



COUNCIL NEWS

University of Adelaide Council meeting held on Monday 29 August 2022

Report from the Chancellor

The Chancellor welcomed Mr Kenneth Williams to his first meeting as the University's new Deputy Chancellor.

Mr Williams, a Council member since 13 October 2020, has been elected Deputy Chancellor for a two-year term from 17 August 2022. He has over 30 years' experience in the finance and business sector.

The Chancellor thanked retiring Deputy Chancellor Mr David Hill for his contributions. The Chancellor also:

- thanked retiring Council member Ms Emily Jenke for her contributions;
- welcomed new Council member Ms Juliet Brown; and
- noted the retirements of Mr Mark Brownley and Mr Scott Ashby as external members of the People and Culture Committee, and Mr Kim Cheater as member of the Council Selection Committee.

The Chancellor reported on recent events she attended including the launch of the University's Institute for Sustainability, Energy and Resources.

Report from the Vice-Chancellor and President

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

- the 2021 financial results and the 2022 financial forecast;
- the Uniforum benchmarking census for professional staff;
- the Adelaide Business School's 5 year re-accreditation by the Association to Advance Collegiate Schools of Business;
- student athletes' successful Commonwealth Games;
- recent appointments, and recipients of awards, prizes and grants;
- the new strategic partnership with the Australian Wine Research Institute;
- the release of the FAME Healthy Societies strategy;
- an update of the Defence Trailblazer program;
- domestic and international student enrolments;
- University events including the Open Days, the Festival of Learning and Teaching and Illuminate Adelaide activities; and
- an update on the philanthropic funds received in 2022.

Other reports

Council received updates on the Transforming Culture and Safer Campus Community initiatives.

Council considered reports from:

- the Academic Board (including its consideration of the Admissions to Research Programs Policy, review of the undergraduate programs in international relations, and the annual report on trends in student grievances and appeals for 2021);
- the Finance Committee (including its consideration of commercialisation,

controlled entities and related matters, and the quarterly key financial performance indicators), with Council approving an updated Controlled Entity policy and other related matters;

- the People and Culture Committee (including updates on the implementation of the Integrity Unit, and Transforming Culture program, and staff exit survey results); and
- the Risk Committee (including its consideration of internal audit, risk, insurance and Work Health and Safety reports).

Other Items

Council received and discussed presentations by:

- Prof Caroline McMillen, the Chief Scientist of SA, on the development of SA's research and innovation strategic plan; and
- Prof John Williams, Executive Dean, Faculty of Arts, Business, Law and Economics on the faculty's operations.

Council approved:

- minor administrative updates to the terms of reference for the Finance, Risk, and People and Culture Committees;
- amendments to Rules for various endowed trust funds and scholarships;
- 2023 meeting dates for Council and for the annual meeting;
- the re-appointment of Ms Janet Finlay as Chair of the Risk Committee for a further two-year term, and
- the appointment of Mr Ian Henschke to the Special Degrees Committee for a two-year term from 6 September 2022.