

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 24 May 2024.

Council Business

The Council undertook an election to fill the Deputy Chancellor role and elected long-serving Councillor Nieves Murray as Deputy Chancellor. Nieves Murray has been a member of Council since 2013, and Council is looking forward to continuing to work with the new Deputy Chancellor.

Following the departure of Professor Patricia Davidson from the role of Vice-Chancellor and President of UOW, the Council reviewed the process of appointing a new Vice-Chancellor. The importance of consultation with a broad range of stakeholders both internal and external to the University was discussed as a priority.

Federal Budget Outcomes

Following the release of the Federal Budget on Tuesday 14 May, Council discussed the financial implications and the new opportunities to grow as a University. The importance of UOW as an anchor institution in our community was highlighted, as well as our strong connections with other tertiary education providers. The Council agreed that proactive working with the government will be beneficial for the University community, and that there is a responsibility to advocate for UOW in the industry moving forward.

Liverpool Growth Strategy

Council discussed the importance of UOW's Liverpool campus in the future of the University. Council recognised that South-Western Sydney is experiencing significant growth in population, industry, business and jobs, and that UOW currently holds a close relationship with the local community. Council agreed that investment in the Liverpool area will be advantageous for the University and will help build strong and reliable domestic enrolment.

Student Recruitment Briefing

The Council were briefed on the current student market, including school leavers, non-school leavers and postgraduate cohorts. The importance of UOW's strategic marketing and pathway programs through UOW College was recognised by Council, and future opportunities for student recruitment were discussed.

Student Success Update

The Council discussed UOW's approach to student success, which contributes to Goal 1 in the UOW Strategic Plan 2020-2025, *Empowering students for their Future*. Students were recognised by Council as key partners in UOW's growth, and Council noted that the ongoing consultation of students on the UOW Student Success strategy will prove invaluable moving forward.

Academic Integrity Report

The Academic Integrity Report 2023 was presented to the Council in light of a pending information request from TEQSA asking providers to submit a credible institutional action plan addressing the risks posed by GenAI. The Council discussed the importance of being prepared for the risks that AI poses to academic integrity and the quality of UOW's awards and noted the priorities and draft AI Risk Mitigation Response coming from the Academic Integrity Report.

Academic Governance Review

Following an external review conducted by Varavena Consultancy, the Council has approved the external academic governance review action plan that addresses the recommendations and recommendations for improvement provided by Varavena Consultancy.

Further Reports Received

Council also received the following reports and updates:

- Student Administration Update
- 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
- RACC Cybersecurity Subcommittee Report
- Performance and Remuneration Committee Report