

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 22 March 2024.

Strategy Workshop

The Council undertook a strategy workshop, led by the Chief Strategy Officer and the Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Strategy and Assurance). Council members were invited to reflect on the University's strengths and position in the community.

Council also discussed;

- the potential of the University's footprint;
- the opportunities to broaden connections/communication with communities;
- the importance of focusing on student success with respect to the University's strategic vision.

Vice Chancellor's Year in Preview

The Vice-Chancellor provided Council with a detailed presentation on the institutional priorities and key initiatives planned for 2024. She highlighted the importance of accountability in achieving UOW's strategic goals this year, and emphasised that a strong, values-driven 2024 will set UOW up for a bright and prosperous future.

Corporate Governance Review and Framework

The Council was presented with the Corporate Governance Review which was conducted by Dr Michael Tomlinson and the associated action plan. Council engaged in a detailed discussion regarding the Review, action plan and 2024 Governance Uplift program.

The Council approved that the time limited Cybersecurity Committee be embedded permanently in the Council Committee structure as a subcommittee of the Risk, Audit and Compliance Committee

Higher Education Reform Environment

Council received an overview of the recommendations of the Australian Universities Accord. Council discussed the focus recommendation for the University of Wollongong, and the strategic implications of the Accord. The Council agreed that proactive working with the government in prioritising and implementing the recommendations would be advantageous for UOW.

Research Update

The Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Research & Sustainable Futures) presented Council with a detailed presentation that highlighted the research successes in recent years. Council discussed the importance of UOW's vision and values in achieving our research goals and serving the community.

Robert Hope Memorial Prize Selection Committee Report

Council approved the awarding of the 2023 Chancellor Robert Hope Memorial Prize to Jackson Cocks.

Further Reports Received

Council also received the following reports and updates:

- Academic Senate Report
- Chancellor's Report
- Vice-Chancellor's Report
- Finance and Infrastructure Committee Report

- Risk, Audit and Compliance Committee Report
- People and Culture Committee Report
- Cybersecurity Committee Report