



UOW COUNCIL MEETING SUMMARY

The following matters, which may be of interest to the staff and students of the University, were considered by the University Council at its meeting of 9 October 2020.

Due to the government's restrictions regarding the spread of COVID-19, Council members participated in the Council meeting on 9 October 2020 in person or via videoconference (Webex).

This was Ms McLoughlin's first meeting of Council as Chancellor of the University. In opening the meeting, the Chancellor thanked the University for the privilege of being entrusted with the role and expressed her enthusiasm to continue to build upon the outstanding stewardship and governance of Chancellor Broadbent. The Chancellor spoke to the challenges currently faced by the Higher Education sector and the broader economic environment.

Coronavirus (COVID-19) Update

Council noted the University's ongoing response to the COVID-19 pandemic. For COVID-19 status updates : <https://www.uow.edu.au/coronavirus/> and <https://intranet.uow.edu.au/content/groups/internal/@web/@its/documents/doc/uow264958.pdf>

Vice-Chancellor's Report

The Vice-Chancellor briefly highlighted the following items in his report:

- The successful opening of the Jillian Broadbent Building and the launch of the Nowra Agri-Business Innovation Hub.
- The temporary closure of two student accommodation residences in 2021 due to the impact of COVID-19.
- The work undertaken for the return to campus teaching for Spring session.
- The food on campus initiative. The Vice-Chancellor commended staff for volunteering in providing food banks for UOW students across the state.
- The upcoming Early Admission conversion activity which is expected to be one of the most competitive experienced as future students have multiple university offers.
- As a consequence of the variations to the Enterprise Bargaining Agreements being approved, the Special Additional Leave Scheme (SAL) dates for 2021 and 2022 have been finalised. The Early Retirement Scheme offered to staff has closed and outcomes from this scheme are being finalised.
- The successful and CovidSafe Fellowship & Alumni Awards Dinner held on 8 October 2020. The Vice-Chancellor thanked all staff involved in the event.
- The large volume of work undertaken in digitalisation including: a suite of online Cyber Security postgraduate courses for early 2021; procurement of lifelong learning modules and micro-credentials, and a portfolio of subjects being curated to align with the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals.
- Due to border closures, up to 4000 of UOW's international students could remain onshore over the summer period and the University is looking at ways in which to engage and support those students over this period.
- Ms Stefania Peracchi came first in the UOW Three Minute Thesis competition and has been named winner of the People's Choice Award at the Asia-Pacific 3MT finals for her research in making space travel safer.
- An overview of the Federal Budget.

Strategic Plan KPI Metrics: 2025 Targets 2020-2025 University Strategies

Council approved the proposed interim and final targets for the Strategic Plan KPI metrics, noting that further discussion on the KPI's will be held at the Council planning information session in February 2021. For further information regarding the 2020-2025 Strategic Plan: <https://www.uow.edu.au/about/our-vision-strategy/2020-2025-strategic-plan/>

University Budget 2021

Council approved the 2021 Budget for the University.

Council Meeting Dates 2022

Council approved the 2022 Council and Council Committees meeting dates.

Reports to Council

Council received the following reports and updates:

- Council Key Performance Indicators Report
- UOW Finance Report: August 2020
- Finance and Capital Management Strategy
- Workplace Health and Safety Report: July and August 2020
- Academic Policy Approval Report (September 2019 – August 2020)
- The use of the UOW Common Seal
- UOW Global Enterprises Progress Report
- UOW Pulse Ltd Progress Report
- Student Representation: an update on activities for the Student Advisory Council, WUSA and WUPA including the draft 2021 WUPA Budget

Academic Senate

Council received the unratified Academic Senate minutes from its 23 September 2020 meeting. More information about Academic Senate is found here: <https://www.uow.edu.au/about/governance/governance-structure/academic-senate/>

Council Committee Business

Council received the unratified minutes of the 9 September 2020 meeting of the Finance and Resources Committee and the unratified minutes of the 27 August 2020 meeting of the Risk, Audit and Compliance Committee. For more information about Council Committees:

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

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

The next meeting of Council is scheduled for Friday, 11 December 2020.