



COUNCIL NEWS

University of Adelaide Council meeting held on Monday 5 June 2023

Report from the Chancellor

The Chancellor reported on recent events she attended including the Elder Hall re-opening, the May graduation ceremonies (including for the honorary doctorate recipients, Dr Megan Clark AC, and Dr Graeme Moad AC), and the Lowitja O'Donoghue Oration by the Prime Minister the Hon Anthony Albanese.

Report from the Vice-Chancellor and President

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

- progress against the foundational elements and pillar plans of the University's strategic plan;
- an update on the key initiatives including establishing the Integrity Unit, introducing ethics and integrity training for staff, implementing a centralised professional service model as part of the Organisational Sustainability Program, transitioning to an in-house on-line program delivery, and reforming the international coursework admissions recruitment process;
- the University's financial position;
- key research and external stakeholder matters including new international education and research partnerships with other universities, engagement events with the international alumni network and the new Deloitte Academy;
- success in securing research grants and awards; and

- key matters from the Federal Budget.

Other reports

Council considered reports from:

- the Academic Board, including its consideration of:
 - the Academic Integrity Report (Full Year 2022);
 - the Library for the Future 2023-25; and
 - various policy and program reviews.
- the Finance Committee, and approved:
 - the amended Terms of Reference for the Finance Committee and the disestablishment of the Investment Advisory Committee; and
 - the revised Endowment Fund Policy;
- the Risk Committee, including its consideration of the Risk Appetite Review and Enterprise Risk Update, various risk and internal audit reports, the Work Health and Safety Due Diligence Report (Q4 2022), and approved the 2022 Modern Slavery Statement;
- the People and Culture Committee, including the University's cultural climate as revealed by various surveys; and
- the Special Degrees Committee, and approved the award of honorary doctorates to three recipients.

Other items

Council received and discussed presentations from:

- the Executive Dean of the Faculty of Health and Medical Sciences; and
- the Deputy Vice-Chancellor (External Engagement) on the University's upcoming 150th Anniversary.

Council also:

- considered the progress of the merger feasibility phase;
- noted the HSW Due Diligence Report (Q4, 2022); and the University of Adelaide College 2022 Annual Report; and
- considered a letter from the University of Adelaide Chapter of the Australian Association of University Professors concerning the closure of the Staff Club.

Council discussed a statement in relation to the forthcoming referendum whereby the Australian people will be asked to approve an amendment to the Constitution to establish a First Nations Voice. Council noted that the University was committed to upholding academic freedom and freedom of speech, and it was appropriate to encourage everyone to engage in this important democratic process. The formal statement is available on the [University's web site](#).

Council also approved:

- various delegations of authority in relation to the Australian Plant Phenomics Facility; the Australian Microscopy and Microanalysis Research Facility; and payroll matters;
- the appointment of Prof Joanne Bowen as a member of the People and Culture Committee; and Mr Lachlan Coleman as a member of the Risk Committee; and
- the rules for the Charles John Everard Scholarship; and the Turner Family Postgraduate Scholarship.