



COUNCIL NEWS

University of Adelaide Council meeting held on Monday 3 April 2023

Report from the Chancellor

The Chancellor welcomed Council members to the meeting held at the Waite Campus. She thanked Prof Jason Able and the staff and students of Waite for the informative campus tour and pleasant lunch with its opportunities for general discussions.

The Chancellor reported on recent events she attended.

Report from the Vice-Chancellor and President

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

- an update on the potential merger, including the release of a Vision Statement for a South Australian University for the Future developed in collaboration with the University of South Australia, and ongoing consultation with staff and students.
- an update on the key initiatives from the Transforming Culture project;
- the University's financial position;
- key research and external stakeholder matters;
- visits by various ambassadors;
- details of University Community members awarded Australia Day honours;
- success in securing research grants and awards;
- student support measures such as the Welcome Back Festival; and

- the successful Make History events and Adelaide Festival partnerships.

Other reports

Council considered and approved the University's 2022 Annual Report, including the financial statements.

Council considered reports from:

- the Academic Board, including on the Higher Degree Researcher Strategy and the impact of artificial intelligence software;
- the Convenors' Committee on the variation of a research agreement with Wine Australia for increased funding;
- the Finance Committee, including approving:
 - Innovation and Commercial Partners Pty Ltd's 2023 business plan and budget;
 - the expanded usage of storage as a service; and
 - the appointments of new directors to the University's subsidiaries - Mr Tony Cambareri (Adelaide Unicare Board), Mr Abhinay Katakam (Roseworthy Campus Farm Board) and Ms Lusie Guthrie (Innovation and Commercial Partners Pty Ltd Board, and as independent chair);
- the Risk Committee (including the Work Health and Safety Due Diligence Report Q3 2022 and Standing Cyber Security Risk Report Q4 2022) and approved:
 - an updated Enterprise Risk Profile for 2023; and
 - the execution of an updated Power of Attorney (Non-Real Property Deeds).

Other items

Council:

- received and discussed a presentation from the Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Academic) on the Division of Academic and Student Engagement;
- noted the Safer Campus Community initiatives;
- considered the progress of the merger feasibility phase;
- endorsed the proposed carbon reduction targets and related definitions in the University's Sustainability Strategy; and while reiterating its abhorrence of all anti-Semitic conduct, decided not to adopt the International Holocaust Remembrance Alliance Definition but rather, to issue a formal statement referring to the University's commitment to freedom of speech and to the right of its community members to feel safe from discrimination, racial or religious vilification and bigotry generally. The formal [statement](#) is available on the University's web site.

Council approved:

- the Vice-Chancellor's updated financial delegations for research activities;
- the appointment of Ms Victoria Flygare to the Finance Committee for a two-year term from 4 April 2023; and
- the rules for the Sir William Goodman Scholarship, and the Faculty of Health and Medical Sciences General Medical Research Fund and General Cancer Research Fund respectively.