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COUNCIL NEWS

University of Adelaide Council meeting held on Monday 10 May 2021

Report from the Chancellor

The Chancellor gave an update on the key activities she had undertaken since the last meeting. These included presiding over 17 of the recent 25 graduation ceremonies which were conducted in a modified and shorter format due to COVID restrictions.

The Chancellor attended and spoke at the memorial service for Dr Duncan arranged by FEAST, Adelaide's LGBTIQ+ Queer Arts and Cultural Festival. The Chancellor confirmed the University's commitment to embracing diversity.

Report from the Vice-Chancellor and President

The Vice-Chancellor reported on a range of issues, including in particular both the short and long-term challenges and potential opportunities facing the University arising from the ongoing impact of COVID.

The Vice-Chancellor attended a student-led Q&A Forum on 4 May.

The Vice-Chancellor also updated Council on the status of a range of research grant applications across the Faculties; and the

granting of recent awards, scholarships and fellowships.

Senior Officer reports and presentations

Council received presentations from Interim Deputy Vice-Chancellor Academic, Professor Jennie Shaw on the performance and strategy for the Division of Academic and Student and Engagement and Interim Executive Dean, Sciences, Professor Laura Parry on the performance and strategy for the Faculty of Sciences.

Professor Shaw gave an update on the many initiatives that had been instituted across the University in response to the COVID pandemic.

Professor Parry introduced the Faculty of Sciences and covered teaching, research, curriculum and the Faculty's future focus.

Academic Board

Council noted the report from the Academic Board which provided an update on a range of matters including the outcomes from the most recent student experience and employer satisfaction survey, academic integrity and progress on the work being undertaken to update the Research Education and Supervision Policy.

International Rankings surveys

Council was provided an update on the International Rankings Schemes, including a new ranking system – the AppliedHE Rankometer in which the University of Adelaide was currently ranked 83.

Safer Communities Campus

Council received an update on Safer Communities Campus initiatives.

Other Items

- Council's upcoming strategic and management retreat.
- Council assessed its performance in accordance with the Voluntary Code of Best Practice for the Governance of Australian Public Universities.