



THE UNIVERSITY
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COUNCIL NEWS

University of Adelaide Council meeting held on Monday 23 August 2021

Report from the Chancellor

The Chancellor's report included mention of decisions taken at the recent meeting of the Universities Chancellors Council (UCC). The Chancellor and the Deputy Chancellor will respectively be presiding over the September graduation ceremonies.

Report from the Vice-Chancellor and President

The Vice-Chancellor reported on a range of issues, including the proposed pilot program for the return of international students, the establishment of Overseas Learning Centres, University rankings, the Foreign Arrangements Scheme, the Academic Integrity Plan, enrolments and events held.

The Vice-Chancellor updated Council on

- recent appointments, and recipients of awards, Queen's Birthday Honours, fellowships, and research grants;
- the implementation of the Transforming Culture project;
- organisational sustainability; and
- the new Professors as Leaders Statement.

Future Making (2021-23)

Recognising its responsibility to approve the strategic direction of the University,

Council provisionally approved (subject to the proposed new Faculty Structure) a revised Future Making strategic plan that addresses the need for cultural change and measures to ensure financial sustainability.

Faculty Structure

Council considered the correspondence received with respect to the proposed new Faculty Structure. It gave provisional approval to a reduction in the number of Faculties from five to three, subject to the outcomes of the staff consultation process required under the University's Enterprise Agreement.

Reports from Council Standing Committees

Council received reports from the following committees

- Academic Board
- Audit, Compliance and Risk
- Convenors
- Finance and Infrastructure
- People and Culture
- Senior Executive Review

Key items included the approval of the Revised Freedom of Speech and Academic Freedom Policy, the participation in the National Redress Scheme, and a WHS update.

Report of the Governance Steering Committee on Non-Statutory Council Committees

Council adopted the recommendations of the above steering committee which was established by Council following the PWC

review of the standing committees of Council and the governance support provided to Council and its committees. Consequently, from 1 October 2021, the non-statutory standing committees of Council will be:

- Finance Committee
- Risk Committee
- People & Culture Committee
- Special Degrees Committee
- Convenors Committee

The Investment Advisory Committee will from the same date become a sub-committee of Finance Committee.

The Governance Statements, including the terms of references, of all the non-statutory standing committees have been revised.

Other Items

Council approved:

- the setting of various dates including Council meetings and elections, and the University Community Meeting on 14 February 2022; and
- the application of by-laws to the Roller Palooza event.

The annual report and financial statements of the Adelaide University Union was tabled.