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COUNCIL NEWS

University of Adelaide Council meeting held on Monday 7 June 2021

Report from the Chancellor

The Chancellor gave an update on the key activities she had undertaken since the last meeting. These included attending Reconciliation Week events, including introducing the film 'My name is Gulpilil' which told the story of one of Australia's most renowned actors, Yolngu man David Gulpilil. She also spent a day visiting and speaking with staff and students at the Roseworthy campus.

Report from the Vice-Chancellor and President

The Vice-Chancellor reported on a range of issues, including his attendance at the Universities of Australia conference and Chaired two well-attended sessions, including one in which both Australia's Chief Scientist (Dr Cathy Foley AO) and Chairman/CEO of Siemens Pacific (Jeff Connolly) spoke about research commercialisation. The Hon Alan Tudge, Minister for Education and Youth, spoke about the Australian

Government's priorities for the nation's universities.

An update on recent recipients of awards, scholarships and research grants was also provided and key items from the federal budget were noted. The Vice-Chancellor gave an update on the impacts of the ongoing COVID pandemic on the University.

University of Adelaide ICAC Response

The Council discussed how to respond to the findings of KPMG's forthcoming final report in response to the ICAC recommendations of 2020 and how best to improve our culture in respect of sexual misconduct.

Senior Officer Reports and presentations

Council received a presentation from the Executive Dean, Faculty of Arts, Professor Jennie Shaw on the performance and strategy for the Faculty of Arts.

Safer Communities Campus

Council received an update on Safer Communities Campus initiatives.

Reports from Council Standing Committees

Council received reports from the following Standing Committees:

- Academic Board
- Audit, Compliance and Risk
- Convenors
- Finance and Infrastructure
- People and Culture
- Special Degrees.

Key items from these Committee reports included arrangements for the safe resumption of on-campus activities including exams, outcomes from the recent internal audit focussing on cybersecurity, capital infrastructure works, the staff engagement survey as well as WHS and financial updates.

Other Items

Council approved amendments to the Special Degrees Governance Statement.

Council noted the Kaplan Higher Education update, including the provision of The University of Adelaide College 2020 Annual Report.