



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 20 August 2021.

The Vice-Chancellor highlighted the following items:

- The significant efforts of staff and students in adapting to the latest COVID situation.
- A governance review of the UOW Global Enterprises (UOWGE) Board is currently underway.
- A hybrid model for the delivery of a large scale Graduation event in Quarter 3 will be undertaken in light of the current COVID situation and will include satellite campuses.
- The positive engagement and constructive collaboration between the Senior Executive and the Student Advisory Council, which has included weekly meetings.
- The Student Advisory Council involvement in developing a Youth Climate Statement which establishes a set of climate change commitments for the University, with over 1,100 individuals having signed the change.org petition to date. Through this project, the Student Advisory Council has moved the University's sustainability agenda forward significantly in a few short months.
- Following the closure of the Campus Clinic and in recognition of the need to focus on the health and wellbeing of students and staff, the development of a more comprehensive health and wellbeing service is being undertaken.
- Financial and welfare support provided to UOW Afghani students following the recent devastating events in Afghanistan.
- The inclusion of the Vaccination Hub webpage on the UOW website to provide information to the University community about vaccinations, the accessibility of obtaining one and providing flexibility for staff to attend vaccination appointments.
- Applications for Early Admission closed with over 8,500 applications, a 4.3% increase on last year. There were 290 eligible applicants for the VC Leadership Scholarship (covering 28 of 44 schools in the Illawarra region. Applications for the Bachelor of Arts (Western Civilisation) degree were also up from last year, 106 compared to 77.
- The exceptional efforts of staff in keeping the core business of the University on track during these challenging times.

2020-2025 Strategic Plan Transformative Priority Update: Collaboration and Research

The Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Research & Innovation) Professor Jennifer L Martin presented the Transformative Priority update on Collaboration – Research.

Deep Dive Comprehensive KPI Report: Research Integrity/Research Performance

The Deep Dive Comprehensive Key Performance Indicator (KPI) reports are scheduled for each meeting of Council to provide a more detailed view of strategic performance as measured by the Strategic Plan 2020-2025 KPIs. The Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Research & Innovation) Professor Jennifer L Martin spoke to the third in this new suite of reports, related to **Research Integrity (KPI 4)**, **Research Performance (KPI 5)**.

2021 Annual Planning, Post-COVID19 Priorities and Strategy Event Outcomes

Council noted the update on the 2021 Annual Planning, Post-COVID Priorities and Strategy Event outcomes. Further information on the UOW Strategic Plan can be found here: <https://www.uow.edu.au/about/our-vision-strategy/2020-2025-strategic-plan/>

Change in Title for the Role of Vice-Chancellor

In order to align with current practice across the higher education sector, Council approved the change in title from *Vice-Chancellor and Principal* to *Vice-Chancellor and President* to be effective immediately.

Council Committee Business

Council noted the review of the role and function of Academic Senate will commence in early 2022. This will allow the new membership and composition of Academic Senate to be fully bedded down and will provide members and the wider University community with time to identify relevant considerations to be taken into account as part of the review.

Council noted the Academic Senate Mid-Year Chair's report and summary of the Academic Senate meeting held on 4 August 2021. Council also received the unratified minutes of the 7 July 2021 People and Culture, Finance and Infrastructure Committee meeting.

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

Coursework Rules

Council approved the minor amendments to the Appendix 2: Schedule of Minor Studies for the approval of the Anatomy and Physiology, Chemistry and Nutrition Minors.

For updated Rules and Policies, refer to the Policy Directory:
<https://documents.uow.edu.au/about/policy/alpha-listing/index.html>

Reports to Council

Council received the following reports and updates:

- 2020-2025 Strategic Plan: Key Performance Indicators Report
- UOW Finance Report: August 2021
- Workplace Health and Safety Report
- Use of the UOW Common Seal
- UOWGE Mid Year Update
- UOW Pulse Ltd Progress Report

The next meeting of Council is scheduled for Friday, 8 October 2021.