



THE UNIVERSITY
of ADELAIDE



COUNCIL NEWS

University of Adelaide Council meeting held on Monday 27 October 2025

Report from the Chancellor

The Chancellor reported on recent events she attended including:

- the graduation ceremonies including the award of honorary doctorates to Mr Kym Thomas, Professor Emeritus Antony Basten AO and Emeritus Professor Graeme Koehne AO;
- the Joint Alumni reception with UniSA held in Singapore, and the Australian High Commission in Singapore's 60th anniversary celebrations;
- the dinner for past Chancellors and Deputy Chancellors of the University; and
- the Julia Gillard Public lecture.

Report from the Vice-Chancellor and President

The Vice-Chancellor reported on:

- the University's Net Zero Emissions from Directly Controlled Operations Report;
- the Australian Human Rights Commission's Racism@Uni Survey;
- the closure of the Melbourne Campus;
- the senior executive mission to Vietnam;
- recent award and prize recipients;
- research grants received including funding for NHMRC Centres for Research Excellence;

- the semester two orientation week;
- the September graduation ceremonies; and
- various teaching and learning events.

Other Reports

Council considered reports from:

- the Academic Board including sub-committee annual reports and assurance statements;
- the Finance Committee including the Q3 forecast, the merger financial report, and endowment fund investments and reporting;
- the People and Culture Committee including updates on the merger and strategic objectives (such as the implementation plans for staff, the change leadership training delivered and the management of psychosocial safety risks and impact on staff), regular reports on the Integrity Unit, workplace relations and enterprise bargaining, and the Workplace Gender Equity Agency report;
- the Risk Committee including regular reports on enterprise, merger and cyber security risks, the internal audit status report, the University's disestablishment program, and the health, safety and wellbeing reports;
- the Special Degrees Committee on the award of an honorary doctorate;
- the Integration Management Office on the merger progress and budget; and
- an update on the program for disestablishing the University.

Other items

Council considered and approved:

- the derecognition of the Education Australia Limited franking credit refund non-current receivable in the University's 2025 financial statements; and
- the publication of the University's Sexual Misconduct Annual Report 2024.

Council noted:

- a Safer Campus Community update;
- the South Australian Law Reform Institute 2024 Annual Report; and
- an update on the University's farewell events.