



## UOW COUNCIL MEETING SUMMARY

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*The following non-confidential matters, which may be of interest to the staff and students of the University, were considered by the University Council at its meeting of 12 April 2019.*

### **Vice-Chancellor's Report**

The Vice-Chancellor advised Council about the following matters:

- The public statement made on behalf of the University condemning the Christchurch mosque attacks on 15 March 2019. The full statement is available from here: <https://universe.uow.edu.au/staff/vice-chancellors-statement-on-the-recent-christchurch-mosque-attacks/>
- The results of the inaugural Times Higher Education University Impact Rankings, with the University ranked equal 13<sup>th</sup> overall in the world and 2<sup>nd</sup> in Australia. More than 500 institutions had taken part in the assessment which measures universities' social and economic impact. More information is available from here: <https://media.uow.edu.au/releases/UOW257299.html>
- The Federal Government's recognition of the University as one of the best workplaces in Australia for gender equality. UOW was awarded an Employer of Choice for Gender Equality citation together with UOW Global Enterprises and UOW College. More information is available from here: <https://media.uow.edu.au/releases/UOW256165.html>
- The sad passing of Emeritus Professor Sir Rupert Myers KBE AO whose active interest and support contributed to the University becoming an autonomous institution in 1975.
- The recent launch of the Tottenham Hotspur Global Football Program. More information is available from here: <https://media.uow.edu.au/releases/UOW257195.html>
- The AIME Festival of Mentoring held on 21 and 22 February 2019. More information is available from here: <https://media.uow.edu.au/news/UOW256330>
- A brief update on the progress of Enterprise Bargaining discussions between the University, Academic Staff and Professional Services Staff.
- The deployment of 3D Alek at Royal Prince Alfred Hospital; an example of University research emerging from clinical trials. More information is available from here: <https://media.uow.edu.au/releases/UOW256244.html>
- The release of the Report of the Independent Review of Freedom of Speech in Australian Higher Education Providers which recommends the adoption of a Model Code and minor amendments to legislation.

### **Annual Financial Statements 2018**

Council approved the 2018 Annual Financial Statements presented by the Chief Finance Officer. The Chief Finance Officer advised Council that the statements had been subjected to a rigorous process of review during their preparation and were supported by management representations and thorough consideration by the Risk, Audit and Compliance Committee at its meeting on 19 March 2019. The financial statements will be published in the 2018 Annual Report and will be available on the UOW website once the report has been tabled in the NSW Parliament.

### **2020-2025 Strategic Plan Refresh & 2019 Strategy Day Outcomes**

The Vice-Chancellor provided an update on the progress of the 2020-2025 Strategic Plan refresh, with indicative timelines pointing towards finalisation by the end of the year, noting that development of the Strategic Plan has been informed by strategy sessions held earlier in the year with senior UOW staff and Council members.

### **ARC Excellence in Research Australia & Engagement and Impact Outcomes 2018**

Council congratulated the University on its strong performance in the recent ARC Excellence in Research Australia (ERA) and Engagement and Impact (EI) outcomes.

## **Presentations to Council**

Council received three presentations being:

- A presentation from Ms Sue Chapman, Chair of the UOW Pulse Ltd Board, which covered the range of services provided by UOW Pulse Ltd and focused on the benefits of the UniLife Membership Program introduced in 2018.
- A presentation from the Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Global Strategy) on the challenges and successes of his portfolio.
- A presentation from the Executive Dean of the Faculty of Social Sciences on the activities and goals of the Faculty of Social Sciences.

## **Reports to Council**

Council received updates on the following matters:

- UOW Key Performance Indicators Report;
- UOW Finance Report for February 2019;
- WHS Report for January and February 2019;
- UOW Governance Compliance Assessment 2018-2019;
- The use of the UOW Common Seal;
- Report on activities, financial summary for 2018 and budget for 2019 from the Wollongong Undergraduate Student Association and the Wollongong Postgraduate Student Association; and
- Student Advisory Council update.

## **UOW Global Enterprises**

Council confirmed the appointment of the Vice-Chancellor as the standing representative of the University in its capacity as sole shareholder of UOWGE Ltd.

## **UOW Policy Amendments**

Council approved amendments to the General Course Rules and the Delegations of Authority Policy. Both policies can be found on the UOW Policy Directory:

<https://www.uow.edu.au/about/policy/alphalisting/index.html>

## **Academic Senate**

Council received the minutes of the 20 March 2019 meeting for noting. More information about Academic Senate is found here: [www.uow.edu.au/governance/committees/academicsenate/index.html](http://www.uow.edu.au/governance/committees/academicsenate/index.html)

## **Committee Business**

Council received minutes from the following subcommittees of Council:

- the 13 March 2019 meeting of the Finance and Resources Committee; and
- the 19 March 2019 meeting of the Risk, Audit and Compliance Committee.

For more information about Council Committees:

<http://www.uow.edu.au/governance/committees/council/committees/index.html>

*The next meeting of Council is scheduled for Friday, 21 June 2019.*