



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 17 August 2022.

Council Membership

Council welcomed the new Chair of Academic Senate, [Professor Nina Reynolds](#), to her first Council meeting.

Vice-Chancellor's Strategic Update

The Vice-Chancellor highlighted the following issues in her report:

- Council members were thanked for their support of recent University events such as the VC's strategy event and staff awards.
- Additional Commonwealth Supported Places have been announced which UOW will be bidding for. UOW is continuing to engage with government including participating in the Illawarra Skills Summit held on the Innovation campus.
- The Antarctic Futures exhibition has opened in the Jillian Broadbent Building and Council members were encouraged to see it if they could.
- The University had recently hosted two conferences on Labour Econometrics, and for the NSW Council of Deans of Education
- There is a focus on domestic and international recruitment, including UOWGE. The VC noted the joint staff award for the UOWD and UOW team for delivering the global MBA
- The University continues to prioritise cost containment and revenue generation, for example in relation to sports and opportunities at our Sydney campuses.
- Reviews of UOW's property portfolio and of our Advancement Strategy are underway.

Faculty of Science, Medicine and Health

Professor Eileen McLaughlin, Executive Dean of the [Faculty of Science, Medicine and Health](#), presented to Council about her faculty, including its structure, current challenges and initiatives. She outlined the Faculty's vision for 2023, including alignment of research infrastructure, enhancements to interdisciplinary work, student experience and research commercialisation.

Regional, Southern Sydney and Liverpool campuses

The Pro Vice-Chancellor (Strategy and Planning) and Pro Vice-Chancellor (Health: Sydney Campuses) presented to Council on [UOW's regional and metropolitan campuses](#). In terms of the regional campuses, the presentation considered the wider value of the campuses in terms of community engagement and the income that they bring from research and development funding that is of direct consequence to our regional engagement including Industry 4.0, Bega Valley Innovation Hub, Regional Medicine and the Southern NSW Innovation Hub. A regional campus strategy was in development and would come to Council later in the year. Council was provided information about the Southern Sydney and Liverpool campuses, noting strong community, government and Council support and opportunities to grow

Sports Strategy

Council received a presentation on the development of a sports strategy at UOW to harness our profile in sport to secure a competitive advantage. Council noted that, in the QS world Rankings by Subject, sports-related studies at UOW sit with Civil and Structural Engineering, Nursing and Materials Science in the prestigious 51-100 ranking level. Sports studies at UOW are unaligned to a specific faculty and are truly trans-disciplinary, with courses in the faculties of Science, Medicine and Health, Arts Social Sciences and Humanities and Business and Law, a Cert IV at UOW College and publications spanning Psychology, Education, Medicine, History, Computer Science, Management, Cultural Studies, Indigenous Studies, Materials Science and Geography. Research shows that a high ranking for individual subjects like sports studies translates to positive student recruitment outcomes across the University. The sports strategy will be presented back to Council later in the year.

Council Committee Business

- Council received the Academic Senate Chair's mid-year report and noted the minutes of its 27 July meeting.
- Council also noted the minutes of the:
 - (i) Finance and Infrastructure Committee meeting held on 20 July 2022; and
 - (ii) People and Culture Committee meeting held on 4 August 2022.

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UOW Pulse and UOWGE Reports

Council received reports from its controlled entities: [UOW Global Enterprises](#) (UOWGE) and [UOW Pulse](#).

Reports to Council

Council received the following reports and updates:

- Finance Update
- Workplace Health and Safety Report
- Use of the UOW Common Seal

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The next meeting of Council is scheduled for Friday, 7 October 2022.