



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 11 December 2020.

Due to the government's restrictions regarding the spread of COVID-19, Council members participated in the Council meeting on 11 December 2020 in person or via videoconference (Webex).

Coronavirus (COVID-19) Update

Council noted the University's ongoing response to the COVID-19 pandemic. For COVID-19 status updates refer to: <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 recent Aggregate Ranking of Top Universities (ARTU) shows UOW continues to climb in university rankings, from 267th in the world in 2012 to 184th in 2020.
- The Molecular Horizons building has been recently awarded two awards in the 2020 Master Builders Association (MBA) NSW Awards: Excellence in Construction Award for Tertiary Buildings and the Excellence in Construction Award for Innovation – Construction Technique/Equipment.
- UOW Global Enterprises was recognised in two major awards: an ABA 100 Winner of the Australian Business Awards for Risk Management in 2020 and the Hong Kong-Australia Business Association NSW Chapter 2020 Business Awards for Business Excellence.
- The 2020 edition of the UOW Outlook Magazine produced by the Alumni team features a considerable achievement in fundraising activities.
- For the first time, UOW's Community Engagement Scheme is encouraging projects that support resilience and recovery for communities affected by COVID-19 or bushfires.
- The work undertaken by UOW and UOW College in supporting international students, the *UOW's Food + With Care Project*, has been named the winner in 2020 Study NSW International Students Award the International Community Engagement Award – Business and Community.
- The University has recently bid for additional Commonwealth Support Places for Higher Education Short Courses and National Priority Places, as part of the Australian Government's Job-Ready Graduates Package.
- A series of engagement activities for onshore international students has been developed and will be made available to all students over the summer period. These activities have been developed to enhance the student experience.
- Two Distinguished Professors, Zaiping Guo and Antoine van Oijen have been named as recipients of the highly prestigious NSW Premier's Prizes for Science and Engineering.

Reports to Council

Council received the following reports and updates:

- Council Key Performance Indicators Report
- UOW Finance Report: September 2020
- Workplace Health and Safety Report: September and October 2020
- The Use of the UOW Common Seal
- UOW Pulse Ltd End of Year Progress Report
- Student Representation: 2021 draft WUSA Budget

Academic Senate

Council received the unratified Academic Senate minutes from its 18 November 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 11 November 2020 meeting of the Finance and Resources Committee and the unratified minutes of the 21 October 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>

Amendments to Rules

Council approved amendments to the Coursework Rules, Student Conduct Rules and the Examination Rules. Please refer to the Policy Directory for updated Rules:

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

UOW Global Enterprises Update

Mr Peter Robson, Chair of the UOW Global Enterprises (UOWGE) Board, and Ms Marisa Mastroianni, Group CEO and Managing Director of UOW Global Enterprise, provided an overview of UOWGE activities, performance and strategies for the UOWGE group.

Student Services and Amenities Fee Allocations and Student Consultation Process

Council noted the anticipated 2021 income and approved the 2021 student consultation process for 2022 SSAF funding.

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, 12 February 2021.