



THE UNIVERSITY
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COUNCIL NEWS

University of Adelaide Council meeting held on Monday 7 April 2025

Report from the Chancellor

The Chancellor reported on recent events she attended including:

- the Pathways to Politics for Women Graduation Ceremony;
- the University's Kaurana Day events; and
- the unveiling of the Female Scholar Statue (Prof Fay Gale AO), lunch with the University's leading female scholars and the Fay Gale Symposium.

Report from the Vice-Chancellor and President

The Vice-Chancellor reported on:

- the University's Kaurana Day celebrations;
- the University's financial performance in 2024;
- alumni receiving 2025 Fulbright Scholarships;
- Australia's Economic Accelerator Ignite Program grants received;
- the Children's University school holiday workshops;
- the student events held for the start of the 2025 Academic Year; and
- the commencement of the Adelaide University Staff Alignment change proposal process.

2024 Annual Report

Council considered matters relating to the University's 2024 Annual Report including management representations, and approved the Council Members' report, the University's 2024 underlying net operating result, financial statements and the Annual Report.

Other Reports

Council considered reports from:

- the Academic Board, including various program reviews;
- the Finance Committee including the 2024 financial results, controlled entity reporting, and endowment fund investments;
- the People and Culture Committee, including an update on strategic objectives;
- the Risk Committee including regular reports on enterprise and merger risks, the internal audit review on privacy management, the annual legal compliance report, and the work health and safety reports, and
- the Convenor's Committee in relation to delegations and authorities of senior staff to facilitate the transition to Adelaide University.

Other items

Council received and discussed:

- the Executive Dean of the Faculty of Arts Business, Law and Economics annual presentation;

- the Executive Dean of the Faculty of Health and Medical Sciences annual presentation;
- the Safer Campus Community update; and
- the Universities Australia's definition of antisemitism.

Council considered and approved:

- the Vice-Chancellor's delegation in relation to facilities maintenance service provider contracts;
- the University's 2024 Modern Slavery Statement;
- the re-appointment of Mr Michael Barber as a member of Council for a further two-year term;
- the appointment of Mr John Charlton as Chair of the Finance Committee for a two-year term;
- the appointment of Ms Juliet Brown AM as a member of the Finance Committee for a two-year term;
- that the postgraduate student vacancy (created by Mr Lashhanth Dhevaraju ceasing to be a Council member) need not be filled; and
- the re-appointment of Dr Alexandra Whittaker as the University's nominee to the Veterinary Surgeons Board of South Australia.