



# COUNCIL NEWS

## University of Adelaide Council meeting held on Monday 13 February 2023

### Report from the Chancellor

The Chancellor thanked retiring Council member Professor Katie Barclay for her significant contributions over her term.

The Chancellor reported on recent and future events including upcoming Council governance workshops and the next Council meeting at the Waite campus.

### Report from the Vice-Chancellor and President

The Vice-Chancellor and President reported on various matters, including:

- an update on the matters covered in the annual meeting of the University community held earlier that day;
- an update on the key initiatives from the Transforming Culture project, including the Integrity Unit's activities during its first month of operation;
- financial sustainability;
- an update on the philanthropic funds received in 2022;
- the University joining the Biodiversity Council;
- staff and student awards and recognition; including the successful ARC Centre for Excellence bids; and
- an update on domestic student applications and offers for 2023.

### Other reports

Council considered a report from the Finance Committee on various matters. Council approved a proposal to redevelop the Union House Precinct.

Council received and discussed:

- the draft Sustainability Strategy 2030 "Here for good";
- the Chief Operating Officer's presentation on the key strategic focus areas of Division of University Operations; and
- the Deputy Vice-Chancellor and Vice-President (Research)'s presentation on the key strategic focus areas of the Division of Research and Innovation.

Council noted:

- an update on the Safer Campus Community initiatives, including Orientation Week activities, the Safer Campus Community Week, and various training modules available to staff and students;
- reports on the University's compliance against the Voluntary Code of Best Practice for the Governance of Australian Universities, and against the TEQSA Higher Education Standards Framework, 6.1 and 6.2 (Corporate Governance);
- a report from the Returning Officer in respect of the election of staff members to Council; and
- the Adelaide University Union (YouX)'s approved budget for 2023.

### Other items

Council approved:

- various delegations of authority in relation to Grains Research and Development Corporation projects, and for payroll matters;
- Alumni Council member appointments and a four-month extension to the term of its Chair;
- the re-appointment of the Hon. Amanda Vanstone AO as a member of the Special Degrees Committee; and
- the amendments to the Adelaide University Union (YouX) Rules concerning student media.