



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 1 July 2022.

Council Strategy Session

Prior to the Council meeting, a Council Strategy Session was held including a working group exercise to discuss post-election and strategic priorities for the University and how Council can best support and drive them.

Vice-Chancellor's Report / Strategic Update

The following issues were dealt with under the Vice-Chancellor's strategic report:

- The Pro Vice-Chancellor (Strategy and Planning) gave a course portfolio update, noting there had been significant effort led by the DVC (A&SL) portfolio in partnership with faculties in order to review the viability of UOW's courses and subjects and reduce overall course numbers.
- The Senior Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Innovation, Enterprise, External Relations) (SDVC) provided an update on domestic and international enrolments.
- The Director, Financial Services gave a short presentation on the financial outlook, noting that UOW was tracking to targeted expenditure, and with strong enrolments for Session 2, with the outlook looking favourable to budget.

Faculty of Engineering and Information Sciences

Professor Gursel Alici, Executive Dean of the [Faculty of Engineering and Information Sciences](#) gave a presentation to Council about his faculty, including current challenges and initiatives. He noted that the Faculty has six schools and two research centres: the SMART Infrastructure Facility, and the Sustainable Buildings Research Centre. The Faculty has a strong presence at our international campuses in Dubai, Hong Kong, and Malaysia, partners with SIM in Singapore and has twinning arrangements with four Chinese institutes as well as a joint institute with Centre China Normal University Wuhan. The Executive Dean advised of recent achievements such as the \$10M Energy Future Skills Centre transitioning the workforce to clean energy and manufacturing; an ARC Training Centre in Energy Technologies training engineers in zero-carbon electricity; \$5M seed funding from Hysata to commercialise hydrogen electrolyser technology; and a Cyber academy partnership with TAFE NSW, NSW Government and Deloitte.

National Student Safety Survey (NSSS) Action Plan

The Co-Chairs of the [Safe and Respectful Communities](#) (SARC) Advisory Group noted the actions that had been undertaken since the NSSS results were released, including:

- Improving safety messaging and signage in the UOW library in response to student feedback
- Making Consent Matters online training mandatory
- Working with community partners regarding student safety in Wollongong
- Raising awareness about SARC through student co-designed communications and awareness activities
- Working with First Nations, gender sex and sexuality diverse communities and the accessibility and inclusion network to build support and response services that draw on cohort-specific and intersectional experience.

A key outcome from the NSSS was a revised [SARC Action Plan](#) which has been developed in conjunction with the SARC Advisory Group, SARC Working Party, Student Advisory Committee and via discursive roundtables held with students, staff and community partners. This feedback informed the development of the Action Plan which includes, short, medium and long-term outcomes and actions and draws out assumptions and resources for achieving the actions in the Plan. Council approved the SARC Action Plan

Financial Benchmarking

Council received a paper and presentation on financial benchmarking.

Amendments to the Coursework Rules

Council approved minor amendments to the Coursework Rules. A copy of the Rules is available via the UOW [Policy Directory](#).

Council Committee Business

Council also noted the minutes of the:

- (i) Academic Senate meeting held on 25 May
- (ii) Finance and Infrastructure Committee meeting held on 11 May 2022
- (iii) Risk, Audit and Compliance Committee meeting held on 17 May 2022
- (iv) People and Culture Committee meetings held on 10 May and 2 June 2022

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

Reports to Council

Council received the following reports and updates:

- Economic Update
- Workforce Diversity Report
- Student Conduct, Complaints, and Academic Integrity Reports
- Collaborative Delivery Summary Report 2021
- Workplace Health and Safety Report
- Use of the UOW Common Seal

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The next meeting of Council is scheduled for Friday, 17 August 2022.