



COUNCIL NEWS

University of Adelaide Council meeting held on Monday 16 October 2023

Report from the Chancellor

The Chancellor welcomed Prof Scott Smith, the presiding member of the Academic Board, to his first meeting.

The Chancellor reported on recent events she attended including:

- the September graduation ceremonies including the award of the degree of Doctor of the University (honoris causa) to Mr Mark Allison and Prof Susan Scott; and
- the Law School's 140th Gala dinner.

The Chancellor also reported on the governance aspects covered in the Australian Universities Accord Interim Report.

Report from the Vice-Chancellor and President

The Vice-Chancellor and President:

- presented a progress review against the foundational elements and pillar plans of the Strategic Plan 2022-2023; and
- provided an update on the SA Parliamentary Committee's inquiry on the proposed establishment of Adelaide University,

Other reports

Council considered reports from:

- the Academic Board, including its consideration of:

- the review of the programs in marine engineering, commerce, viticulture, nursing and dentistry;
- the review of the School of Education and the Adelaide Master of Business Administration;
- CRICOS Re-registration and sector-wide admissions and recruitment risk;
- the Jointly Conferred Coursework Awards policy and the Transnational Education policy;
- an internal audit report on agent recruitment, contract and performance management; and
- annual reports and performance assurance statements from its sub-committees;

- the Finance Committee, including:

- the Quarter 3 forecast;
- the 2024 budget outlook;
- merger expenditure matters;
- the endowment fund investment strategy review; and
- the renewal of the lease for the Village Student Accommodation;

- the People and Culture Committee, including:

- the Integrity Unit report;
- the HR advisory & workplace relations quarterly report;
- an enterprise bargaining update;
- the enterprise risk in relation to workforce attraction, development and retention;
- the workplace gender equity report 2022 – 2023;
- the exit survey report for Quarter 2 2023.

- the Risk Committee, including:
 - the risk appetite review;
 - the updated Fraud and Corruption Prevention and Control Policy;
 - the updated Public Interest Disclosure Policy (previously the Whistleblower Policy);
 - 2022 annual reports on trends in student grievances and appeals, and student critical incidents;
 - the mid-year work health and safety report; and
- the Special Degrees Committee, including the approval of the award of honorary doctorates to two recipients.

Other items

Council considered and approved:

- a deed of variation for the National Collaborative Research Funding Agreement for the Australian Plant Phenomics Facility;
- the use of the funds and rules for the Sir Joseph Verco Endowment for Experimental Biology and Medical Science;
- nominations for a position on the Veterinary Surgeons Board of South Australia;
- the 2024 Council workplan.

Council also noted:

- updates on the merger integration management office;
- the Safer Campus Community report; and
- YouX (Adelaide University Union)'s financial report for the 6 months ending 30 June 2023.