



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 8 October 2021.

The Vice-Chancellor highlighted the following items:

- The significant efforts of staff and students for working tirelessly to achieve business continuity and in particular those working at the frontline of the pandemic.
- The recent Executive Dean appointments:
 - Senior Professor Gursel Alici, Executive Dean of the Faculty of Engineering and Information Sciences;
 - Senior Professor Eileen McLaughlin, Executive Dean of the Faculty of Science, Medicine and Health; and
 - Professor Sue Bennett, Executive Dean of the Faculty of the Arts, Social Sciences and Humanities.
- UOW's recent achievements in the 2021 Eureka Awards, Australia's premier science awards, and the two Oka Flats Public School students who were finalists in the School Science category with their film about super volcanoes.
- COVID-19 vaccination and efforts to increase access to vaccines including targeted activities across campus.
- The work being undertaken on an active transitional plan for return to campus.
- The recent governance review of UOW Global Enterprises (UOWGE) Board undertaken by governance expert Margaret Taylor.
- UOW's achievements in the latest Time Higher Education Rankings.
- Progress in the development of guiding principles for strategic partnerships, such as the recently announced Telstra-UOW Hub for Artificial Intelligence of Things (AIOT) Solutions.
- Positive news stories as seen in the Media such as the successful Energy Stocktake webinar held in September featuring incoming Council member and UOW alumna Katherine McConnell.

Deputy Chancellor Election

Council elected Mr Warwick Shanks to the position of Deputy Chancellor for a two year term effective immediately until 8 October 2023 to replace Dr Elizabeth Magassy whose term as Deputy Chancellor was due to conclude on 10 October 2021. Council noted that Dr Magassy's current term as a member on Council expires on 31 December 2021 and she will have served the 12 year maximum term, as provided in the University of Wollongong Act (1989).

Council also noted that an election for the other position of Deputy Chancellor, currently held by Mr Rob Ryan, will take place at the Council meeting scheduled for 3 December 2021.

UOW Pulse Ltd

Council received a presentation by Ms Sue Chapman, Chair of UOW Pulse Ltd Board on UOW Pulse's activities, challenges and opportunities.

2020-2025 Strategic Plan Transformative Priority Update: Collaboration - Growth Onshore, Growth Offshore

The Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Global Strategy) Professor Alex Frino presented the Transformative Priority update on Collaboration - Growth Onshore, Growth Offshore.

Deep Dive Comprehensive KPI Reports: Institutional Stability and Internationalisation and Engagement

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 (Global Strategy) Professor Alex Frino, and Ms Monique Harper-Richardson,

Director of Advancement, spoke to the fourth in this new suite of reports, related to *Institutional Stability (KPI 9) and Internationalisation and Engagement (KPI 10)*.

2021 Vice-Chancellor Strategy Event Outcomes Update

Council noted the update on the 2021 Vice-Chancellor 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/>

Academic Senate

Council received the unratified Academic Senate minutes from its 4 August 2021 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:

- 13 August 2021 extraordinary meeting and the 8 September 2021 meeting of the People and Culture, Finance and Infrastructure Committee; and
- 14 September 2021 meeting of the Risk, Audit and Compliance Committee.

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

University Budget 2022

Council approved the 2022 University Budget.

Reports to Council

Council received the following reports and updates:

- 2020-2025 Strategic Plan: Key Performance Indicators Report
- UOW Finance Report: Forecast and Results as at 31 August 2021
- Workplace Health and Safety Report
- Annual Academic Policy Approval Report
- Use of the UOW Common Seal
- WUSA Report on Activities and draft 2022 WUSA Budget
- WUPA Report on Activities and draft 2022 WUPA Budget

The next meeting of Council is scheduled for Friday, 3 December 2021.