
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 December 2023.

Election of Chancellor

Council unanimously elected Michael Still to the position of Chancellor from 9 December 2023 for a four-year term.

Vice Chancellor's Strategic Update

The Vice-Chancellor thanked the Chancellor Christine McLoughlin AM for her enormous contribution to the University during her tenure, bringing a wealth of experience and expertise to UOW.

She additionally acknowledged and thanked the Deputy Vice-Chancellor Professor Theo Farrell who finishes at the end of this month before embarking on the next chapter in his career as Vice-Chancellor of La Trobe University. Professor Farrell has made an enormous contribution to UOW, firstly in his role as Executive Dean, and most recently in his role as DVC Academic and Student Life. Council wished him all the best in his new role.

The Vice-Chancellor highlighted that the next cycle of strategic planning was underway in the lead up to the University's 50th anniversary celebrations in 2025.

Council additionally noted an update regarding the Education Services for Overseas Students (ESOS) National Code audit as part of the University's TEQSA obligations.

2024 Budget

Council received the 2024 Budget for review and approval, including the assumptions, outcome and key financial measures for the University parent and summary of the consolidated entity results.

It was noted that the 2024 Budget had been considered in detail by the Finance and Infrastructure Committee (FIC) which had been endorsed. Council approved the 2024 Budget and the Capital Management Plan.

Student Advisory Council

Council received a detailed presentation from the Chair, Student Advisory Council on the work undertaken and focus areas for the Student Advisory Council (SAC) in 2023.

Council commended the Chair, SAC on his detailed presentation and the positive work being undertaken by the Student Council.

The Vice-Chancellor highlighted the importance of SAC initiatives and student partnerships in facilitating a positive student experience at the University.

Policy Approvals

At its 8 December Meeting, Council approved the following Policies:

- the new Brand and Reputation Policy, and the rescission of the Marketing, Media and Communications Policy and Use of University Name by Third Parties Policy;
- the new Data Breach Policy;
- the new Research Block Grant Distribution and Allocation Policy;
- the major amendments to the Social Media Policy;
- the major amendments to the IT Server Security Policy, the IT Acceptable Use Policy; the Cyber Security Policy; and the Telephone and Mobile Use Policy; and

- noted the new and amended supporting procedures to be approved in accordance with the delegations of Authority Policy.

Student Association Reports

Council received proposed budgets from the Wollongong Undergraduate Student Association (WUSA) and the Wollongong University Postgraduate Student Association (WUPA).

Further Reports Received

Council also received the following reports and updates:

- Workplace Health and Safety Report
- Staff Wellbeing
- Finance Update
- UOW Global Enterprises Progress Report - Year in Review
- UOW Pulse Report
- Use of the UOW Common Seal