



# **COUNCIL NEWS**

## University of Adelaide Council meeting held on Monday 27 June 2022

### **Report from the Chancellor**

The Chancellor reported on recent events attended including the Don Dunstan Foundation's 15th Annual Lowitja O'Donoghue Oration, the Lord Mayor's Civic Reception for the unveiling of the official portrait of Dame Roma Mitchell, the National Reconciliation Week celebrations, the SA Governor's reception to celebrate Her Majesty the Queen's Platinum Jubilee, and the Elder Conservatorium's production of Les Misérables.

## Report from the Vice-Chancellor and President

The Vice-Chancellor and President reported on a range of matters, including:

- the establishment of Wellbeing Champions as part of the Student Mental Health and Wellbeing Strategy;
- the 2022 financial forecast;
- recent appointments, and recipients of awards, prizes and grants;
- the 2021 research income results;
- the University's high-performance computer (Phoenix)'s capacity uplift, with highly rated benchmarking results;

- domestic and international student enrolments;
- University events including the Welcome Back Festival for international students, the unveiling of a new portrait for Uncle Rodney O'Brien as part of National Reconciliation Week, SA's History Festival, and planning for the 150th anniversary celebrations; and
- an update on the philanthropic funds received in 2022.

#### **Other reports**

Council received an update on the Safer Campus Community initiatives.

Council considered reports from:

- the Academic Board (including its consideration of the Jointly-Conferred PhD Awards Policy, review of the Adelaide MBA, and the annual reports of Student Mental Health and Wellbeing Strategy, and Student Behaviour and Conduct);
- the People and Culture Committee (including updates on the Organisational Sustainability Program, the Transforming Culture Program, HR services, leadership development, and the annual report on Gender Equity); and
- the Risk Committee (including its consideration of the internal audit report on Student Academic Integrity and Misconduct, the Transforming Culture program update, the

University's proposed 2021 Modern Slavery Statement, and the Work Health and Safety due diligence report).

#### **Other Items**

Council received and discussed a presentation by Prof Benjamin Kile, the Executive Dean of the Faculty of Health and Medical Sciences.

Council considered and:

- approved the University's 2021 Modern Slavery Statement
- endorsed actions arising from the outcomes of Council's strategy planning sessions;
- approved an update to the authorities under its By-Laws due to position and title changes from the Organisational Sustainability Program;
- concurred with amendments to the Adelaide University Union's 'Rule Concerning the Conduct of Annual Elections, By-Elections and Referenda; and
- approved the re-appointment of Mr Ken Williams a Council member for a further 3 years. Council also elected Mr Williams as Deputy Chancellor for a term of 2 years from 17 August 2022.

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