and Modern Slavery legislation.

### **Student Services and Amenities Fee Allocations and Student Consultation Process**

Council approved the 2020 student consultation process for 2021 SSAF funding and noted the 2020 anticipated revenue from SSAF.

### **Vice-Chancellor's School Review Program Update**

Council received an update on the Vice-Chancellor's School Review Program noting the methodology used, outcomes of the School Reviews to date and recent enhancements to the Program.

### **Reports to Council**

Council received the following reports and updates:

- Council Key Performance Indicators Report;
- UOW Finance Report Period Ended 31 October 2019;
- WHS Report for September and October 2019;
- Common Seal

### **Controlled Entity Reports**

- UOW Pulse Ltd Progress Report

### **UOW Policy Amendments**

Council approved the new

- Coursework Rules;
- Higher Degree Research Award Rules; and

the rescission of the Admissions rules and General Course Rules. The new Rules will take effect 1 January 2020. For more information about UOW Policies, refer to the Policy Directory:

<https://www.uow.edu.au/about/policy/index.html>

### **Academic Senate**

Council received the unratified Academic Senate minutes from its 20 November 2019 meeting. More information about Academic Senate is found here:

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

### **Council Committee Terms of Reference Membership Update**

Council approved amendments to the Terms of Reference of Council Committees: Academic Senate; Finance and Resources Committee; Risk, Audit and Compliance Committee; Performance and Remuneration Committee; Council Nominations Committee and Honorary Awards Committee.

### **Committee Business**

Council received unratified minutes from the Finance and Resources Committee from its 13 September 2019 meeting.

For more information about Council Committees:

<http://www.uow.edu.au/governance/committees/council/committees/index.html>

*The next meeting of Council is scheduled for Friday, 14 February 2020.*